

Mobile & Embedded Computing Lab

An introduction to

Android system development

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Outline

- Linux Vs Android
- Android Boot Process
- AOSP (Android OpenSource Project)
- Open Hardware
- Cubieboard





Linux Vs Android

Linux



- Linux Kernel
- Glibc
- Other Libraries
- X-Server
- X-Client
- Application Tool-Kits
- Applications

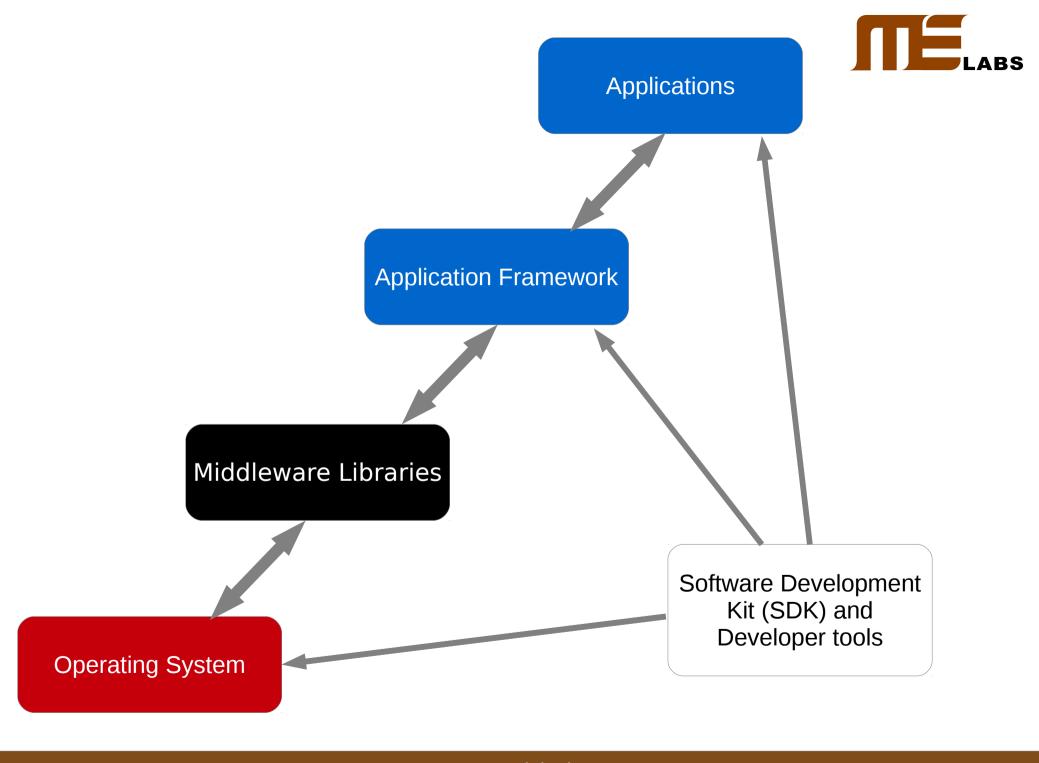


Android



- Linux Kernel
- Android Patches
- Bionic Libc
- Other Libs
- Dalvik Vm
- Application Framework
- Applications





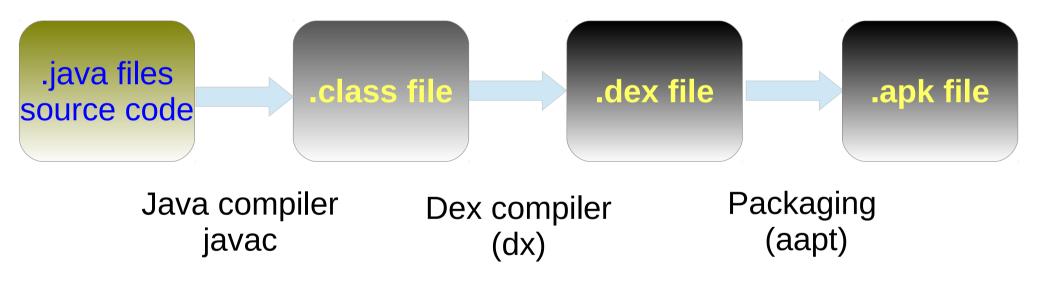


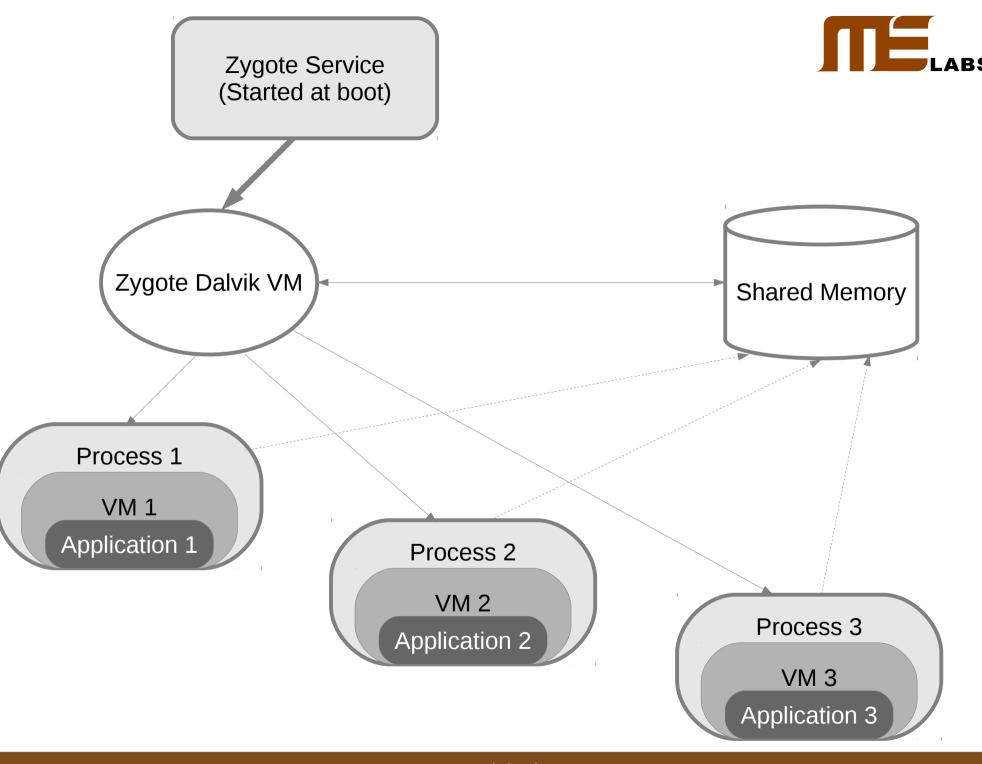
Dalvik Vm

- Process Virtual Machine
- The software that runs the apps on Android devices
- It's fast, even on weak CPUs
- it will run on systems with little memory
- it will run in an energy-efficient way

Compiling & packaging











Working With Source (AOSP)

Major Components



- Bootloader
- Linux Kernel
- RootFs
 - Bionic
 - OSS packages
 - Dalvik
 - Hardware Libraries
- •GNU tool chain

Getting the source tree



Location:

http://android.git.kernel.org/

• Get "repo":

\$ curl http://android.git.kernel.org/repo > ~/bin/repo
\$ chmod a+x ~/bin/repo

Fetch the AOSP:

\$ repo init -u
https://android.googlesource.com/platform/manifest
-b

android-4.0.1_r1

\$ repo sync

Interacting with Android Devices



Android has very nice tools to interact with the devices

- Fastboot
- ADB

Fastboot



"fastboot" is a diagnostic protocol to modify the flash filesystem via a USB connection from host computer.

- Fastboot operations
- Install kernel
- Install new flash image
- Boot directly from host
- format Format a specific partition. The file system of the partition must be recognized by the device.
- Very useful for test automation

ADB



Android Debug Bridge

- Android Debug Bridge
- •ADB is a toolkit included in the Android SDK package
- Tool for all kinds of target interactions (install, logging, remote shell, file copy)

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shell [<command>]
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push/pull

Logcat

install/uninstall



How to Start with



Open Hardware

Opensource - "A key to your Future"

OpenSoftware

A software whose original source code is made freely available and may be redistributed with or without modification

OpenHardware

Is hardware whose design is made publicly available so anyone can study, modify, distribute, make and sell the design or hardware based on the design

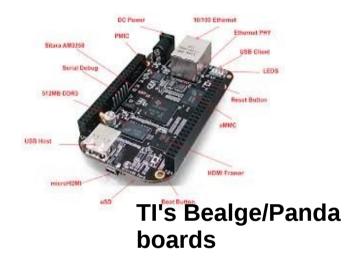


Open Hardware Movement LABS





RPi





Cubie board





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