

## ❖ Introduction

- This document contains a brief information about the different commands supported by KVPStorage application.
- It also discusses about the approach taken to customize and add KVPStorage application as a package in buildroot for QEMU ARM platform.
- Buildroot produces rootfs which contains KVPStorage application.
- The application is then run on the emulated environment (QEMU in this case)

## ❖ KVPStorage Application

Stores device and its relevant information in the form of key value pair database.

## ❖ Testing supported commands

### Note:

- ✓ There should be an exact single space between command & different arguments
- ✓ No spaces are allowed after the last argument fed to each command
- ✓ If application is closed abruptly, changes made during the application run won't be committed to database
- ✓ Use Q or QUIT command to exit the application. This step is important to save the changes to database
- ✓ SET command overwrites the device info if device is already present in database

### ➤ SET/set

- Set device info in data database.

```
>  
> SET DEV0 0  
OK  
> SET DEV1 1  
OK  
> SET DEV2 2  
OK  
> SET DEV3 3  
OK
```

- If the number of arguments are not enough

```
>
> SET DEV4
Not enough arguments to SET
Usage: SET KEY VAL

> SET
Not enough arguments to SET
Usage: SET KEY VAL
```

- If the number of arguments are more than expected

```
> set VAL8 9 0
Too many arguments to SET
Usage: SET KEY VAL

>
>
```

## ➤ GET/get

- Get the device info for DEV0

```
>
>
> GET DEV0
>
>
```

- If number of arguments are not enough

```
>
> GET
Not enough arguments to GET
Usage: GET DEVICE_NAME
```

- If the number of arguments are more than expected

```
> get DEV0 0 1
Too many arguments to GET
Usage: GET DEVICE_NAME

> GET DEV0 0
Too many arguments to GET
Usage: GET DEVICE_NAME
```

## ➤ DELETE/delete

- To delete a device present in database

```
>  
> DELETE DEV0  
Deleting device DEV0  
OK  
>
```

- If a device is not present in database and DELETE/delete command is used

```
>  
> delete DEV8  
Operation not allowed!  
DEV8 is not present in the device list  
>  
>  
>
```

- If enough number of arguments are not passed

```
>  
> DELETE  
Not enough arguments to DELETE  
Usage: DELETE DEVICE_NAME  
>
```

- If the number of arguments are more than expected

```
>  
> DELETE VAL0 0 0  
Too many arguments to DELETE  
Usage: DELETE DEVICE_NAME  
  
> DELETE VAL0 0  
Too many arguments to DELETE  
Usage: DELETE DEVICE_NAME  
>
```

## ➤ LIST/list

- To see the list of devices

```
> LIST

Available device list:

Dev          Config
DEV1         1
DEV4         4
DEV0         0
DEV3         3
DEV2         2
>
>
>
```

- If device list is empty

```
Please enter a command
> list
Device list is empty
>
>
>
```

## ➤ Q/QUIT

- To quit the application and commit changes to database on storage

```
> Q
Saving key value pair database in storage
Successfully saved the key value pair database to storage disk
Quitting database application
```

## ➤ If a command is not supported, application shall emit below logs

```
> del
Wrong command !!
Please enter a proper command

*****
Allowed Commands:
*****
SET/set       : Set the device info in database
GET/set       : Get the device info from database
DELETE/delete : Delete a device from database
Q or QUIT     : Quit and save the database application
*****
>
```

## ❖ Configuring and building buildroot for QEMU ARM

**Note:** Below steps are performed after installing all the packages required by buildroot. Please refer Chapter 2 of buildroot manual to get a list of mandatory packages

<https://buildroot.org/downloads/manual/manual.html#requirement-mandatory>

- Pull the buildroot sources from GIT

```
git clone https://github.com/buildroot/buildroot.git
```

- Create a separate folder in buildroot to keep a separate build relevant data for our package

```
anup@linux:~$ cd buildroot/  
anup@linux:~/buildroot$ mkdir clay
```

- Apply the default configuration file for QEMU arm versatile platform.

```
anup@linux:~/buildroot$ make O=clay qemu_arm_versatile_defconfig
```

- Make changes in the configuration if required.

```
anup@linux:~/buildroot$ make O=clay menuconfig
```

- For building C++ application, the highlighted option “Enable C++ support” should be enabled. Save the configuration.

```

Toolchain
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---> (or empty submenus ----). Highlighted
letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> selects a feature, while <N> excludes a feature. Press
<Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] feature is selected [ ] feature is
excluded
↑(-)
[ ] Thread library debugging
[ ] Enable stack protection support
[*] Compile and install uClibc utilities
*** Binutils Options ***
Binutils Version (binutils 2.36.1) --->
() Additional binutils options
*** GCC Options ***
GCC compiler Version (gcc 10.x) --->
() Additional gcc options
[*] Enable C++ support
[ ] Enable Fortran support
[ ] Enable compiler link-time-optimization support
[ ] Enable compiler OpenMP support
[ ] Enable graphite support
↓(+)

<select> < Exit > < Help > < Save > < Load >

```

- Start the build

```
anup@linux:~/buildroot$ make O=clay
```

- Once the build has completed, following directories will be populated inside “clay” folder

```

anup@linux:~/buildroot$ cd clay/
anup@linux:~/buildroot/clay$ ls
build clay_defconfig clay_defconfig.old host images Makefile staging target
anup@linux:~/buildroot/clay$
anup@linux:~/buildroot/clay$

```

- “images” folder contains the images which will be flashed or run on target (QEMU emulator in our case)

```

anup@linux:~/buildroot/clay/images$ ls
rootfs.ext2 start-qemu.sh versatile-pb.dtb zImage
anup@linux:~/buildroot/clay/images$

```

## ❖ KVPStorage application as a package in buildroot

Below steps were followed to add KVPStorage application as a package in buildroot.

- Create a new folder under buildroot/package folder

```
anup@linux:~$ cd buildroot/package/  
anup@linux:~/buildroot/package$ mkdir KVPStorage
```

- Now we need to create two files inside the newly created “KVPStorage” folder: Config.in and KVPStorage.mk

```
anup@linux:~/buildroot/package/KVPStorage$  
anup@linux:~/buildroot/package/KVPStorage$ touch Config.in
```

```
anup@linux:~/buildroot/package/KVPStorage$  
anup@linux:~/buildroot/package/KVPStorage$ touch KVPStorage.mk
```

- Now let's populate these files with what will eventually add KVPStorage as a new package in buildroot and application can be activated or deactivated from menuconfig

config.in:

```
config BR2_PACKAGE_KVPSTORAGE  
    bool "KVPSTORAGE"  
    help  
        Clay's Key Value pair storage application  
comment "Needs C++ support to be activated in toolchain"
```

## KVPStorage.mk

```
KVPSTORAGE_VERSION = 1.0
KVPSTORAGE_SITE = ./package/KVPStorage/src
KVPSTORAGE_SITE_METHOD = local

define KVPSTORAGE_BUILD_CMDS
    $(MAKE) CXX="$(TARGET_CXX)" LD="$(TARGET_LD)" -C $(@D)
endef

define KVPSTORAGE_INSTALL_TARGET_CMDS
    $(INSTALL) -D -m 0755 $(@D)/KVPStorage $(TARGET_DIR)/usr/bin
endef

$(eval $(generic-package))
```

In the above file, we need to select the cross compiler which is generated by buildroot. Buildroot fetches the application source from local and the path has to be mentioned in KVPStorage.mk. The mentioned path in above example is relative with respect to buildroot (./package/KVPStorage/src). We can also specify an absolute path. The application executable produced by build system will be installed in the path mentioned in above file (\$(TARGET\_DIR)/usr/bin)

- The directory structure of application package is shown below

```
anup@linux:~/buildroot/package/KVPStorage$ tree
.
|-- Config.in
|-- KVPStorage.mk
`-- src
    |-- KVPStorage.cpp
    `-- Makefile

1 directory, 4 files
```

- Now we have to tell the package system that we want to be added. Hence we do the below modification in the package config file.

```
menu "Clay's Applications"
    source "package/KVPStorage/Config.in"
endmenu
```



- After the above steps, we shall be able to see our application package in menuconfig. We need to enable KVPStorage package in menuconfig following below steps

```
anup@linux:~/buildroot$ make O=clay menuconfig
```

- Select "Target packages"

```
Buildroot 2022.02-103-g66fd92a4ce-dirty Configuration
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---> (or empty submenus ----). Highlighted
letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> selects a feature, while <N> excludes a feature. Press
<Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] feature is selected [ ] feature is
excluded

Target options --->
Build options --->
Toolchain --->
System configuration --->
Kernel --->
Target packages --->
Filesystem images --->
Bootloaders --->
Host utilities --->
Legacy config options --->

<Select> < Exit > < Help > < Save > < Load >
```

- Select Clay's application

```
Target packages
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---> (or empty submenus ----). Highlighted
letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> selects a feature, while <N> excludes a feature. Press
<Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] feature is selected [ ] feature is
excluded

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Graphic libraries and applications (graphic/text) --->
Hardware handling --->
Interpreter languages and scripting --->
Libraries --->
Mail --->
Miscellaneous --->
Networking applications --->
Package managers --->
Real-Time --->
Security --->
Shell and utilities --->
System tools --->
Text editors and viewers --->
Clay's Applications --->

<Select> < Exit > < Help > < Save > < Load >
```

- Enable KVPSTORAGE package and save the configuration

```

Clay's Applications
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---> (or empty submenus ---). Highlighted
letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> selects a feature, while <N> excludes a feature. Press
<Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] feature is selected [ ] feature is
excluded

[*] KVPSTORAGE
*** Needs C++ support to be activated in toolchain ***

<select> < Exit > < Help > < Save > < Load >

```

- Now build the package

```

anup@linux:~/buildroot$ make O=clay

```

- When the build is finished, we can see the executable binary produced inside clay/target/usr/bin. This acts as a confirmation that our application package is built successfully

```

~/buildroot/clay/target/usr/bin$ ls
crc32      find      killall   md5sum    printf    shred     truncate  w
crontab    flock    KVPStorage mesg       readlink  sort      ts        wc
cut        fold     last      microcom  realpath  strings   tty       wget
dc         free     ldd       mkfifo    renice    svc       uniq      which
deallocvt  fuser    less      mkpasswd  reset     svok      unix2dos  who
diff       getconf  logger    nl         resize    tail      unlink    whoami
dirname    head     logname   nohup     seq        tee       unlzma    xargs
dos2unix   hexdump  lsof      nproc     setfattr  telnet    unlzop    xxd
du         hexedit  lspci     nslookup  setkeycodes test      unxz      xz
eject      hostid   lsusb     od         setuid    tftp      unzip     xzcat
env        id       lsusb     openvt    shasum    time      uptime    yes
expr       install  lzcat     passwd    sha256sum top        uudecode
factor     ipcrm    lzma      paste     sha3sum   tr         uuencode

```

- We can confirm if the produced binary is meant for ARM architecture

```

anup@linux:~/buildroot/clay/target/usr/bin$
anup@linux:~/buildroot/clay/target/usr/bin$ file KVPStorage
KVPStorage: ELF 32-bit LSB shared object, ARM, EABI5 version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib/ld-uClibc.so.0, stripped

```

- This binary will be added into rootfs by the build system once the build is completed.

```
anup@linux:~/buildroot/clay/images$
anup@linux:~/buildroot/clay/images$ ls
rootfs.ext2  start-qemu.sh  versatile-pb.dtb  zImage
anup@linux:~/buildroot/clay/images$
```

- Now, we need to run our binary on emulator (QEMU)

- ✓ First install QEMU ARM

```
anup@linux:~/buildroot$ sudo apt install qemu-system-arm
[sudo] password for anup:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
```

- ✓ Launch QEMU from buildroot directory using below command

```
anup@linux:~/buildroot$ qemu-system-arm -M versatilepb -kernel clay/images/zImage -dtb clay/images/versatile-
pb.dtb -drive file=clay/images/rootfs.ext2,if=scsi -append "root=/dev/sda console=ttyAMA0,115200" -nographic
```

- ✓ Once QEMU has booted successfully, below login screen appears

```
Freeing unused kernel image (initmem) memory: 148K
Kernel memory protection not selected by kernel config.
Run /sbin/init as init process
EXT4-fs (sda): warning: mounting unchecked fs, running e2fsck is recommended
EXT4-fs (sda): re-mounted. Opts: (null). Quota mode: disabled.
Starting syslogd: OK
Starting klogd: OK
Running sysctl: OK
Initializing random number generator: OK
Saving random seed: random: dd: uninitialized urandom read (512 bytes read)
OK
Starting network: Waiting for interface eth0 to appear..... timeout!
run-parts: /etc/network/if-pre-up.d/wait_iface: exit status 1
FAIL

Welcome to Buildroot
buildroot login: root
#
```

- ✓ Launch KVPStorage application

```
#
# KVPStorage

*****
Clay: Key Value Storage database loaded successfully
*****

Please enter a command
>
```

