

# Android

## A case study of an Embedded Linux Project

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# Disclaimer

Everything I say here is my opinion alone and not the opinion of my employer Novell. Heck, they don't even realize I'm here giving this talk.

Everything said here is from the viewpoint of an experienced member of the Linux kernel community, who also happens to have a lot of experience in the embedded arena as well.

If you have any questions / concerns / flames, you know where to find me.

**Focus on the kernel only.  
Who cares about userspace?**



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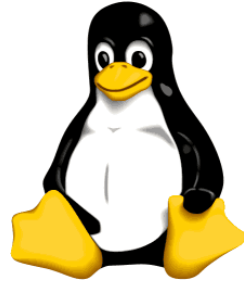


Everything I complain about, can be fixed tomorrow with no changes to any Android userspace program.

Almost all of these changes can only be done if Google developers allow them, as they will require changes to the Android libraries due to the user/kernel interfaces involved.

# Things Google did right

Linux



`android.git.kernel.org`

Followed the license of the kernel

# Things Google did wrong

`android.git.kernel.org`

Ignored the community

Thought they were special

Thought they were alone

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**6 different full kernel trees**

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**33 different kernel branches**

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## **33 different kernel branches**

2.6.25 – 4 branches

2.6.27 – 3 branches

2.6.29 – 9 branches

2.6.30 – 1 branch

2.6.32 – 7 branches

2.6.33 – 6 branches

2.6.34 – 3 branches

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**1 old stale Linus tree**

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**2 known stand-alone drivers**

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## **2 known stand-alone drivers**

One has 13 different branches

## 2.6.34-rc2 based branch

283 files changed

47,715 lines added

363 lines removed

## 2.6.34-rc2 based branch

50% drivers

30% filesystem

15% architecture

5% core



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Staging: android: delete android drivers

These drivers are no longer being developed and the original authors seem to have abandoned them and hence, do not want them in the mainline kernel tree.

So sad :(

Cc: Brian Swetland <swetland@google.com>  
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**It's just a fork, no big deal.**





open handset alliance



