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4.2.1 Requirements

- As less background noise on the system as possible
- Capable for hard real time
- For my test environment the programming languages Python, Rust and the bpftrace library
- Capability to use the Wi-Fi Card
- Network tools, to manage my Wi-Fi interface and generate the workload

4.2.2 Implementation

- local.conf
  - set machine to raspberrypi 5
  - set variable *RUST_LIBC*
  - set preferred linux version to 6.12
  - activated license synaptics-killswitch
- distro (version 5.2.1 on the walnascar branch)
  - for mt7925e is a kernelversion of at least 5.7 necessary
  - walnascar was the newest one to the time of june 2025
- image
  - hostapd

  - dnsmasq
  - python3, python3-pip
  - net-tools, iproute2, wpa-supplicant, iw und networkmanager (Als Netzwerktools um interfaces, etc steuern zu können)
  - werden mittels *IMAGE_INSTALL* hinzugefügt

- Other Layers
  - Poky
  - meta-openembedded (oe, python, networking)
  - meta-raspberrypi
  - meta-rust in layer.conf the branch walnascar had to be added and the *RUST_LIBC* has to replaced with ${@d.getVar('RUST_LIBC').lower()}, and the variable had to be set in the local.conf

- Own layer
  - bb and bbappend files like normal
  - higher priority
  - set layer compatability to walnascar

- RT-Patch
  - from meta-raspberrypi layer only Linux 6.12.1 is given
  - the normal patch is 6.12.28, this is not working
  - from older patches 6.12.8 is working, but QA had to be added
  - also the kernel config needed to be updated, especially the preemt rt and rcu boost, to read copy update and synchronization in the kernel for rt behaviour

- device-tree overlay
  - download pcie-32bit-dma-pi5.dtbo from https://github.com/raspberrypi/firmware/tree/master/bo
  - write own recipe which installs the file at /boot/overlays/
  - License file has to be created, because it's an own recipe, so the md5 checksum has to be added
  - since Distro 5.1 for S *WORKDIR/sources* has to be set, in this path the files are saved
  - with do install first the folder is created and then the file is saved in the temporary root file system D with the rights 644
  - With Files:$PN the file is set from the temporaray file system to the final one
  - in the local.conf with *RPI_USE_OVERLAYS* and *RPI_EXTRA_CONFIG* the overlay is added to the config.txt
  - in meta-raspberrypi/conf/machine/include/rpi-base.inc it has to be added in the *RPI_KERNEL_DEVICETREE_OVERLAYS*

- Custom Files

- hostapd
  - bbappend in recipes-connectivity/hostapd
  - all configs are located in /etc/hostapd
  - same procedure like for the device tree overlay
  - files are not located in workdir, but in workdir/sources-unpack

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