

This is the follow along tutorial for the [T-Stack demo shown at zuberlin](#) - running a validator in TDX using the yocto minimal VM.

Setting up the yocto minimal VM

Follow the Getting Started

instructions [here](#), making sure all dependencies are installed.

Create an empty directory to hold your working files.

```
mkdir validator_demo cd validator_demo
```

Clone the Yocto meta layer source using yocto manifest as show below.

```
repo init -u https://github.com/flashbots/yocto-manifests.git -b tdx
```

Fetch all the repositories.

```
repo sync
```

Setup the Yocto OE Init scripts by sourcing setup

script.

```
source setup
```

Build the image by using the provided Makefile

. Note that this will take time.

```
make build
```

Adding lighthouse to the image

Create the directory for the lighthouse bitbake recipe

```
mkdir srcs/poky/meta-evm/recipes-nodes/lighthouse
```

While yocto is nice for reproducible builds, it is not straight forward to add rust projects into it's native build system. We're going to build lighthouse statically outside of yocto - assuming this can be done in a reproducible way - and then our yocto bitbake recipe will only copy the binary into the image.

```
git clone https://github.com/sigp/lighthouse cd lighthouse RUSTFLAGS="-C target-feature=+crt-static" cargo build --target x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu --release cd ../
```

Copy the statically linked binary into the recipe directory

```
cp lighthouse/target/x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu/lighthouse srcs/poky/meta-evm/recipes-nodes/lighthouse
```

Add the lighthouse recipe

```
cat < srcs/poky/meta-evm/recipes-nodes/lighthouse/lighthouse_dev.bb DESCRIPTION = "Copy binary to the image"
LICENSE = "CLOSED" FILESEXTRAPATHS:prepend := "${THISDIR}:" BINARY = "lighthouse" SRC_URI +=
"file://${BINARY}" SRC_URI += "file://init" S = "${WORKDIR}"
```

```
INITSCRIPT_NAME = "${BINARY}" INITSCRIPT_PARAMS = "defaults 99"
```

```
inherit update-rc.d
```

```
do_install() { install -d ${D}${bindir} install -m 0777 ${BINARY} ${D}${bindir} install -d ${D}${sysconfdir}/init.d cp init
${D}${sysconfdir}/init.d/${BINARY} chmod 755 ${D}${sysconfdir}/init.d/${BINARY} } FILES_${PN} += "${bindir}"
INHIBIT_PACKAGE_DEBUG_SPLIT = "1" INHIBIT_PACKAGE_STRIP = "1" EOF
```

Add an init script to run the lighthouse validator client on startup

```
cat < srcs/poky/meta-evm/recipes-nodes/lighthouse/init
```

BEGIN INIT INFO

Provides: lighthouse

Required-Start: \$remote_fs \$syslog \$networking

Required-Stop: \$remote_fs \$syslog

Default-Start: 2 3 4 5

Default-Stop: 1

Short-Description: Start and stop the lighthouse daemon

END INIT INFO

```
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin DAEMON=/usr/bin/lighthouse NAME=lighthouse_vc
DESC="Validator Client" PIDFILE=/var/run/lighthouse_vc.pid
```

```
start() { echo -n "Starting $DESC: " mount -o remount,size=90% /var/volatile start-stop-daemon -S -p $PIDFILE -N -10 -b -a
/bin/sh -- -c "exec ${DAEMON} \ vc \ --beacon-nodes https://www.lightclientdata.org/ \ 2>&1 | tee /tmp/log" echo "$NAME." }
```

```
stop() { echo -n "Stopping $DESC: " start-stop-daemon -K -x "$DAEMON" -p $PIDFILE echo "$NAME." } case "$1" in start)
start ;; stop) stop ;; restart|reload) stop start ;; *) N=/etc/init.d/$NAME echo "Usage: $N {start|stop|restart|reload}" >&2 exit 1 ;;
esac exit 0 EOF
```

Now add lighthouse

to the final image by adding it to the initramfs dependencies in the file srcs/poky/meta-confidential-compute/recipes-core/images/cvm-initramfs.bb

```
diff --git a/recipes-core/images/cvm-initramfs.bb b/recipes-core/images/cvm-initramfs.bb index 97bed6b..638cc02 100644 ---
a/recipes-core/images/cvm-initramfs.bb +++ b/recipes-core/images/cvm-initramfs.bb @@ -5,7 +5,7 @@ first 'init' program
more efficiently. core-image-tiny-initramfs doesn't \ actually generate an image but rather generates boot and rootfs artifacts
\ that can subsequently be picked up by external image generation tools such as wic."
```

```
-CVM_DEPS = "busybox-mdev e2fsprogs-resize2fs parted init-ifupdown initscripts base-files base-passwd netbase busybox-
udhcpd" +CVM_DEPS = "lighthouse busybox-mdev e2fsprogs-resize2fs parted init-ifupdown initscripts base-files base-
passwd netbase busybox-udhcpd"
```

```
PACKAGE_INSTALL = "e2fsprogs-mke2fs ca-certificates sysvinit busybox-udhcpd dropbear ${CVM_DEPS} ${VIRTUAL-
RUNTIME_base-utils} ${ROOTFS_BOOTSTRAP_INSTALL}"
```

Finally rebuild the image

make build

Different image flavours can now be found in this directory:

```
ls -l srcs/poky/build/tmp/deploy/images/tdx/ ... lrwxrwxrwx 2 ubuntu ubuntu 45 Jun 12 16:28 cvm-image-azure-tdx.rootfs.wic -
> cvm-image-azure-tdx.rootfs-20240612162808.wic lrwxrwxrwx 2 ubuntu ubuntu 51 Jun 12 16:28 cvm-image-azure-
tdx.rootfs.wic.qcow2 -> cvm-image-azure-tdx.rootfs-20240612162808.wic.qcow2 lrwxrwxrwx 2 ubuntu ubuntu 49 Jun 12
16:28 cvm-image-azure-tdx.rootfs.wic.vhd -> cvm-image-azure-tdx.rootfs-20240612162808.wic.vhd ...
```

Run the VM locally

```
cd srcs/poky source oe-init-build-env ln -s "$PWD/tmp/work/x86_64-linux/qemu-helper-native/1.0/recipe-sysroot-
native/usr/bin/qemu-system-x86_64" "$PWD/tmp/work/x86_64-linux/qemu-helper-native/1.0/recipe-sysroot-
native/usr/bin/tdx"
```

```
runqemu cvm-image-azure wic nographic kvm ovmf qemuparams="-m 8G, -net nic,model=virtio -net user"
```

Run the VM in TDX

Make sure your on a TDX capable bare metal machine. Ubuntu 24.04 required.

```
git clone https://github.com/canonical/tdx
```

Follow the [steps to setup the host](#)

```
sudo ./tdx/setup-tdx-host.sh
```

Start the VM

```
TD_IMG=$PWD/srcs/poky/build/tmp/deploy/images/tdx/cvm-image-azure-tdx.rootfs.wic.qcow2 ./tdx/guest-tools/run_td.sh
```

Connect to the VM. SSH is enabled for development reasons, but no access should be allowed in a production environment.

```
ssh -p 10022 root@localhost
```

Verify lighthouse is running

```
ps | grep lighthouse tail -f /tmp/log
```