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THEME: OPEN SOURCE HARDWARE

**TOPIC: BUILD AND DEMONSTRATE ESP32 EMULATION
FROM SCRATCH USING QEMU.**

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1. INTRODUCTION:

A. AIM OF THE STUDY:

The aim is to build a complete ESP32 emulation environment using QEMU and ESP-IDF, demonstrating LED blink and temperature reading applications for automated code evaluation.

B. OBJECTIVES:

- Set up a complete ESP32 emulation environment using QEMU and ESP-IDF on Linux/WSL
- Install and configure all necessary prerequisites including git, python3, cmake, and development tools.
- Build QEMU from Espressif's fork with xtensa-softmmu target for ESP32 support.
- Install and verify ESP-IDF SDK with compiler, libraries, and command-line tools.
- Create, compile, and run ESP32 projects using idf.py build tools.
- Demonstrate two working examples: LED blink simulation and temperature sensor reading.
- Document the complete process with screenshots, challenges, and application to Yaksh automated evaluation.

C. DELIVERABLES:

- **Functional QEMU-based ESP32 Emulator** - Complete local environment setup with working QEMU installation and ESP-IDF SDK configured.
- **LED Blink Application** - Working program that toggles GPIO pin and displays "LED ON/OFF" messages in QEMU console.
- **Temperature Reading Application** - Functional sensor simulation that generates and displays periodic temperature readings with threshold alerts.
- **Console Output Screenshots** - Captured images showing both programs successfully running in QEMU with visible output logs.
- **Markdown Documentation Report** - Comprehensive report.md containing system information, setup commands, challenges faced, solutions implemented, screenshots, and reflection on Yaksh integration.

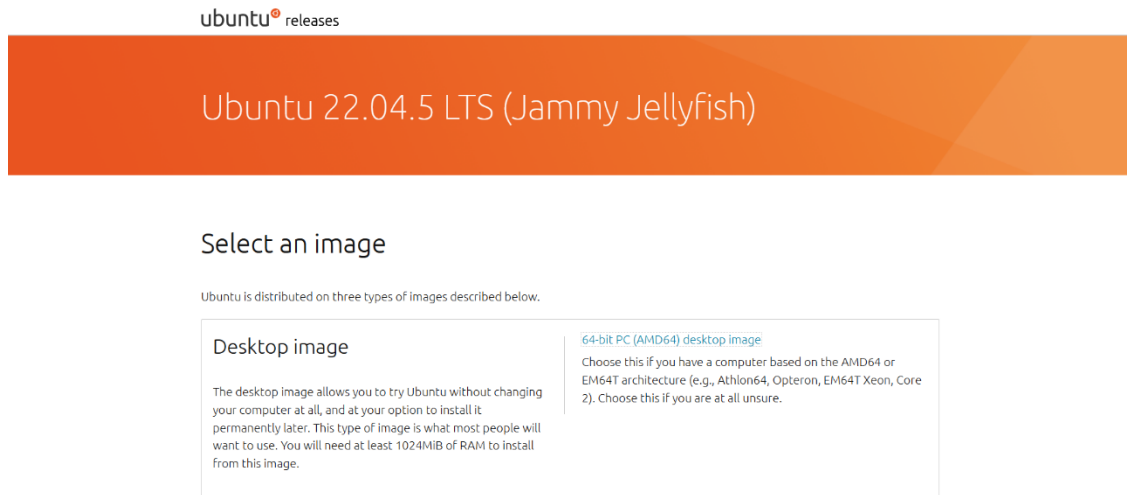
D. MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Ubuntu 22.04 LTS Operating System
2. Minimum 4-8 GB RAM
3. 40-100 GB of Free Space

E. PROJECT STRUCTURE:

```
~/esp/
├── esp-idf/
├── blink_qemu/
│   └── main/
│       └── main.c
└── temp_sim_qemu/
    └── main/
        └── main.c
```

2. STEPS FOR INSTALLING OPERATING SYSTEM:



(Version considered for the installation - Official Website Image)

A. INSTALLING ON DUAL BOOT:

I. Download Ubuntu ISO

1. Open the official Ubuntu website.
2. Click Download → Ubuntu Desktop → Ubuntu 22.04 LTS.
3. Save the ISO file to your Windows system.

II. Download and Prepare Rufus

1. Download Rufus from its official website.
2. Connect your USB drive (8GB+).
3. Open Rufus as administrator.
4. Select your USB under Device.
5. Click Select and choose the Ubuntu 22.04 ISO.
6. Set Partition scheme: GPT and Target system: UEFI.
7. Keep File system as FAT32.
8. Click Start and wait for the USB to finish writing.

III. Prepare Windows for Dual Boot

1. Open Disk Management in Windows.
2. Right-click C: drive and select Shrink Volume.
3. Shrink and create at least 25GB unallocated space.
4. Open Control Panel → Power Options.
5. Disable Fast Startup in shutdown settings.
6. Restart and enter BIOS/UEFI.
7. Disable Secure Boot if necessary.

IV. Boot from USB

1. Restart the computer with USB inserted.
2. Press your boot key (e.g., HP: Esc/F9, Dell: F12, Lenovo: F12).

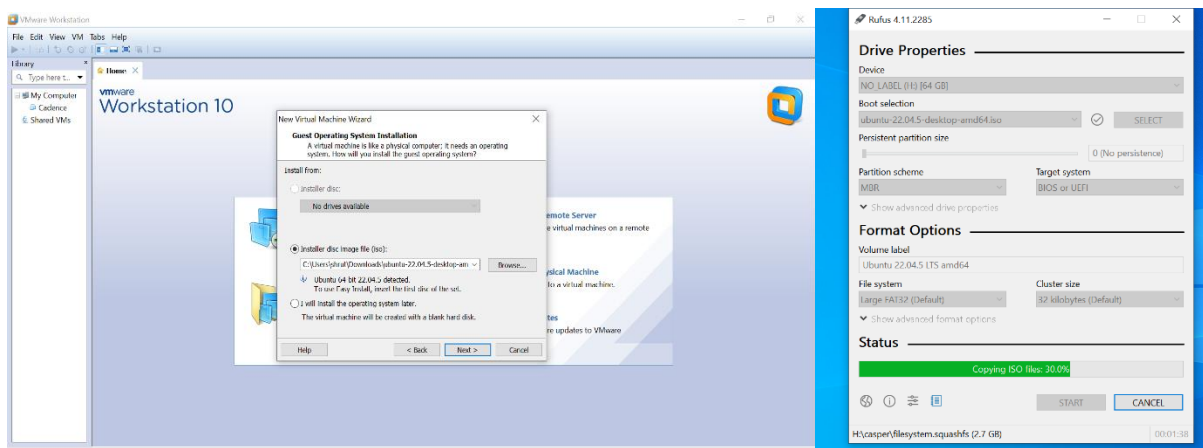
3. Select the USB drive from the boot menu.
4. Choose Try or Install Ubuntu.

V. Install Ubuntu

1. Click Install Ubuntu on the installer screen.
2. Choose language and keyboard layout.
3. Select Normal Installation.
4. Choose Install Ubuntu alongside Windows Boot Manager.
5. If not shown, choose Something Else and use the free space to create partitions.
6. Click Install Now and proceed.
7. Set your username, password, and location.
8. Wait for installation to finish.

VI. Final Setup

1. Restart the computer when prompted.
2. Remove the USB drive.
3. Choose between Ubuntu or Windows from the GRUB boot menu at startup.



(Installation in Virtual Machine – VM Were and Creating a Bootable Drive from Rufus on the Windows Sub system))

B. INSTALLING ON VIRTUAL MACHINE:

I. Download Required Files

1. Open the official Ubuntu website.
2. Click Download → Ubuntu Desktop → Ubuntu 22.04 LTS.
3. Save the ISO file to your computer.
4. Visit the VMware website and download VMware Workstation Player (free for personal use).
5. Install VMware Workstation Player in Windows.

II. Create a New Virtual Machine

1. Open VMware Workstation Player.
2. Click Create a New Virtual Machine.
3. Select Installer disc image file (ISO).
4. Browse and select the downloaded Ubuntu ISO.
5. Click Next.

III. Configure VM Settings

1. Enter your Full Name, Username, and Password when asked.
2. Choose the VM name and installation location.
3. Set Disk size (recommended 25GB or more).
4. Choose Store virtual disk as a single file.
5. Click Customize Hardware (optional).
6. Increase RAM to 4GB or more if available.
7. Increase CPU cores to 2 or more if available.
8. Click Finish to create the VM.

IV. Start Ubuntu Installation

1. Click Play Virtual Machine in VMware.
2. Ubuntu installer will automatically start.
3. Choose Install Ubuntu.
4. Pick language and keyboard settings.
5. Select Normal Installation.
6. Enable Download updates while installing (optional).
7. Click Continue.

V. Complete Installation

1. Select Erase disk and install Ubuntu (only affects the virtual machine, not your real OS).
2. Click Install Now and confirm.
3. Select your time zone.
4. Wait for installation to complete.

VI. Finish Setup

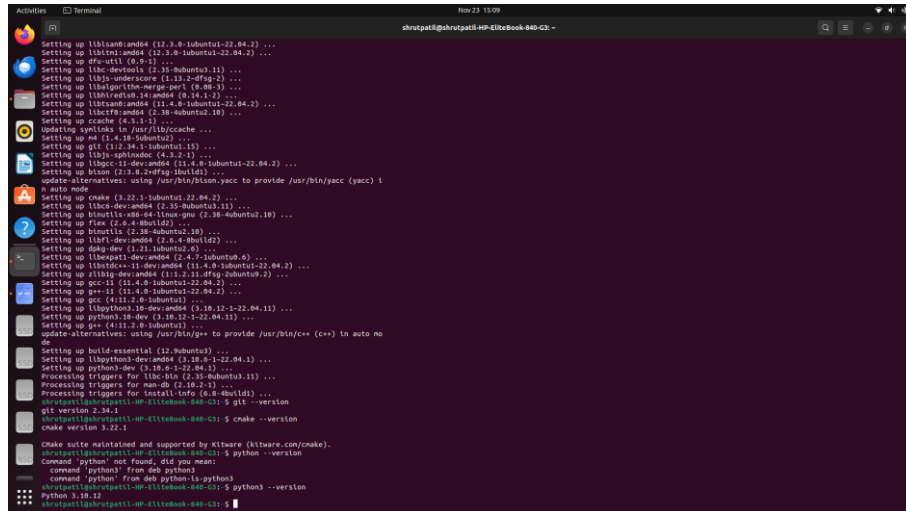
1. Click Restart Now when prompted.
2. Log in using the credentials you created.
3. Ubuntu 22.04 is now fully installed inside VMware.

(This are the commands used to update the initial operating system to latest level after that installing various frameworks like python, git, cmake, bison, etc)

git --version (2.34.1)

Cmake --version (3.22.1)

Python3 --version (3.10.12)



```

Setting up liblsan:amd64 (12.3.0-1ubuntu1-22.04.2) ...
Setting up libitm1:amd64 (12.3.0-1ubuntu1-22.04.2) ...
Setting up libdw-dwz (0.9-2) ...
Setting up libzstd-dev:amd64 (1.5.2+dfsg-2) ...
Setting up libalgorithm-merge-perl (0.08-3) ...
Setting up libltdl-dev:amd64 (2.4.6-3) ...
Setting up libstdc++6:amd64 (11.4.0-1ubuntu1-22.04.2) ...
Setting up libctf:amd64 (2.38-1ubuntu1) ...
Setting up ccache (4.3.1-1) ...
Setting up gcc-11 (11.4.0-1ubuntu1-22.04.2) ...
Setting up gcc (4:11.2-1ubuntu1) ...
Setting up g++-11 (11.4.0-1ubuntu1-22.04.2) ...
Setting up g++ (4:11.2-1ubuntu1) ...
Setting up build-essential (12.8ubuntu1) ...
Setting up python3-dev:amd64 (3.10.12-1ubuntu1) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.35-0ubuntu3) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.7-1) ...
Processing triggers for install-info (6.8-4build1) ...
shrutpatil@shrutpatil-HP-EliteBook-840-G3: ~$ git --version
git version 2.34.1
shrutpatil@shrutpatil-HP-EliteBook-840-G3: ~$ cmake --version
cmake version 3.22.1
CMake suite maintained and supported by Kitware (kitware.com/cmake).
shrutpatil@shrutpatil-HP-EliteBook-840-G3: ~$ python --version
Command 'python' not found, did you mean:
  Command 'python3' from deb python3
  Command 'python' from deb python3-pip
shrutpatil@shrutpatil-HP-EliteBook-840-G3: ~$ python3 --version
Python 3.10.12
shrutpatil@shrutpatil-HP-EliteBook-840-G3: ~$
  
```

(Versions of the different frameworks installed ~for clarifying their installations in the system registry)

(Installing Toolchain and dependencies - This script will download and install the required xtensa-esp32-elf toolchain and all Python packages.)

```
idf.py -version (ESP-IDF v6.1-dev-786-g130fdc7ce7)
```

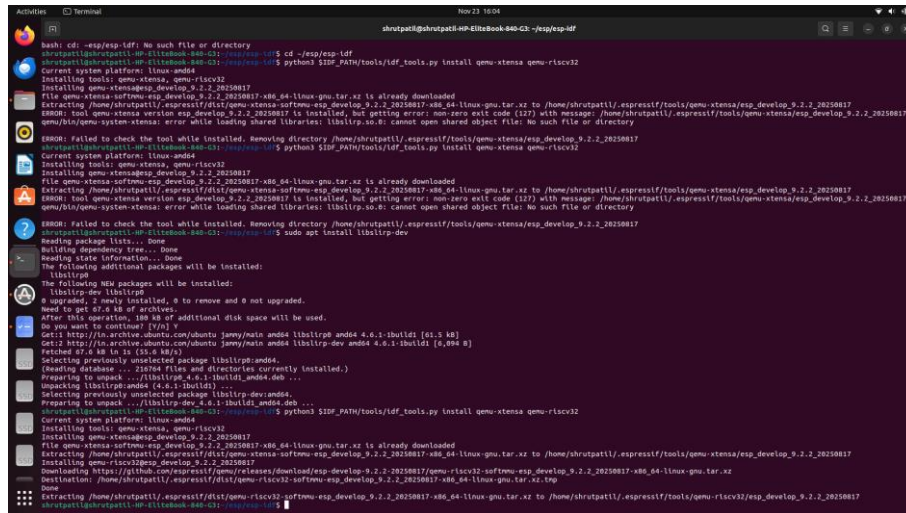
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(Setting up the virtual environment and verifying the ESP-IDF version)

C. INSTALL QEMU FOR ESP32:

```
python3 $IDF_PATH/tools/idf_tools.py install qemu-xtensa qemu-riscv32
```

```
sudo apt install libslirp-dev
```



```

bash: cd: /esp/esp-idf: No such file or directory
shrutpatil@shrutpatil-HP-EliteBook-840-G3: ~/esp/esp-idf$ cd ~/esp/esp-idf
shrutpatil@shrutpatil-HP-EliteBook-840-G3: ~/esp/esp-idf$ python3 $IDF_PATH/tools/idf_tools.py install qemu-xtensa qemu-riscv32
Current system platform: linux-amd64
Installing tools: qemu-xtensa, qemu-riscv32
Installing qemu-xtensa: esp_develop_9.2.2_20250817
File qemu-xtensa-softmmu-esp_develop_9.2.2_20250817-x86_64-linux-gnu.tar.xz is already downloaded
Extracting /home/shrutpatil/.espressif/dist/qemu-xtensa-softmmu-esp_develop_9.2.2_20250817-x86_64-linux-gnu.tar.xz to /home/shrutpatil/.espressif/tools/qemu-xtensa/esp_develop_9.2.2_20250817
ERROR: tool qemu-xtensa version esp_develop_9.2.2_20250817 is installed, but getting error: non-zero exit code (127) with message: /home/shrutpatil/.espressif/tools/qemu-xtensa/esp_develop_9.2.2_20250817/qemu/bin/qemu-system-xtensa: error while loading shared libraries: libslirp.so.6: cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory
ERROR: Failed to check the tool while installed. Removing directory /home/shrutpatil/.espressif/tools/qemu-xtensa/esp_develop_9.2.2_20250817
shrutpatil@shrutpatil-HP-EliteBook-840-G3: ~/esp/esp-idf$ python3 $IDF_PATH/tools/idf_tools.py install qemu-xtensa qemu-riscv32
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shrutpatil@shrutpatil-HP-EliteBook-840-G3: ~/esp/esp-idf$ sudo apt install libslirp-dev
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  libslirp
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  libslirp-dev libslirp
0 upgraded, 2 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
Need to get 67.6 kB of archives.
After this operation, 180 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 libslirp0 amd64 4.6.1-1build1 [61.5 kB]
Get:2 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 libslirp-dev amd64 4.6.1-1build1 [6,094 B]
Fetched 67.6 kB in 1s (58.6 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package libslirp0:amd64.
(Reading database ... 21064 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../libslirp0_4.6.1-1build1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libslirp0:amd64 (4.6.1-1build1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libslirp-dev:amd64.
Preparing to unpack .../libslirp-dev_4.6.1-1build1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libslirp-dev:amd64 (4.6.1-1build1) ...
shrutpatil@shrutpatil-HP-EliteBook-840-G3: ~/esp/esp-idf$ python3 $IDF_PATH/tools/idf_tools.py install qemu-xtensa qemu-riscv32
Current system platform: linux-amd64
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Installing qemu-riscv32: esp_develop_9.2.2_20250817
Downloading https://github.com/espressif/qemu/releases/download/esp_develop_9.2.2_20250817/qemu-riscv32-softmmu-esp_develop_9.2.2_20250817-x86_64-linux-gnu.tar.xz
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shrutpatil@shrutpatil-HP-EliteBook-840-G3: ~/esp/esp-idf$

```

(Installing QEMU using ESP-IDF Tools)

```
source ~/esp/esp-idf/export.sh
```

4. PROGRAM DEMONSTRATIONS

A. LED BLINK PROJECT:

```
cd ~/esp  
idf.py create-project blink_qemu  
cd blink_qemu
```

(Go to Home → esp → blink_qemu → main → blink_qemu.c and paste the following code)

```
#include <stdio.h>  
#include "freertos/FreeRTOS.h"  
#include "freertos/task.h"  
#include "driver/gpio.h"  
#include "esp_log.h"  
  
#define BLINK_GPIO GPIO_NUM_2  
static const char *TAG = "BLINK_DEMO";  
  
void app_main(void)  
{  
    gpio_reset_pin(BLINK_GPIO);  
    gpio_set_direction(BLINK_GPIO, GPIO_MODE_OUTPUT);  
  
    while(1)  
    {  
        gpio_set_level(BLINK_GPIO, 1);  
        ESP_LOGI(TAG, "LED ON");  
        vTaskDelay(1000 / portTICK_PERIOD_MS);  
  
        gpio_set_level(BLINK_GPIO, 0);  
        ESP_LOGI(TAG, "LED OFF");  
        vTaskDelay(1000 / portTICK_PERIOD_MS);  
    }  
}
```

```
idf.py set-target esp32  
idf.py build  
idf.py qemu monitor
```

(Actual Code in `blink_gemu.c`)

(Simulation Results)

B. TEMPERATURE BASED ESP32:

```
cd ~/esp
```

```
idf.py create-project temp_sim_qemu
```

```
cd temp_sim_qemu
```

(Go to Home → esp → temp_sim_qemu → main → temp_sim_qemu.c and paste the following code)

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>
#include "freertos/FreeRTOS.h"
#include "freertos/task.h"
#include "esp_log.h"

float generate_simulated_temp(float min_temp, float max_temp);

static const char *TAG = "TEMP_SIM";

float generate_simulated_temp(float min_temp, float max_temp)
{
    float random_unit = (float)rand() / (float)RAND_MAX;
    return min_temp + random_unit * (max_temp - min_temp);
}

void app_main(void)
{
    srand(time(NULL));
    float min_temp = 20.0;
    float max_temp = 25.0;

    ESP_LOGI(TAG, "Temperature Sensor Simulation Starting...");

    while(1) {
        float temperature = generate_simulated_temp(min_temp,
max_temp);
        printf("Temperature: %.2f C\n", temperature);
        vTaskDelay(5000 / portTICK_PERIOD_MS);
    }
}
```

```
idf.py set-target esp32
```

```
idf.py build
```

```
idf.py qemu monitor
```

(Actual Code in temp_sim_qemu.c)

(Simulation Result)

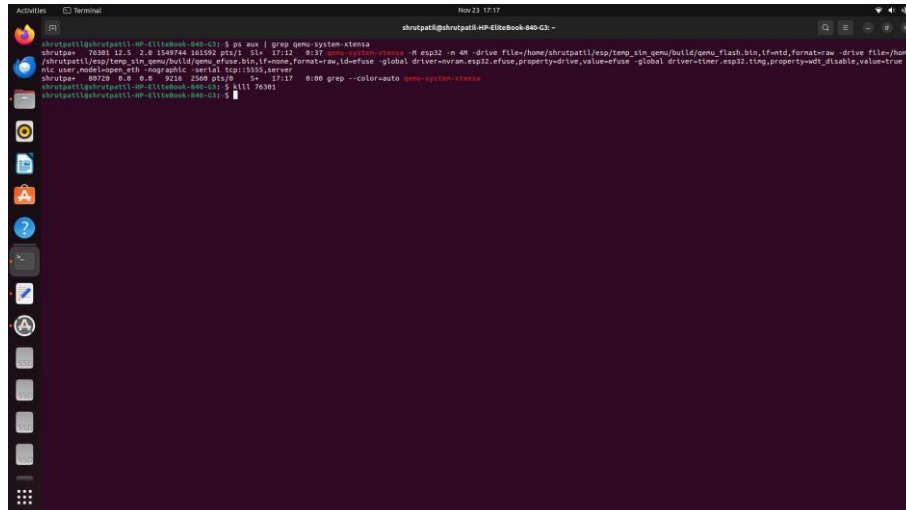
C. MISCELLANEOUS:

To Stop the execution (Infinite loop):

Open New Terminal to the existing terminal and type the following command:

```
ps aux | grep qemu-system-xtensa
```

```
kill <Process ID>
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following commands and output:

```
shrutpat@shrutpat@HP-EliteBook-840-G2: ~$ ps aux | grep qemu-system-xtensa
shrutpat 76301 12.5 2.6 1548744 161592 pts/1 Sl+ 17:12 0:37 qemu-system-xtensa -M esp32 -n 4M -drive file=/home/shrutpat/esp/temp_stn_qemu/build/qemu_flash.bin,format=raw -drive file=/home/shrutpat/esp/temp_stn_qemu/build/qemu_efuse.bin,format=raw,id=efuse -global driver=nvrwram.esp32.efuse,property=drive,value=efuse -global driver=timer.esp32.timg,property=wdt_disable,value=true -rtc user_model=none -rtc mode=realtime -serial tcp:19353,server
shrutpat 80728 0.0 0.0 9216 2560 pts/0 S+ 17:17 0:00 grep --color=auto qemu-system-xtensa
shrutpat@shrutpat@HP-EliteBook-840-G2: ~$ kill 76301
```

(Original Killing of the process)

5. ISSUES ENCOUNTERED AND THEIR SOLUTIONS

A. ENVIRONMENT SETUP FAILURE:

Error Message	Root Cause	Solution
idf.py: command not found	The necessary environment variables were not loaded into the current terminal session, or they were lost after a command.	Source the environment: source ~/esp/esp-idf/export.sh
error: Unable to import the rich module: No module named 'rich'. Please execute the install script.	Python virtual environment was not set up completely due to a missing Ubuntu package dependency.	Install missing package and re-run install: sudo apt install python3-venv then ./install.sh esp32

B. QEMU TOOL VERIFICATION FAILURE:

Error Message	Root Cause	Solution
error while loading shared libraries: libSDL2-2.0.so.0: cannot open shared object file	The pre-built QEMU binary required the SDL2 system library, which was not installed.	Install the dependency: sudo apt install libsdl2-dev
error while loading shared libraries: libslirp.so.0: cannot open shared object file	The pre-built QEMU binary required the libslirp system library for networking, which was not installed.	Install the dependency: sudo apt install libslirp-dev
qemu-system-xtensa is not installed. Please install it...	QEMU failed verification due to previous missing shared library errors.	Re-run tool install: python3 \$IDF_PATH/tools/idf_tools.py install qemu-xtensa qemu-riscv32 (after fixing shared libraries).

6. REFERENCES

Sr. No.	Topic	Link
1	QEMU	https://www.qemu.org/docs/master/
2	Espressif QEMU Repo	https://github.com/espressif/qemu
3	ESP-IDF Get Started	https://docs.espressif.com/projects/espidf/en/latest/esp32/get-started/index.html
4	ESP-IDF GPIO Docs	https://docs.espressif.com/projects/espidf/en/latest/esp32/api-reference/gpio.html
5	Yaksh Platform	https://github.com/cperipheralsom/FOSSEE/online_test
6	Example ESP-IDF Projects	https://github.com/espressif/espidf/tree/master/examples/get-started