

# **Accelerated Development with Linaro**

Infrastructure, Validation, and Optimization

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# Agenda

- Infrastructure
  - Linaro Accelerating Product Development
    - Working Groups
    - Evaluation Builds
- Validation
- Optimization





# Open Source Revolution

- Billions of consumer devices rely on open source software
  - Google Android, Apple iOS, RIM, Windows Mobile, ...
- OEMs and ODMs want chip vendors to offer the best open source support for their SoCs and to avoid low level fragmentation speeding their time to market
  - Example: Qualcomm/QuIC
- This necessitates working together kernel consolidation, aligned investment, defragmentation, aligned upstreaming, open source leadership





### **About Linaro**

"to make it easier and quicker for ARM partners to deploy the latest technology into optimized Linux based products"

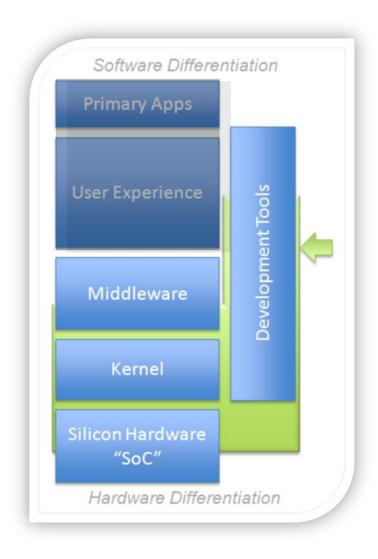
- Founded in June 2010
- Members align their open source strategy with Linaro
- Provides shared Leadership in open source







# What does Linaro do?



- Delivers a optimized code base
  - Kernel and vital middleware
  - Applied across all member SoCs
- Tools
  - Best compiler, debugger, profiler
- Enabled on the latest SoCs
  - Cortex A8, A9, & A15 processors
- Delivered upstream
  - Evaluation builds for key distributions - Android, Chrome, Ubuntu, Other Linux
  - Test & Validation framework for member SoCs





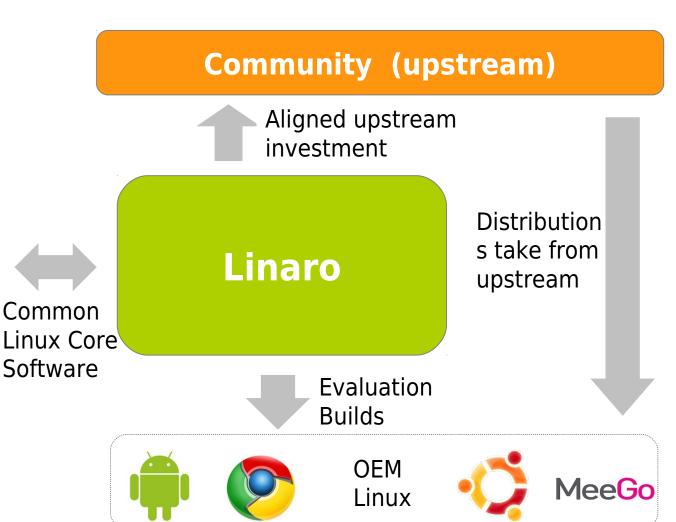
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# Where does Linaro fit?





**Downstream** 





# **Engineering units**

Optimization & Innovation

#### **Working Groups**

**Kernel Consolidation** 

**Toolchain** 

Graphics

**Power Management** 

Multimedia

**Platform Engineering** 

Validation & Benchmarking

**Evaluation Builds** Android, Ubuntu, Chrome, IVI...

Infrastructure Release management SoC support and optimization

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**Teams** Samsung LSI

Texas Instr.

**ST-Ericsson** 

Freescale

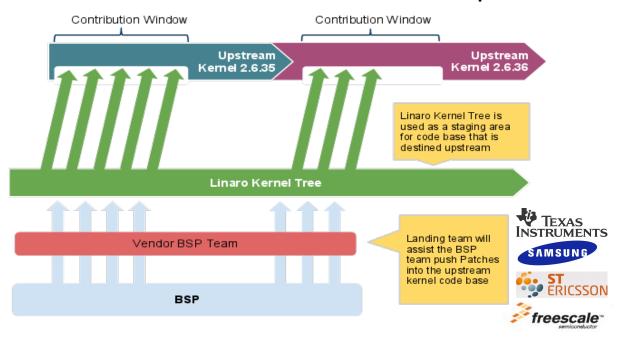
Validation, benchmarking, release management





# Working with Linaro

- Linaro kernel becomes members most advanced
- Vendor BSP and Linaro landing team engineers work together
- Get latest software on latest SoCs with upstream support







# WGs: Alignment, Optimization, Leadership

 Aligned investment: boot, power mgmt, Float, kernel...

Open source Leadership

Latest software on latest HW



Optimization & Innovation

#### **Working Groups**

**Kernel Consolidation** 

**Toolchain** 

Graphics

**Power Management** 

Multimedia





# Linaro eval builds & test farms









OEM Linux

- Linaro evaluation builds push latest software into distributions
- Validation test farms monitor improvements in software quality
- Benchmarking ensures continuous improvements in performance

# Platform Engineering

Validation & Benchmarking

Evaluation
Builds
Android, Ubuntu

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Release

management

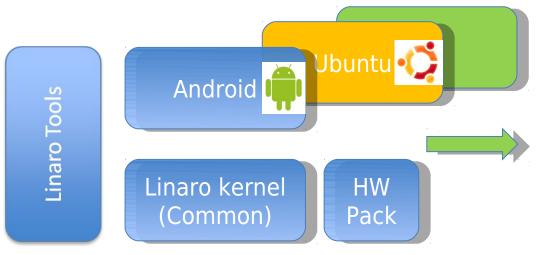
Validation & Eval builds





# Linaro Evaluation Android Build

- Reduced TTM with streamlined integration
- Increased optimisation and benchmarking
- Validation on multiple hardware



Early Android for latest member hardware with Linaro optimisations



Test & Validation farm Benchmarking



# **Evaluation Builds**

- Builds of key distributions incorporating Linaro's technology
- Initial Evaluation builds (11.05)
  - Android 2.3 Gingerbread
  - Ubuntu 11.04





# Benefits of Evaluation Builds

- Demonstrate the output of the working groups
- Real-life product-quality distributions for Linaro performance and regression testing
- Closer to understanding and delivering tangible deliverables that shorten the TTM
- Serve as basis for OEM/ODM commercialization
- Validate members silicon and reference designs
- Attract distribution owners to Linaro
- Attract a wider community audience





# Linaro 2011

**Delivery** 

Upstream

Evaluation Builds Quality & Performance

Automated Testing

Test & Validation Framework

**Support** 

Ecosystem

Member Services





# 11.05: Working Group Deliverables

- Toolchain
  - Produce the best all-round v7 GCC compiler
    - EEMBC DENBench/ConsumerBench, SPEC CPU2006
  - linaro-gcc 4.5 & 4.6, linaro-gdb 7.2, cortexstrings 1.0
  - ARM-enhance/port gemu, libunwind, Itrace, gold, libgo
- Kernel
  - Linaro Linux and Linaro Android trees
  - Devicetree evaluation kernels
  - GPU and MM implementation guidelines
- Power Management
  - Standard ARM-enhanced management mechanisms
  - Hotplug, thermal and clock/regulator tree common interfaces
  - Allow custom engines to encode policies
    - Tools to demonstrate interfaces and debug behaviors





# 11.05: Working Group Deliverables

#### Multimedia

- A multimedia optimization workbench
- ARM-enhanced JPEG and VP8 decoding
- OpenMAX-standardized components
- Free content for benchmarks and testing

#### Graphics

- OpenGL ES backends for Cairo, Skia, meegotouchcompositor, chromium-wm and compiz
- Work with vendors and upstream to document a common ARM-standard acceleration framework





# Quality & Performance

- Open source code has limited testing as it is created
- Linaro needs to quantitatively measure its performance & quality over time
  - Benchmarks
  - Power consumption under system loads
  - System stability
- Linaro engineering needs improved tools
  - Smoke testing
  - Regression testing
  - Automated testing with real distributions





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## **Linaro Test & Validation**

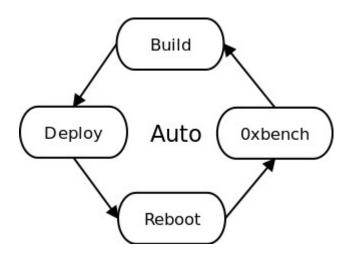
- We have started to develop our test & validation farm to benefit members & our own engineering
- Populated by member hardware
- Goals
  - Linaro 11.05
    - Running automated daily builds and smoke tests
    - Running daily benchmarks
    - At least 2 member boards
  - Linaro 11.11 and beyond
    - Automated performance tests on release and daily builds
    - Automated stability tests
    - Hardware from all members
    - Web dashboard available





# Automated Validation for Android

Android benchmark running on **LAVA**. Automated Validation flow includes from deploy, then reboot, testing, benchmark running, and result submit.



Android support on LAVA https://wiki.linaro.org/Platform/Validation/LAVA

Android related commands in LAVA:

- \* deploy linaro android image
- \* boot\_linaro\_android\_image
- \* test android basic
- \* test\_android\_monkey
- \* test android 0xbench
- \* submit\_results\_on\_host

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https://code.launchpad.net/~linaro-validation/lava/trunk

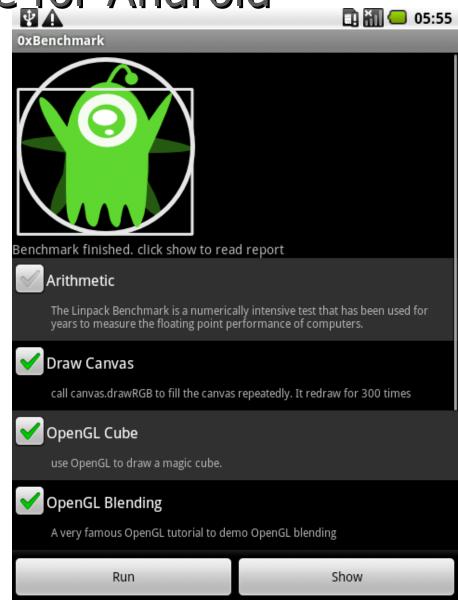
Reference hardware: Beagleboard xM Pandaboard

https://wiki.linaro.org/JeremyChang/Sandbox/LavaAndroidValidation
Android-dev branch:

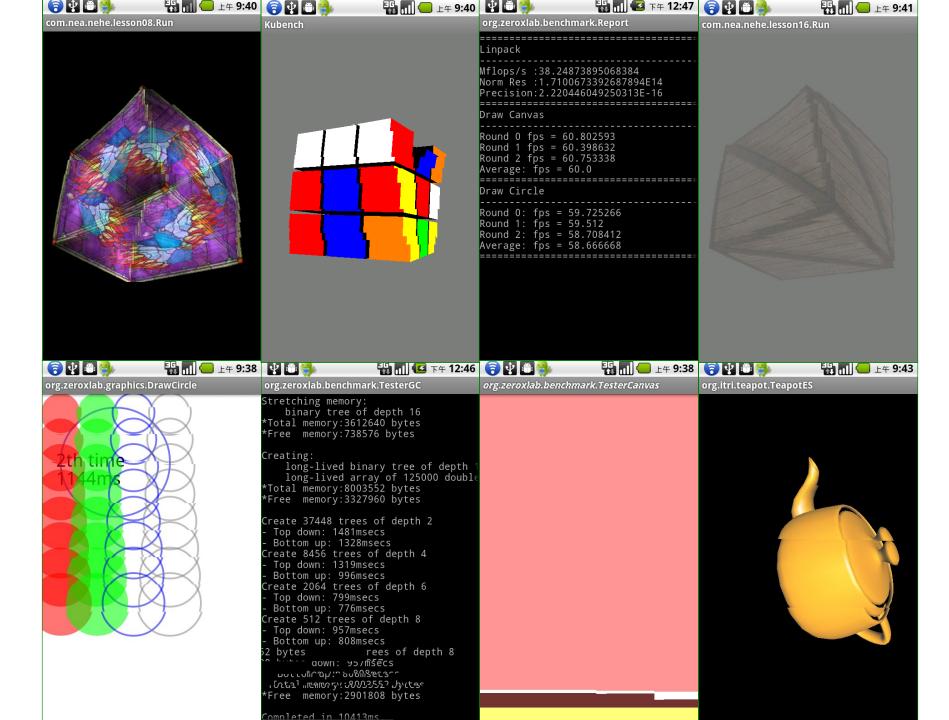
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Oxbench: comprehensive open source benchmark suite\_for Android

- A set of system utilities for Android to perform comprehensive system benchmarking
  - Dalvik VM performance
  - OpenGL|ES performance
  - Android Graphics framework performance
  - I/O performance
  - Connectivity performance
  - Micro-benchmark: stanard C library, system call, latency, Java invocation, ...

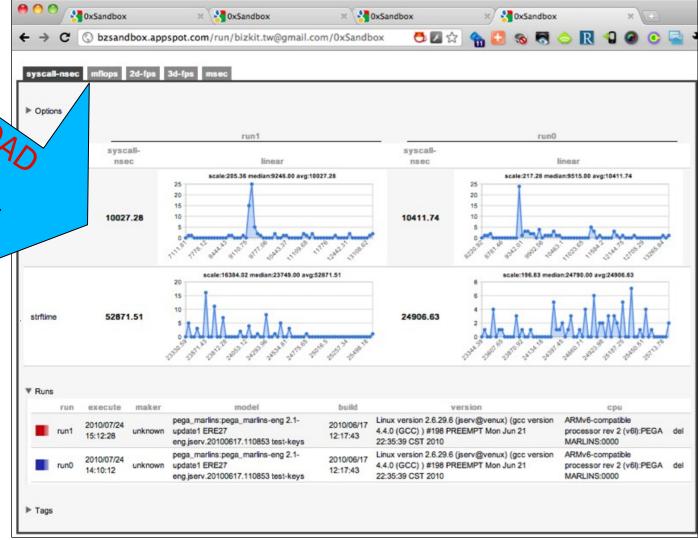






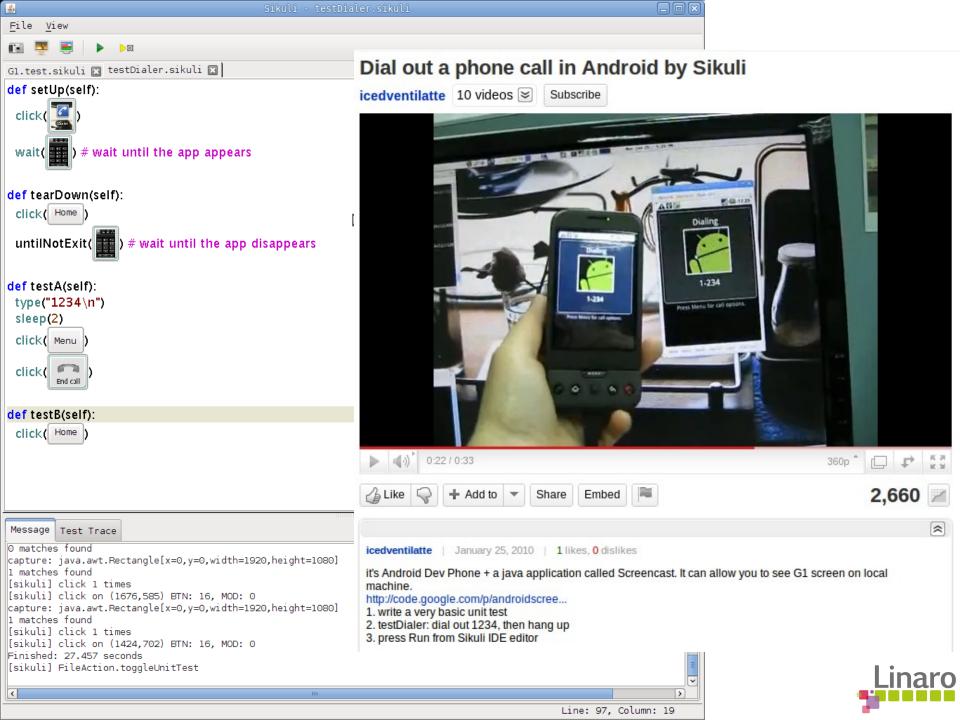
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# Collect and Analyze results in the cloud









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## Android Platform Team

https://wiki.linaro.org/Platform/Android

- Scope
  - Provide Linaro optimized builds of the Android software stack
  - Help consolidate and improve the Android ecosphere
  - Extend Android validation
- Goals
  - Reduce ODM/OEM time-to-market
  - Upstream Linaro optimizations



# 11.05 Accomplishments

- 25 patches sent upstream, 9 merged
  - Merged Sample
    - bionic: Add ARM optimized strcpy()
    - libpng: use GCC visibility to reduce shared library size
    - Allow building toolchain without target gdb alternatively.
  - Accepted Sample
    - libpixelflinger: Add ARM NEON optimized scanline\_t32cb16
      - Dramtically improve boot animation performance



# **Development Aspects**

- ARM specific optimizations
  - multi-core for bionic libc, dalvik, skia, blitter, RenderScript, WebKit, etc.
- Figure out hotspot for further improvements and and apply strong validation
- SoC vendor HAL/enhancement consolidation=
- code size, performance, debugging facility, introducing latest technologies
  - Recompiled by Linaro Toolchain for Android (2011.04), skia obtains 10% performance gain. Up to 150% for specialized routines

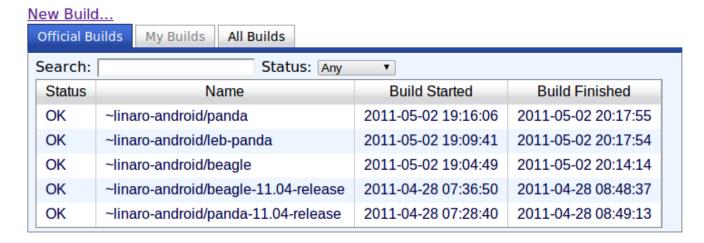




# 11.05 Accomplishments

Created daily Android builds





#### Released 11.04 Panda-LEB build



## How Linaro delivers value

- Linaro provides a common platform for member SoCs and Linux distributions
  - Enables SiP, Distribution, OEM, ODM to focus on value add rather than common core code
- Multiplier effect of multiple member resources working on common code base
- Access to test & validation framework
- Support and services
- Faster time to market for end products





# Roadmap

- Work with distributions to become the enablement channel for member SoCs
- Work with ARM to deliver open source support for Cortex A15
- Continue to work on ARM generic SoC optimization including toolchain support, NEON and SMP issues
- Support new market segments
  - DTV/STB, Server





# Benefits to everyone

- SoC Vendors
  - Linaro makes Linux BSPs easier to create and support
  - Ability to accelerate TTM for new products through working inside Linaro before SoC release
- Distributions
  - Linaro enables rapid support for multiple SoCs for new distribution versions
- OEM/ODM
  - Software and tool reuse between projects
  - Faster TTM
- Carriers & Segment Leaders
  - Linaro enables a standardized ARM Linux core for segment specific distributions (mobile, STB, embedded etc.)





# Summary

- Linaro is a not for profit software engineering company owned by ARM, IBM and SoC vendors
  - Delivers core Linux technology for ARM SoCs
  - Faster product TTM through better integration of ARM with upstream & distributions
  - Members get significant advantages of belonging to Linaro: Multiplier effect, latest software on latest SoCs, defragmentation & happy customers







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