Sailfish OS built on Sony Open Devices

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What is Sailfish OS?

- Glibc-based mobile Linux distribution for ARM & x86 architectures.

- More closely aligned with desktop Linux style general purpose computing than other mobile OSes:

  - User root access by rights not hacks.

  - Wayland/Qt5 for UI. Gecko based browser.

  - Libhybris to wrap Bionic Android drivers and services.

  - RPM, libzypp & PackageKit for package management.

  - Common OSS middleware & tools: systemd, ConnMan, D-Bus, dconf, BlueZ, Bash, PulseAudio, GStreamer, Tracker and more

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Sailfish Applications

- Native apps Qt/QML based:
    - QML UI framework 'Silica' (not OSS - yet).
    - Customized Qt Creator for simple app development.
    - Official Jolla store on-device.
    - Community repository: openrepos.net
- Supports Android apk apps through 'Alien Dalvik'
    - API 20 – Android 4.4 KitKat
    - Third-party licensed
    - Bridged to core OS services: contacts, notifications, calls etc

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Building SailfishOS

- Hardware Adaptation Development Kit:
  - Porting and building guide
  - SDK (chroot) including Scratchbox2 targets and Android build env
  - Libhybris supports BSP up to Marshmallow. Nougat support nearly complete
- 50+ community adaptations so far since Sailfish launch
  - #sailfishos-porters on Freenode
- Builds HAL from hybris patched Android source (AOSP/CM)
  - Imaging tool constructs image from HAL and Sailfish repos
- Flash image to device with fastboot, and run!

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Sailfish OS for Xperia X

- Sailfish port based on Marshmallow ODP AOSP almost complete for f5121 (Xperia X).
  - Support for other ODP devices will follow
  - Move to Nougat base and full 64bit.
- Image and flashing tool will be sold to consumers
  - Sales 27th September
  - Downloads and Store access launch 11th October
  - Includes access to Store for OTA updates and access to licensed components (Alien Dalvik, MS Exchange sync, XT9...)
- Anyone free to build their own image from public sources...

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Building Sailfish OS for Xperia X

- Repo manifest available at:
    - https://github.com/mer-hybris/android
    - Branch: hybris-sony-aosp-6.0.1_r80
    - Will support additional Xperia devices as ports become stable
- Guide:
    - https://sailfishos.org/develop/hadk/
- Official Sailfish release version target for binary image is 2.1.3.
- Current build target is 2.1.1 but mostly HW adaptation bugs remain…
    - Bluetooth, better big.LITTLE handling, fingerprint sensor, NFC and more

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