DragonBoard™ 410c

Linux User Guide

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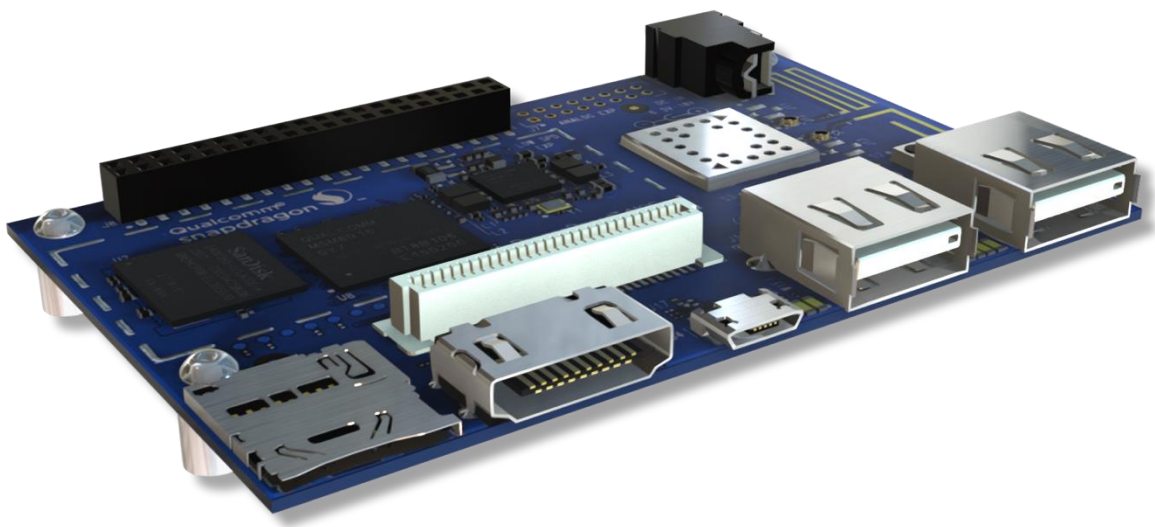
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1 Linux on the DragonBoard 410c

The Linux image for the Dragonboard is built by Linaro and is based on Ubuntu 15.04 (Vivid Vervet) with the 4.0 Linux Kernel (as of this writing).

1.1 Known limitations

The Linux Image has the following known limitations:

Image version	Limitations
1.0	- Linux release by default has been validated only with 1080p enabled monitors/ TVs. - HDMI-Hotplug detect is currently not supported so HDMI needs to be connected during bootup. - The DragonBoard 410c can run either in USB **Host-mode** or **Device-mode (**adb/fastboot mode), but not simultaneously. This is controlled by switch S6-3 (ON- Host-mode, OFF- device mode for adb/fastboot). If both are connected, ADB/Fastboot mode takes precedence.

1.2 Boot-phase status indicators

For trouble shooting during the boot-phase the 4 User-LED's on the board (LED1-4) have the following meaning:

LED	Status	Description
LED1	Heartbeat	Processor watchdog heartbeat
LED2	eMMC	eMMC data transfer
LED3	SD	SD-card data transfer
LED4	Unused	N/A

2   Installing Linux

There are currently two supported methods to install a Linux Image on the DragonBoard410c:

- Installing the image from SD-card
- Installing the image from a Host computer via a USB cable and fastboot

The following chapters describe the two methods in detail.

2.1   Installing from SD-card

This is the easiest method to install Linux on the DragonBoard and is recommended for users that are just getting started with the DragonBoard.

2.1.1   Installation prerequisites

- SD-card: In order to install Linux directly from SD-card you need a SD-card with at least 4GB in size.
- A monitor capable of 1080p resolution. A monitor with lower resolution might not be able to display the high resolution output by the board.
- Mouse and keyboard

2.1.2   Installation overview

In order to install Linux from SD-card just follow these simple steps:

- Download the Installer-image from the 96-Boards Website
- Write the Installer-image onto a micro SD-card
- Boot the DragonBoard from the SD-card
- Reboot the board and enjoy!

The following chapters describe each step in more detail:

### 2.1.3   Step1: Download the Installer-image from the 96-Boards Website

Image name	Website link
dragonboard410c_sd_card_install_ubuntu.zip	http://builds.96boards.org/releases/dragonboard410c/linaro/ubuntu/latest/dragonboard410c_sdcard_install_ubuntu-*.zip

2.1.4   Step2: Write the Installer-image onto a micro SD-card

Write the Installer image onto the SD-card using your favorite imaging tool:

On Windows:

- Download the Win32DiskImager tool from here
- Start the DiskImager tool
- Under ***Image file*** select the path to the image
- Under ***Device*** choose the drive letter under which the sd-card was detected
- Click ***Write*** -> This will write the image onto the micro sd-card
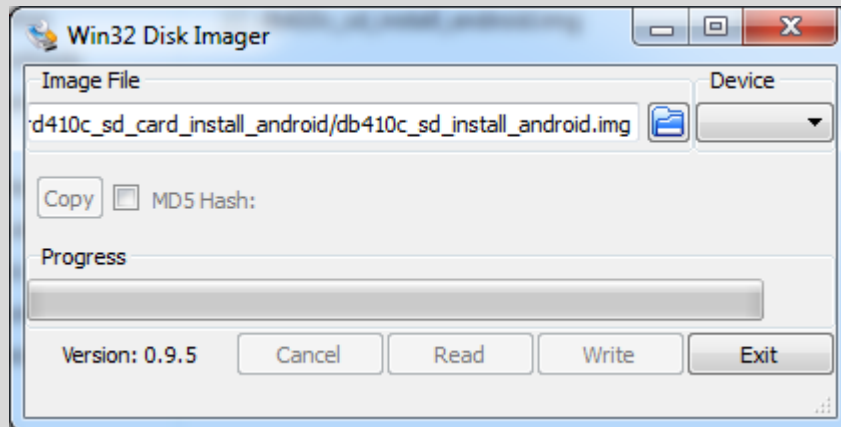
On Linux:

Execute the following commands:

```
sudo dd if=db410_sd_install_linux.img of=/dev/XXX bs=2M
sync
```

Where XXX is the device name

Warning: Do not override your hard drive. In most cases, XXX will be mmcblk0 or sdx where x depends on the number of fixed disks in your system. You can determine the sd-cards device name by using the following command:

```
sudo fdisk –l
```

2.1.5   Step3: Boot the DragonBoard from the SD-card

- Plug In the programmed SD-card into the board

- Connect a Mouse and Keyboard to the board

- Connect a monitor with an HDMI cable to the board

- Set the boot switches S6 to 0110 (boot from SD-card ,USB Host mode)

- Plug the power supply into the board

- The board should start up and show a Dialog from which you can choose the Operating System to install

- Choose the displayed Operating system (Linaro Linux) and click Install. This will flash the OS on the board eMMC

- Once you see the programming successful dialog proceed with the next step

2.1.6   Step4: Reboot and enjoy!

- unplug the power cord

- remove the SD-card

- reset the boot switches to 0010 (USB Host)

- Plug in the power cord. The system should now boot into your chosen Operating System

2.2 Installing from Host-pc

This method is recommended for experienced users who will be downloading many iterative experimental versions of self-compiled OS's. It is also a fallback method in case the first method fails because either the monitor or mouse and keyboard could not be detected. Since this method uses a HostPC to program the board a separate monitor and mouse/keyboard do not need to be connected to the board.

This guide describes the process both for Windows and Linux Host systems.

2.2.1 Installation prerequisites

- **Fastboot:** This method requires the Fastboot tool to be installed on the HostPC. Fastboot is a tool that communicates with the bootloader of the DragonBoard 410c and allows you to flash images onto the board. See below for instruction on how to install Fastboot on your Host PC.

Install fastboot on your Host PC:

Download and install the fastboot tool on to your Host PC:

On Windows Host:

Google currently does not offer a standalone Windows Installer for fastboot. Instead it provides fastboot only as part of the full Android Studio development environment installation. If you want to install fastboot without the full Android Studio installation you can find third party installers on the web suite.

On Linux Host (Ubuntu/Debian):

Execute the following command:

```
sudo apt-get install android-tools-fastboot
```

2.2.2 Installation overview

In order to install Linux from a Host PC just follow these simple steps:

    step 1.   Download the Linux images from the 96Boards Website
    step 2.   Bring the board into fastboot-mode
    step 3.   Start the fastboot tool on the HostPC
    step 4.   Flash the Bootloader Image
    step 5.   Flash the boot image
    step 6.   Flash the rootfs image
    step 7.   Reboot and enjoy

The following chapters describe each step in more detail:

2.2.3 Step1: Download the Linux images from the 96Boards Website

Download the following images from the 96Boards website:

Image	Filename	Link
Bootloader image	dragonboard410c_bootloader_emmc_linux.zip	http://builds.96boards.org/releases/dragonboard410c/linaro/rescue/latest/dragonboard410c_bootloader_emmc_linux*.zip
boot image	boot-linaro-vivid-qcom-snapdragon-arm64.img.gz	http://builds.96boards.org/releases/dragonboard410c/linaro/ubuntu/latest/boot-linaro-vivid-qcom-snapdragon-arm64*.img.gz

Rootfs image	linaro-vivid-developer-qcom-snapdragon-arm64.img.gz (Ubuntu using gnome desktop)	http://builds.96boards.org/releases/dragonboard410c/linaro/ubuntu/latest/linaro-vivid-developer-qcom-snapdragon-arm64*.img.gz

2.2.4 Step2: Bring the board into fastboot-mode

- Ensure the boot switches S6 are set to 0000
- Connect the micro-usb cable to the board
- Press and hold the Vol- button (S4)
- Connect the power supply to the board

2.2.5 Step3: Start the fastboot tool on the HostPC

Start the fastboot application on the host PC and execute the following fastboot command. You should see your board listed:

```
fastboot devices
```

Please note: If you run Fastboot from a Linux HostPC you might have to run it with *sudo* privileges.
For example: sudo fastboot devices

2.2.6 Step4: Flash the bootloader-image

Extract the Bootloader image:

```
unzip dragonboard410c_bootloader_emmc_linux-BB.zip
```

Then flash the Bootloader-image files via fastboot**:
```
fastboot flash partition gpt_both0.bin
fastboot flash hyp hyp.mbn
fastboot flash modem NON-HLOS.bin
fastboot flash rpm rpm.mbn
fastboot flash sbl1 sbl1.mbn
fastboot flash sec sec.dat
fastboot flash tz tz.mbn
fastboot flash aboot emmc_appsboot.mbn
fastboot erase boot
fastboot erase rootfs
fastboot erase devinfo
```
** If you use fastboot on a Linux HostPC you might have to execute fastboot with *sudo* privileges.
   For example: sudo fastboot flash partition gpt_both0.bin

2.2.7 Step5: Flash the boot-image

Extract the boot-image:

```
tar xz boot-linaro-vivid-qcom-snapdragon-arm64-YYYYMMDD-UU.img.gz
```

Then flash the boot-image into the boot partition of the board via fastboot**:

```
fastboot flash boot boot-linaro-vivid-qcom-snapdragon-arm64-YYYYMMDD-UU.img
```

2.2.8 Step6: Flash the rootfs-image

Extract the rootfs-image:

```
Tar xz linaro-vivid-developer-qcom-snapdragon-arm64-YYYYMMDD-UU.img.gz
```

Then flash the rootfs-image into the rootfs partition of the board via fastboot**:

```
fastboot flash rootfs linaro-utopic-developer-qcom-snapdragon-arm64-20150507-19.img
```

2.2.9 Step7: Reboot and enjoy!

Once the download of the images is complete, follow these steps:

- Unplug the board from the power supply
- Disconnect the USB cable
- Reset the boot switches back to 0010 (USB Host)
- Connect the board to the power supply

After the reboot you should see Linux startup.

3 Recovering your DragonBoard with the rescue image

Use this method if the previous two method failed and you were not able to reach the board via the fastboot tool. (*fastboot devices* command not listing your device.)

3.1 Installation overview

To recover your board from the rescue-image follow these steps:

step 1.   Download rescue image from the 96Boards website
step 2.   Copy the rescue image on a SD-card
step 3.   Boot the board from the SD-card

3.2 Step1: Download the rescue image from the 96Boards website

Download and extract the Recovery image from the 96Boards website:

Image name	Website link
dragonboard410c_sd_card_rescue.zip	http://builds.96boards.org/releases/dragonboard410c/linaro/rescue/latest/dragonboard410c_sdcard_rescue*.zip

3.3 Step2: Copy the rescue image onto an SD-card

On Windows:

- Download the Win32DiskImager tool from here
- Start the DiskImager tool
- Under *Image file* select the path to the rescue-image
- Under *Device* choose the drive letter under which the SD-card was detected
- Click *Write* -> This will write the image onto the micro SD-card
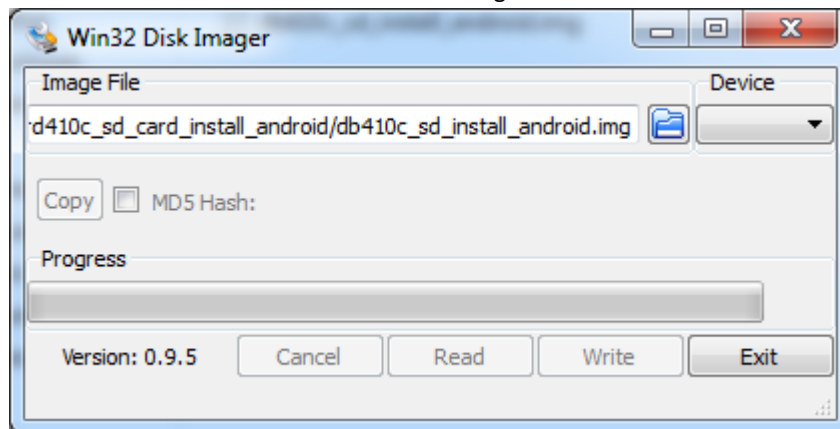
On Linux:

Execute the following commands:

```
dd if=db410c_sd_rescue.img of=/dev/XXX bs=2M
sync
```

Where XXX is the device name

Warning: Do not override your hard drive. In most cases, XXX will be mmcblk0 or sdx where x depends on the number of fixed disks in your system. You can determine the SD-cards device name by using the following command:

```
sudo fdisk -l
```

Alternatively you can also use the following command to determine the SD-card device name:

```
dmesg | tail
```

3.4   step3: Boot the board from the SD-card

- Put the SD-card into your DragonBoard
- Set the boot switches S6 to 0100 (SD-card boot)
- Plug in the power cord -> the board should startup into fastboot mode and you should be able to reach the board from the Host via the fastboot tool.

With fastboot up and running again you can now follow the usual procedure and flash you preferred OS as described in chapter 2.2 step 1-7.

4 Running Linux

While it would go beyond the scope of this user guide to go into all aspects of running Linux, in this chapter we will go over some of the most common use cases relevant to get started with the board.
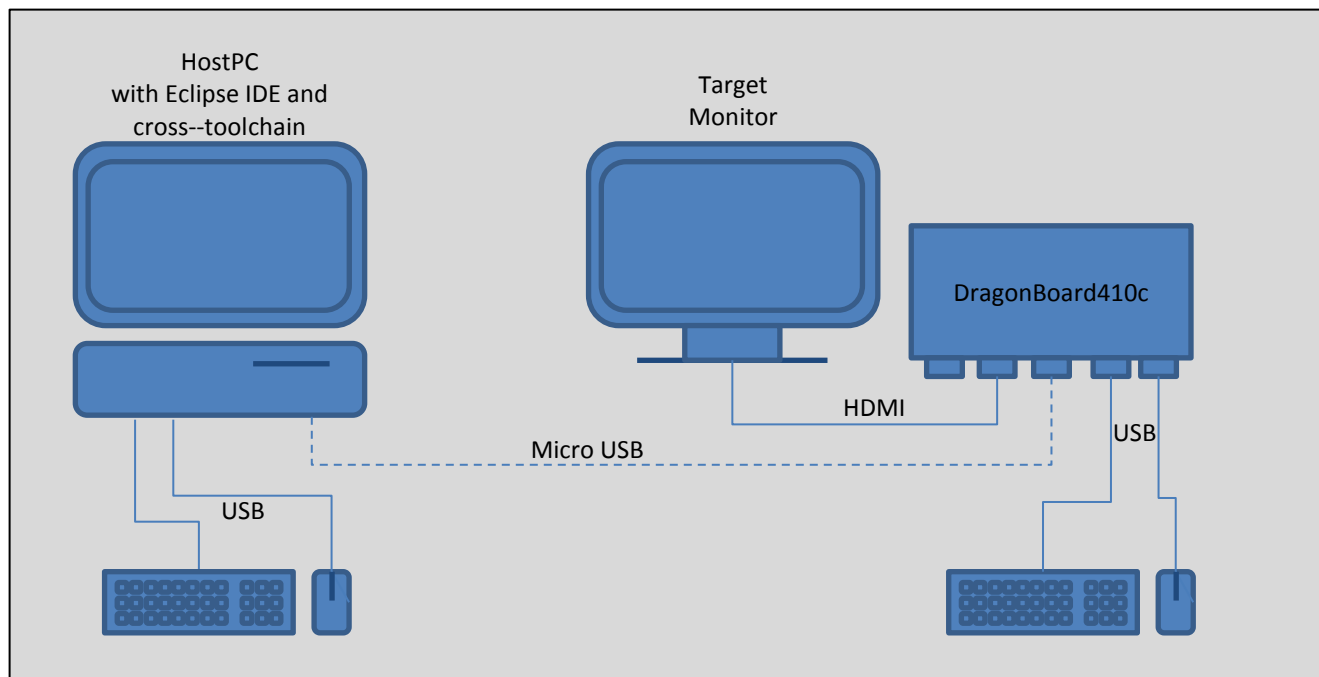
4.1 First LogIn

The login and password are both "linaro" when the login prompt is reached.

4.2 Installing applications with apt-get

5 Linux Development Environment

The following picture depicts the typical development setup for the DragonBoard 410c:

For this Guide we assume a HostPC with Linux operating system as development machine. However development is also possible on a HostPC with another operating system such as Microsoft Windows or Apple MacOS.

5.1 Toolchain

In order to build your own Linux applications for the DragonBoard you need a cross-development toolchain.

A toolchain consists of the following elements:

- Assembler
- Compiler
- Linker
- Debugger
- Runtime Libraries

- Utilities

The term "**cross"-**development toolchain refers to the toolchain being capable of running on a Host PC with architecture X but producing code for a target with Architecture Y.

There are several toolchains available however in order to produce code for the DragonBoard410c we recommend using the Linaro toolchain as it is optimized for the underlying Snapdragon hardware.

You can get the Linaro toolchain from the following website:

For 32bit Linux Host	http://releases.linaro.org/14.11/components/toolchain/binaries/arm-linux-gnueabihf/gcc-linaro-4.9-2014.11-x86_64_arm-linux-gnueabihf.tar.xz
For 64bit Linux Host	http://releases.linaro.org/14.11/components/toolchain/binaries/aarch64-linux-gnu/gcc-linaro-4.9-2014.11-x86_64_aarch64-linux-gnu.tar.xz

5.1.1   Installing the toolchain

In order to install the toolchain unpack the downloaded toolchain file in a folder of your choice.
For instance:

```
~/DragonBoard/toolchain/:

tar xz gcc-linaro-4.9-2014.11-x86_64_aarch64-linux-gnu.tar.xz
```

5.2   Eclipse Development Environment

Eclipse is a free and open source Integrated Development environment that is highly customizable through a flexible plugin system.

5.2.1   Installing Eclipse

You can download Eclipse from the following website:

For 32bit Host:
http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/download.php?file=/technology/epp/downloads/release/luna/SR2/eclipse-cpp-luna-SR2-linux-gtk.tar.gz

For 64bit Host:
http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/download.php?file=/technology/epp/downloads/release/luna/SR2/eclipse-cpp-luna-SR2-linux-gtk-x86_64.tar.gz

Copy the downloaded file to a location of your choice and extract it.

For example:

```
~/DragonBoard/ide/

tar xz eclipse-cpp-luna-SR2-linux-gtk-x86_64.tar.gz
```

6 Example1: HelloWorld application

With the Eclipse IDE and the toolchain installed we can now develop our fist Hello World application for the DragonBoard 410c.

The following example is assuming a Linux based host development machine.

6.1 Start the Eclipse IDE

To start the eclipse IDE switch to the eclipse installation folder and type the following command on a command line:

```
./eclipse
```

This will start the eclipse IDE. If you start Eclipse for the first time, Eclipse might ask you to choose the location of the project workspace. Choose your preferred Workspace location or just accept the default by pressing OK. if you see a welcome screen just close it by pressing the x-symbol on the top left corner of the screen. You should now see the actual IDE surface.
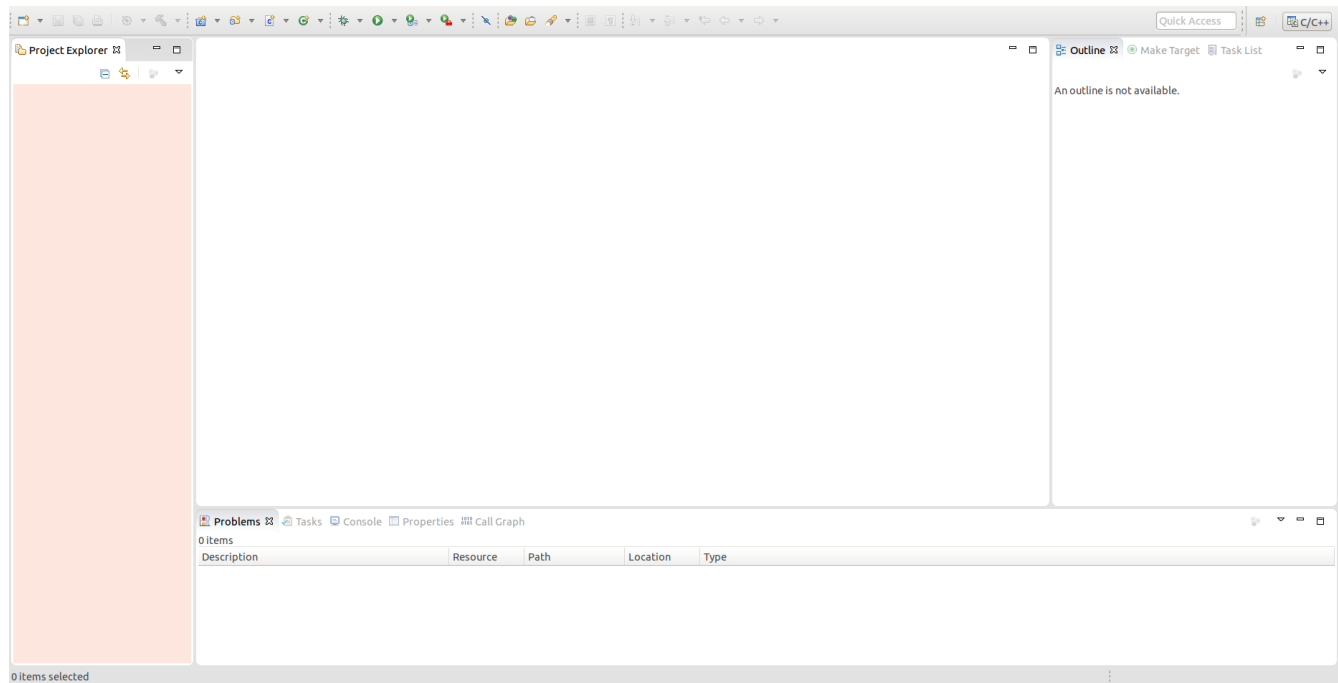
6.2 Create a new project

Once the IDE is up and running, create a new project by selecting from the menu bar: File->New->C Project.

On the C Project Dialog:

- In the *Project type* field choose: "*Hello World ANSI C Project*"-template
- In the Project name field type the project name : *"HelloDragonBoard"*
- In the *Toolchains* field select: *Cross GCC*
- Click *Next*
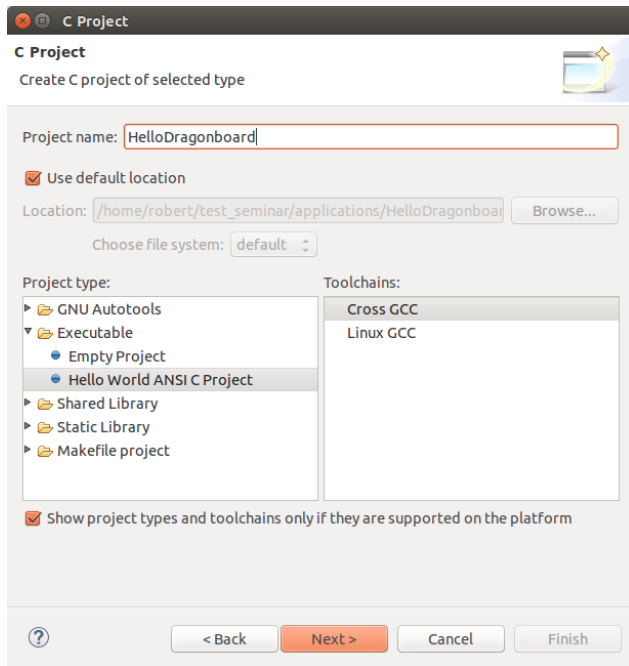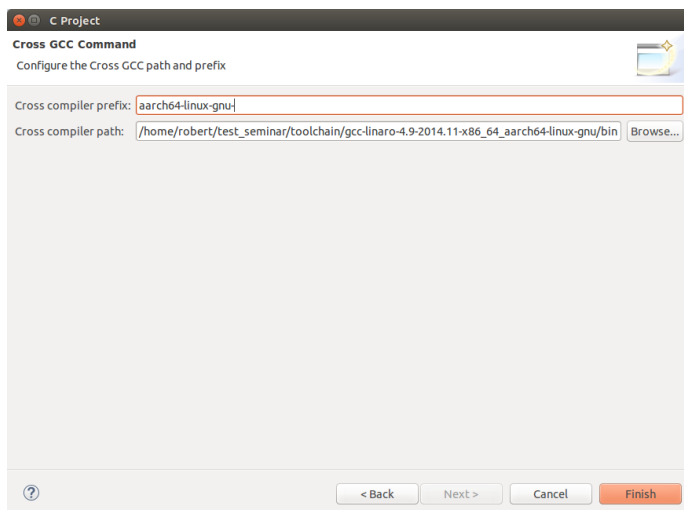
On the Basic settings Dialog:
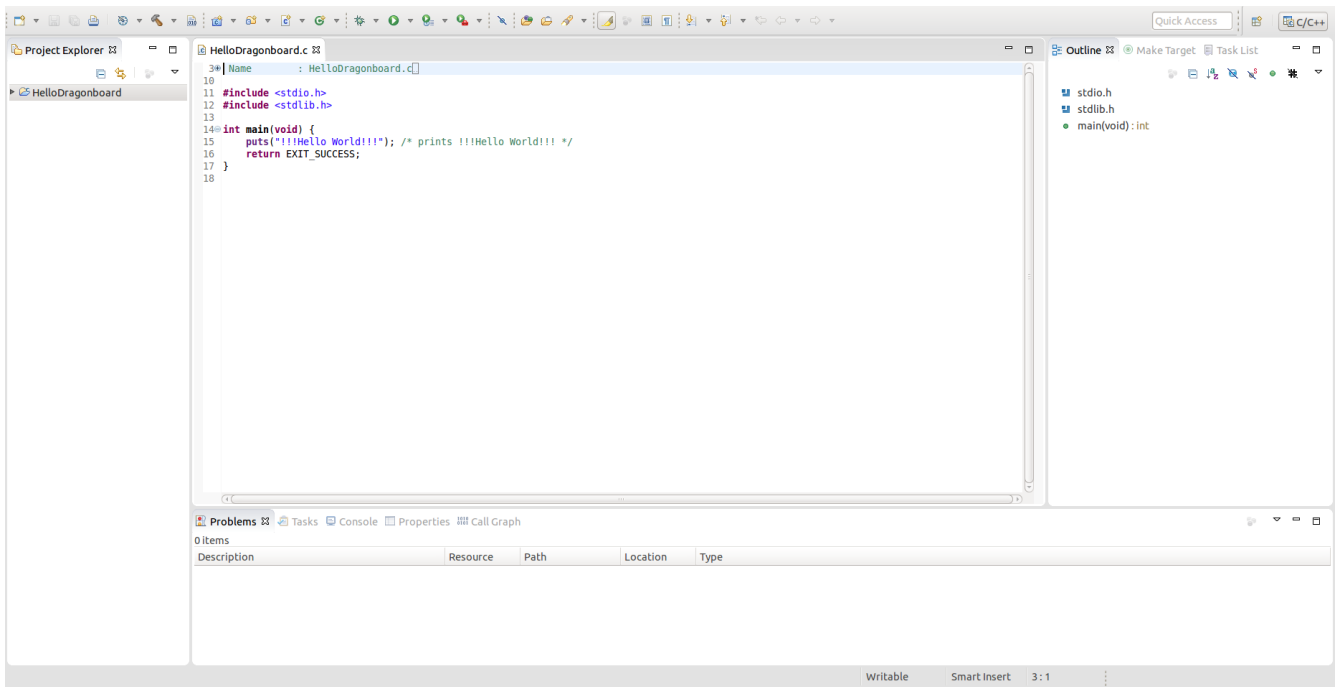
- Click next.

On the configuration Dialog:

- Click next.

On the Cross GCC Command dialog :

- Set *cross compiler prefix* to : **aarch64-linux-gnu-**
- Set the cross compiler path to the /bin directory of the toolchain: <toolchain installation path>/bin
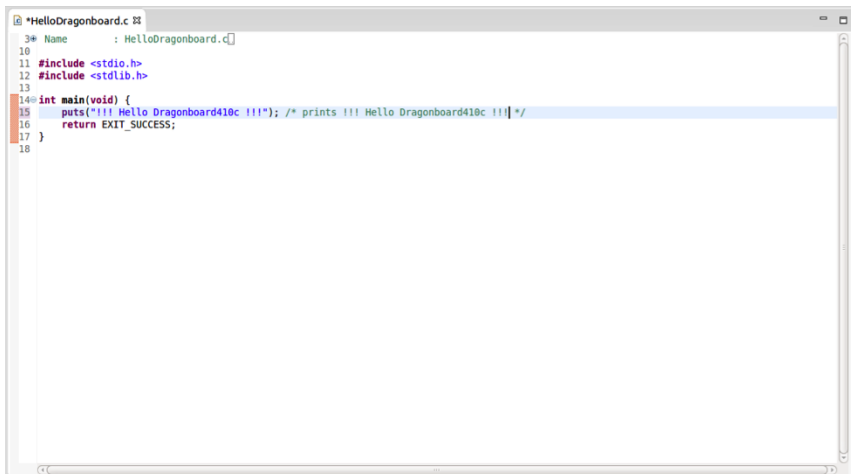- Click Finish

Once you click finish the project wizard will create the project for you:

6.3   Implement application

The project template contains a basic Hello World implementation that will compile and run on the board. Feel free to change the default "!!!Hello World!!!" message that is outputted on line 15 to "!!! Hello DragonBoard410c !!!".

6.4   Build and transfer the application

Click the hammer at the top of the screen to build the Debug configuration. This will create an executable binary file located in the projects debug directory. Copy the generated HelloDragonBoard executable to a flash drive and then, on the DragonBoard, copy it to a simple location such as the user directory (~).
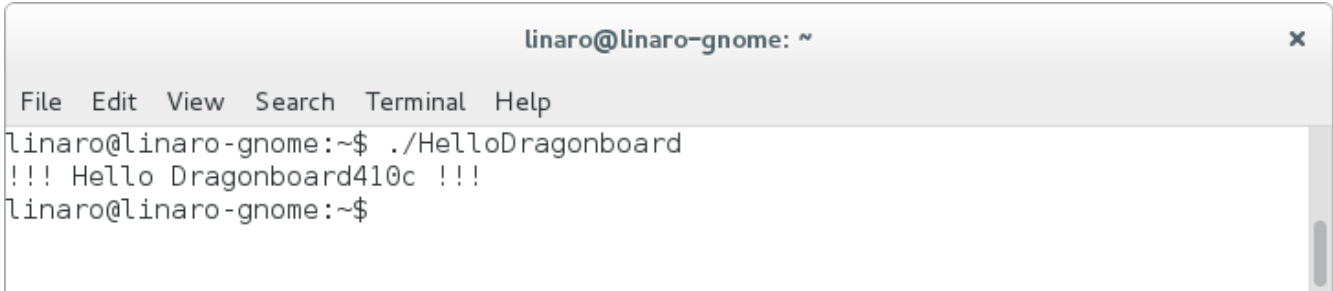
6.5   Execute the application

Before the application can be executed we need to change the permissions of the applications binary file to allow it to be executed. To do this run the following command:

```
chmod u+x HelloDragonBoard
```

The application can now be executed by running the command:

```
./HelloDragonBoard
```

You should see the "!!! Hello DragonBoard410c !!!" message output to the command line.