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# Debian on ARM

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#### Overview

- Open Hardware Concept
- Open Source Embedded operating systems and architecture
- A quick Introduction -ARM
- Debian ARM ports
- Debian on Open Hardware
- Workshop/Hands-on





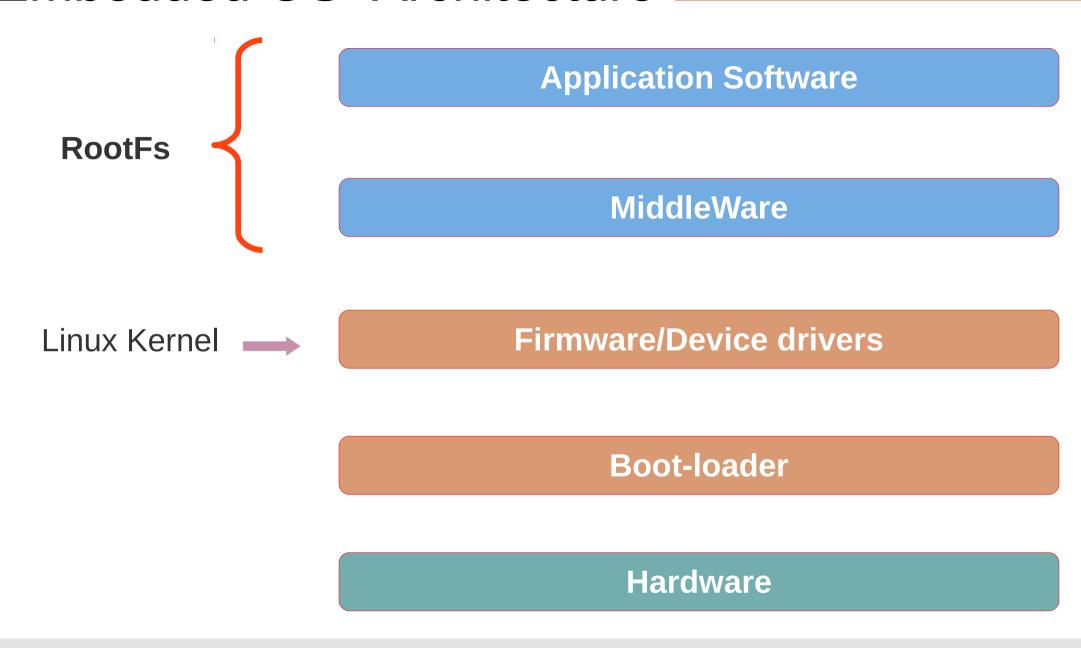
### Open Hardware Concept

- Open hardware mechanical diagrams
- Schematic & circuit diagrams
- Components/material list
- PCB Layout diagram
- BSP (board support packages) -Uboot, Kernel, Rootfs
- Software api's





### Embedded OS- Architecture







#### **Embedded OS -Overview**



























### Why debian on ARM

- It is maintained by its users.
- Unparalleled support
- The best packaging system in the world
- Incredible amounts of software
- Bug tracking system

- Easy Build
- Easy to install update package
- Supports 32/64 bit architectures
- Supports Headless images





#### **ARM-Introduction**

- Arm is RISC Architecture originally created for the Acorn Archimedes and subsequent desktop machines.
- Architecture Profiles -

A-profile, the "Application" profile: Cortex-A series

R-profile, the "Real-time" profile: Cortex-R series

M-profile, the "Microcontroller" profile: Cortex-M series

Architecture

ARMv3 - ARM6, ARM7

ARMv4 – ARMv4

ARMv6 – ARM 11

ARMv7-A - ARM Cortex-A5, ARM Cortex-A7, ARM Cortex-A8, ARM Cortex-A9, ARM

Cortex-A12, ARM Cortex-A15, ARM Cortex-A17





### Debian ARM Ports \_\_\_\_\_

Port	Architecture	Description	Status
arm	OABI v3 2000	Potato	Discontinued 2011
armel	EABI ARM	Debian's fully supports a port	released
armhf	Hard Float ABI ARM	Supports floating-point unit (FPU) The Debian armhf port requires at least an ARMv7	released
arm64	V8	V8	2013





#### arm-linux ABI

- Old and the first port, using the "old" (now obsolete) ABI (OABI)
- For the arm v3 instruction set
- First released with 2.2 (Potato), last released with 5.0 (lenny).
- GNU Triplet: arm-linux-gnu

Triplet: Target Triplets describe a platform on which code runs and are a core concept in the GNU build system. They contain three fields: the name of the CPU family/model, the vendor, and the operating system name.





# armel (ArmEabiPort)

- Newer port using the "new" ABI (EABI)
- Supported on ARM v4t and higher.
- First released with 5.0 (lenny)
- GNU Triplet: arm-linux-gnueabi
- Can be run on ARMv4t and any newer systems where a Linux kernel exists and enough memory (32MB+) and storage space (1GB+).

EABI is the new "Embedded" ABI by ARM ltd. EABI is actually a family of ABIs and one of the "subABIs" is GNU EABI, for Linux.





# armhf (ArmHardFloatPort)

- The latest 32-bit port
- Using the hard-float version of the "new" ABI (EABI)
- Targeting ARM v7 and up.
- First released with 7.0 (wheezy).
- GNU Triplet: arm-linux-gnueabihf
- For ARM boards and devices ship with a floating-point unit (FPU)





## arm64 (Arm64Port)

- The latest port
- For the 64-bit ARMv8 architecture.
- Will be released with 8.0 (jessie).
- GNU Triplet: aarch64-linux-gnu

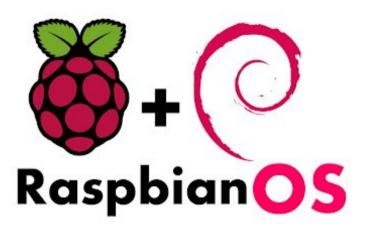




#### Debian on RPi



- CPU: ARM11, 700 MHz, RAM -256MB/512MB/
- HDMI/TV out, USB ports -2, LAN-1
- Rpi 2 -ARM 7, RAM -1 GB



- Optimised Debian for RPi
- 35,000 packages, pre-compiled software bundled
- http://www.raspbian.org/





#### Debian on BBB



- TI's AM335x 1GHz ARM® Cortex-A8
- RAM 512MB
- HDMI, USB ports -2, LAN-1

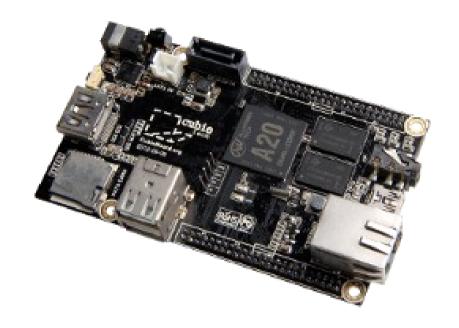


- BBB officially shipped with Debian
- Supported by Debian, TI and Linaro
- http://beagleboard.org/latest-images
- https://wiki.debian.org/InstallingDebianOn/ TI/BeagleBone





### Debian on Cubieboard



- AllWinnerTech SOC, ARM Cortex-A8 ARM
- RAM 1GB
- HDMI/TV out, USB ports -2, LAN-1



- Cubian -Debian on Cubieboard
- https://wiki.debian.org/CubieBoard
- www.cubian.org





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### Project ARA -Seminar

Seminar on Project ARA - An Open Modular Smart Phone

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2015, 12:30 to 3:30

Venue: IIT Bombay

Register: http://fossee.in/activities/seminars/project-ARA



