

CE5045

Embedded System Design

Embedded Operating System Introduction

<https://github.com/tychen-NCU/EMBS-NCU>

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What is an Embedded O.S.?

- A generic operating system
 - ✓ Process management
 - ✓ Memory management
 - ✓ I/O device management
 - ✓ Network management
 - ✓ Secondary storage management
 - ✓ Security

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 Real-Time
LINUX

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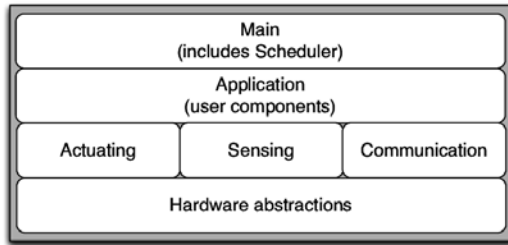




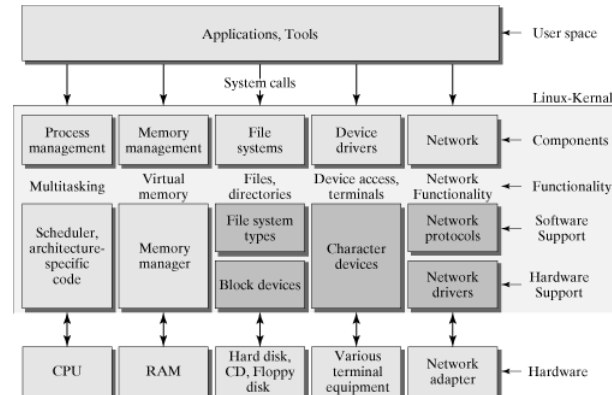
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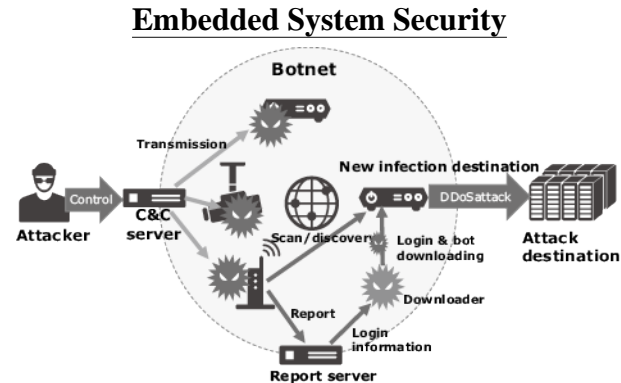
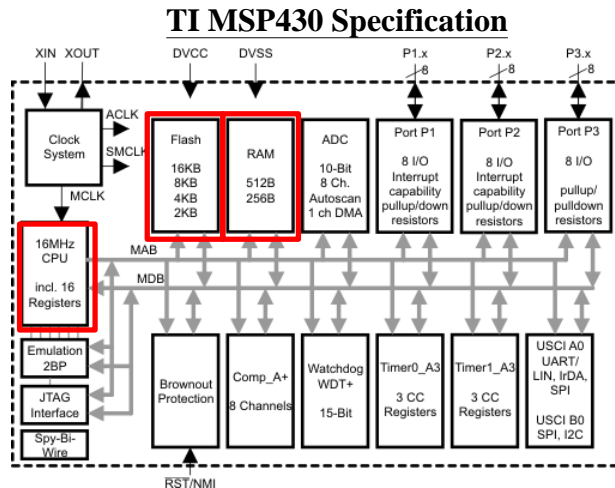
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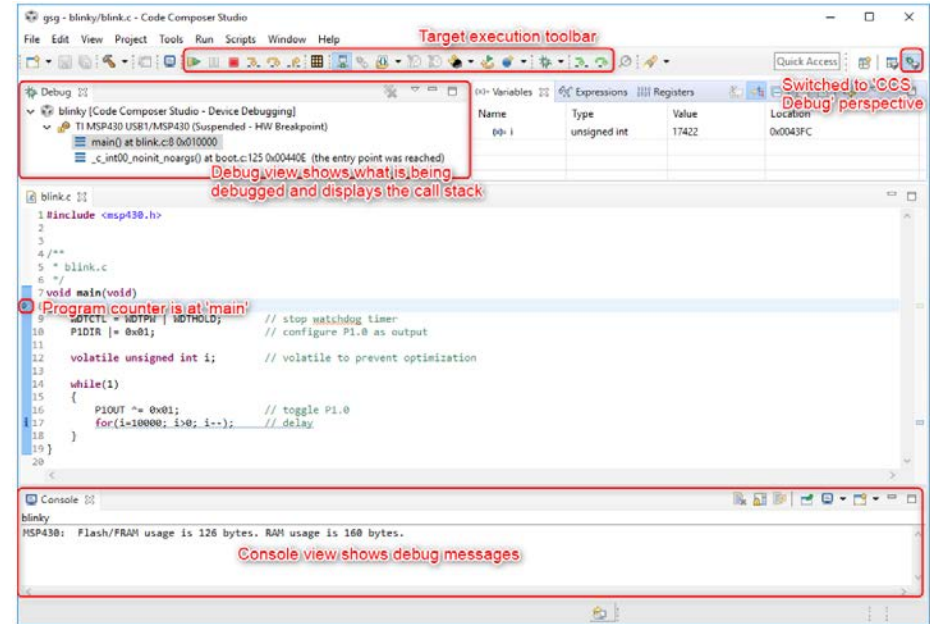


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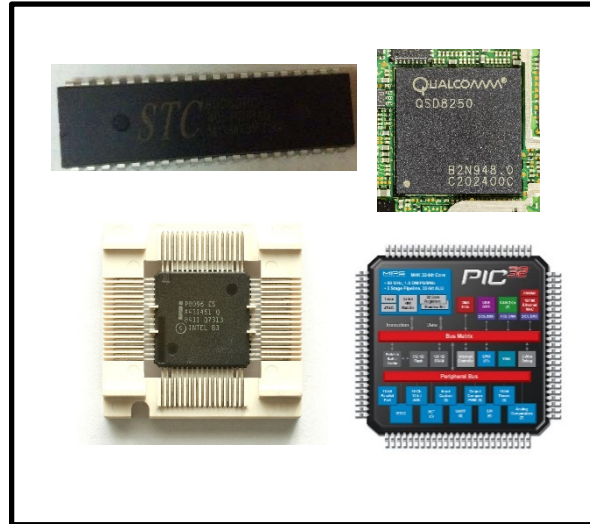
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- ✓ Generally written in the C language



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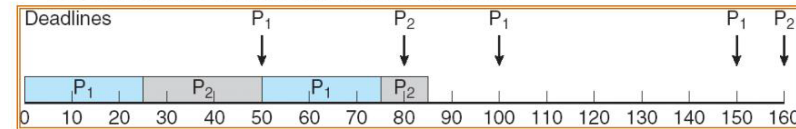
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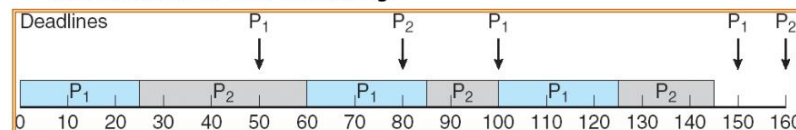
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Rate-monotonic scheduling: misses deadlines



Earliest-Deadline-First scheduling:



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$$T_1 = \{0, 50, 50, 25\}$$

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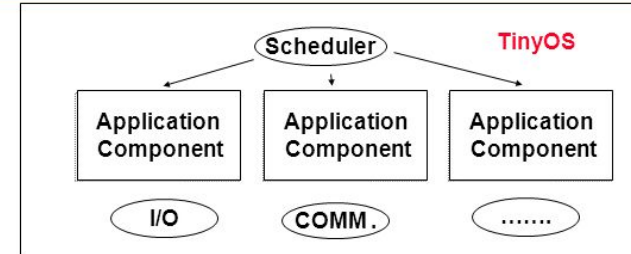
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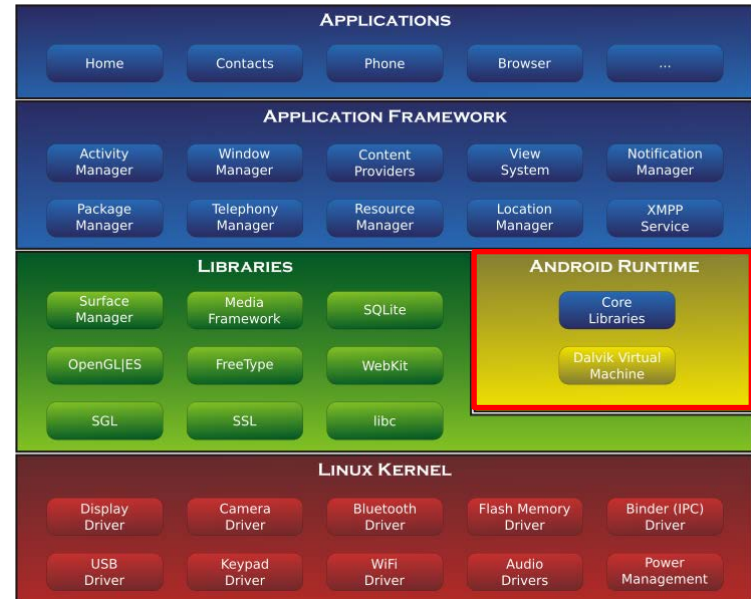
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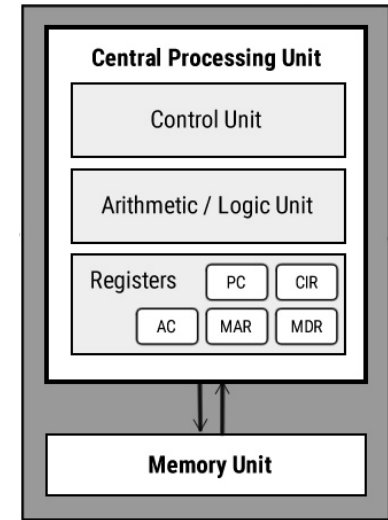
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Von Neumann

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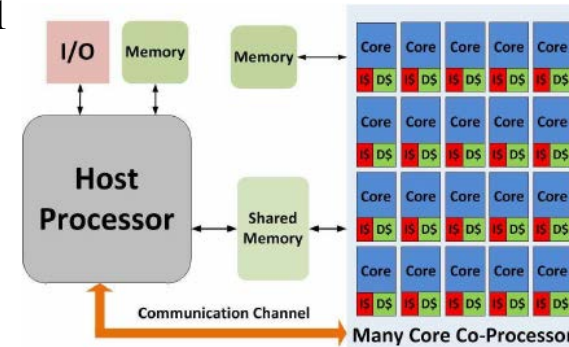
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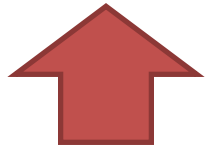
Developing an Embedded O.S.

- How to build an embedded operating system?
 - ✓ Take an existing O.S. and adapt it for the embedded application.
 - ✓ Design and implement an O.S. intended solely for embedded use



Adapting an Existing O.S.

- An existing commercial OS can be used for an embedded system by adding:
 - ✓ Real time capability
 - ✓ Streamlining operation
 - ✓ Adding necessary functionality



Advantage:

- Familiar interface



Disadvantage:

- Not optimized for real-time and embedded applications

Embedded Windows

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➤ But for embedded system?

- ✓ High resource requirements



Embedded Windows

➤ Long time ago...

✓ DOS

- The most famous one: MS-DOS by created by Tim Paterson
- 16 bits O.S.
- Single user and single task
- Application: LED billboard and industry control



Embedded Windows

➤ Embedded Windows Family

✓ Products:

- Windows Embedded Standard, Windows Embedded Compact, Windows Embedded Enterprise, Windows Embedded POSReady

✓ Support CPU: x86, ARM, MIPS, ...etc

✓ Development tool: Visual studio and windows IoT emulator [[link](#)]

Microsoft's OEM Device Solution

The Opportunity	The Focus	The Solution
 100's Millions IDC, Gartner	 Windows	 Consistent PCs/ Slates Experience
 Billions IDC, Consumer Electronics Association	 Windows Phone	 Consistent Phone Experience
 10's Billions VDC market reach, IDC	 Windows Embedded	<div>Industry & Category Solutions<ul style="list-style-type: none">AutoHandheldConnected Media DevicesPoint of ServiceThin ClientsFlexible OS Platform Toolkit X86 ARM MIPS</div>



What's Linux

➤ Definition of Linux

- ✓ Linux is the kernel developed and maintained by Linus Torvalds
- ✓ Based on the Linux kernel, there are many different distributions
- ✓ Linux Kernel includes
 - Controls all hardware
 - Provides core system facilities
 - Manages system through its lifecycle (next reboot)
 - Provides higherlevel abstractions to software



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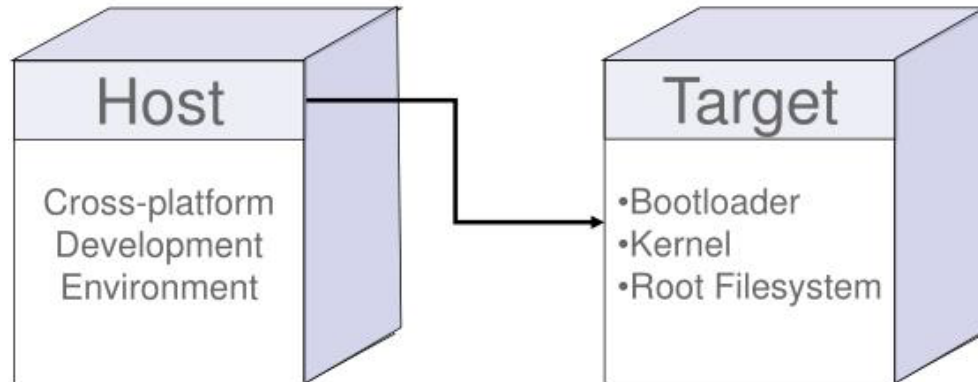
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 - An embedded system running the Linux kernel
 - Userspace tools & configuration likely to be very different from desktop (uClibc instead of glibc, BusyBox instead of coreutils, etc.)

Cross Compiler

- A key differentiator between desktop/server and embedded Linux distributions is that desktop and server software is typically compiled on the platform where it will execute
- Embedded Linux distributions are usually compiled on one platform but are intended to be executed on another
 - ✓ The software used for this purpose is referred to as a cross-compiler



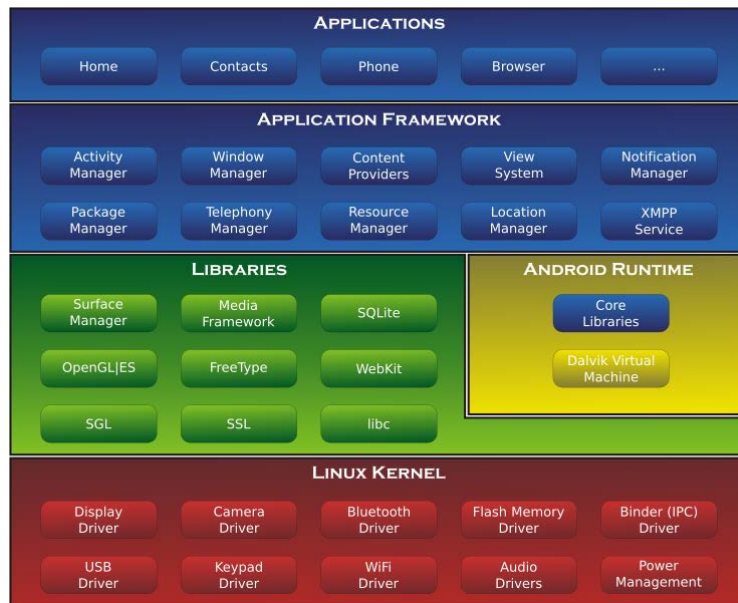
Advantages of Embedded Linux System

- The strengths of an embedded Linux system include
 - ✓ Vendor independence
 - ✓ Varied hardware support
 - ✓ Low cost
 - ✓ Open source

Based on Linux Kernel

➤ Android mobile system

- ✓ Focus of Android lies in the vertical integration of the Linux kernel and the Android user-space components.



Purpose-Built Embedded O.S.

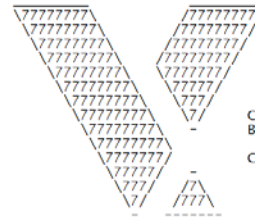
- Typical characteristics include:
 - ✓ Fast and lightweight process or thread switch
 - ✓ Scheduling policy is real time and dispatcher module is part of scheduler
 - ✓ Small size
 - ✓ Responds to external interrupts quickly
 - ✓ Provides fixed or variable-sized partitions for memory management
 - ✓ Provides special sequential files that can accumulate data at a fast rate

Other Embedded O.S.

➤ VxWorks

- ✓ Created by WindRiver
- ✓ Support CPU: x86, i960, MIPS, PowerPC
- ✓ Popularly use in embedded systems
- ✓ GNU compiler and debugger
- ✓ Hard real-time

```
## Starting application at 0x4010100000 ...
```



Vxworks 7 SMP 64-bit

Core Kernel version: 1.0.0.0
Build date: May 30 2014 10:51:05
Copyright Wind River Systems, Inc.
1984-2014

Board: wind River Dev Kit MP8
CPU Count: 8
OS Memory Size: 1899MB
ED&R Policy Mode: Deployed

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Adding 5290 symbols for standalone.
```

```
[vxworks]# i
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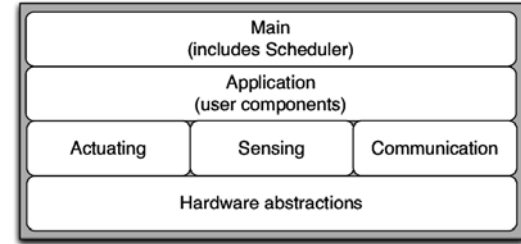
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tLogTask	40104d01d8	0	PEND	401020b0f0	0	-
tShell0	40105c1d30	1	READY	4010215e08	0	0
ipcom_tick>	401057a990	20	PEND	401020c83c	0	-
tvxdbgTask	401057dc20	25	PEND	401020c83c	0	-
tNet0	40104d3b78	50	PEND	401020c2b4	0	-
ipcom_sys1>	40104c9810	50	PEND	401020d3d4	0	-
tNetConf	40105a6e40	50	PEND	401020c83c	0	-
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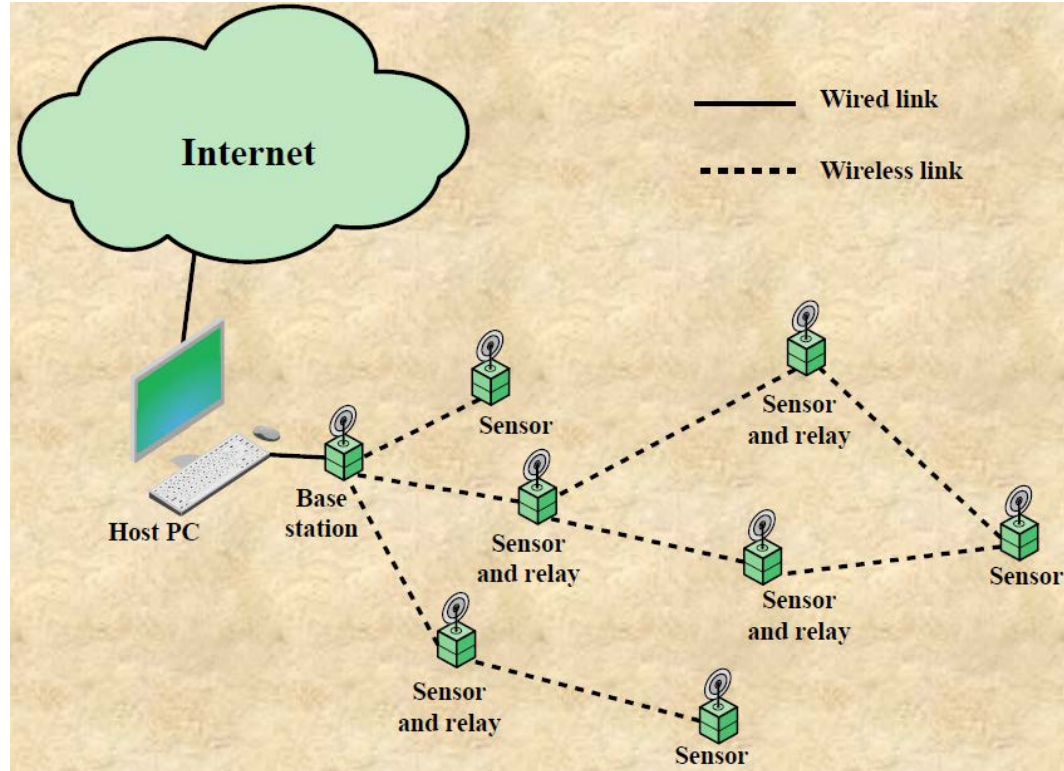
Other Embedded O.S.

➤ Tiny O.S.

- ✓ Streamlines to a very minimal OS for embedded systems
- ✓ Core OS requires 400 bytes of code and data memory combined
- ✓ Not a real-time OS
- ✓ There is no kernel
- ✓ There are no processes
- ✓ OS doesn't have a memory allocation system
- ✓ Interrupt and exception handling is dependent on the peripheral
- ✓ It is completely nonblocking, so there are few explicit synchronization primitives
- ✓ Has become a popular approach to implementing wireless sensor network software



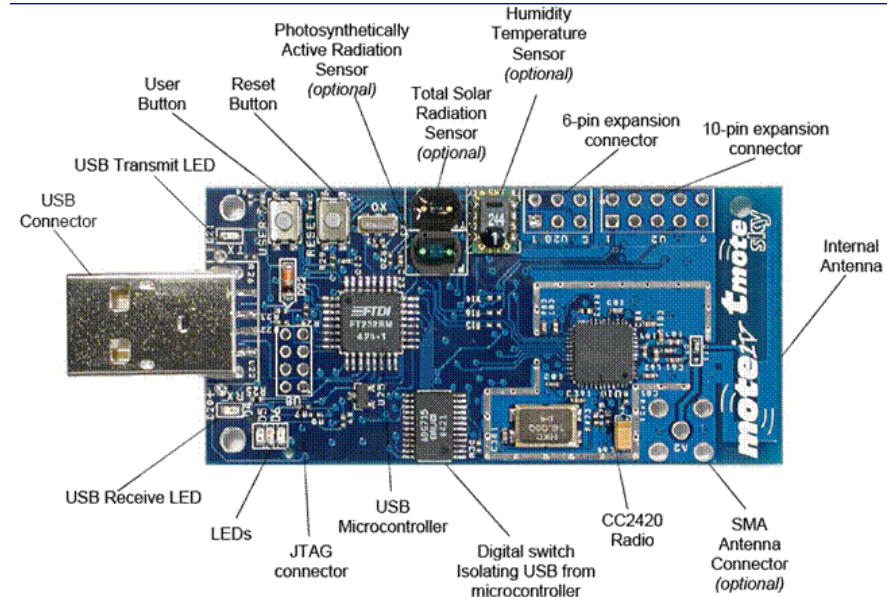
Networked Embedded System



Embedded Platform for TinyO.S.

➤ Tmote sky

- ✓ 8MHz Texas Instruments MSP430 microcontroller
- ✓ 10k RAM, 48k Flash
- ✓ 250kbps 2.4GHz IEEE 802.15.4



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Arduino Platform

➤ Arduino R3 UNO

- ✓ Microcontroller : ATmega328p (20 MIPS at 20MHz)
- ✓ Operating Voltage : 5V
- ✓ Input Voltage (recommended) : 7-12V
- ✓ Input Voltage (limits) : 6-20V
- ✓ Digital I/O Pins : 14
- ✓ Analog Input Pins : 6
- ✓ Flash Memory : 32 KB (ATmega328) of which 0.5 KB used by bootloader SRAM 2 KB (ATmega328)
- ✓ EEPROM : 1 KB (ATmega328)
- ✓ Development tool: <https://www.arduino.cc/en/main/software>



Arduino Development Env.



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface. The title bar reads "Blink | Arduino 1.8.5". The top toolbar contains icons for checking, running, saving, uploading, and downloading. The file explorer on the left shows a tab for "Blink \$". The main text area contains the following code:

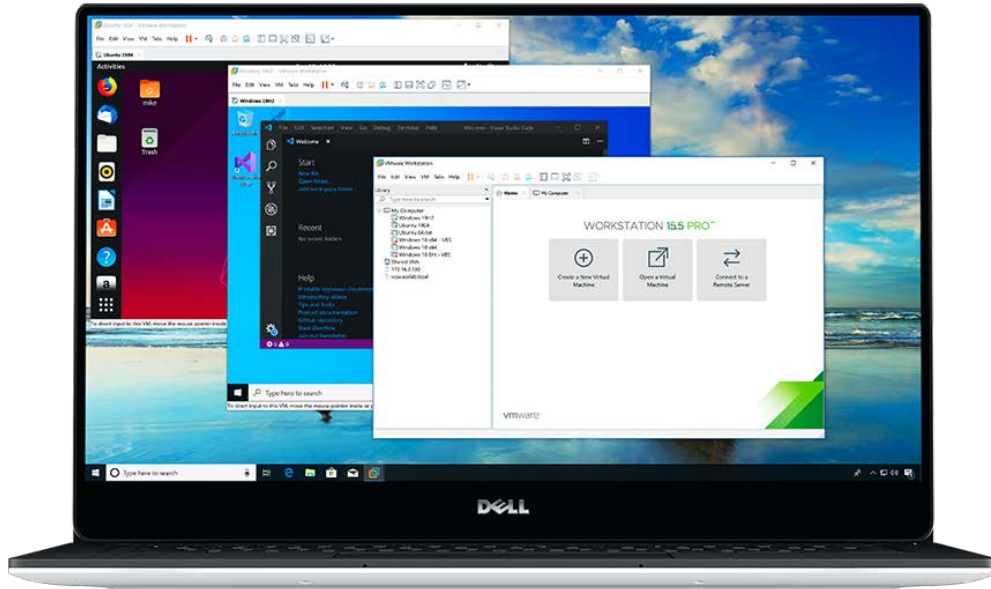
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// the setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board  
void setup() {  
  // initialize digital pin LED_BUILTIN as an output.  
  pinMode(LED_BUILTIN, OUTPUT);  
}  
  
// the loop function runs over and over again forever  
void loop() {  
  digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, HIGH); // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)  
  delay(1000); // wait for a second  
  digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, LOW); // turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW  
  delay(1000); // wait for a second  
}
```

If You Do Not Have Embedded Devices

- Virtual machine is a good helper
 - ✓ A **virtual machine**, known as a guest, is created within a computing environment, called a host.



Why Virtual Machine



Virtual Machine

➤ System VM

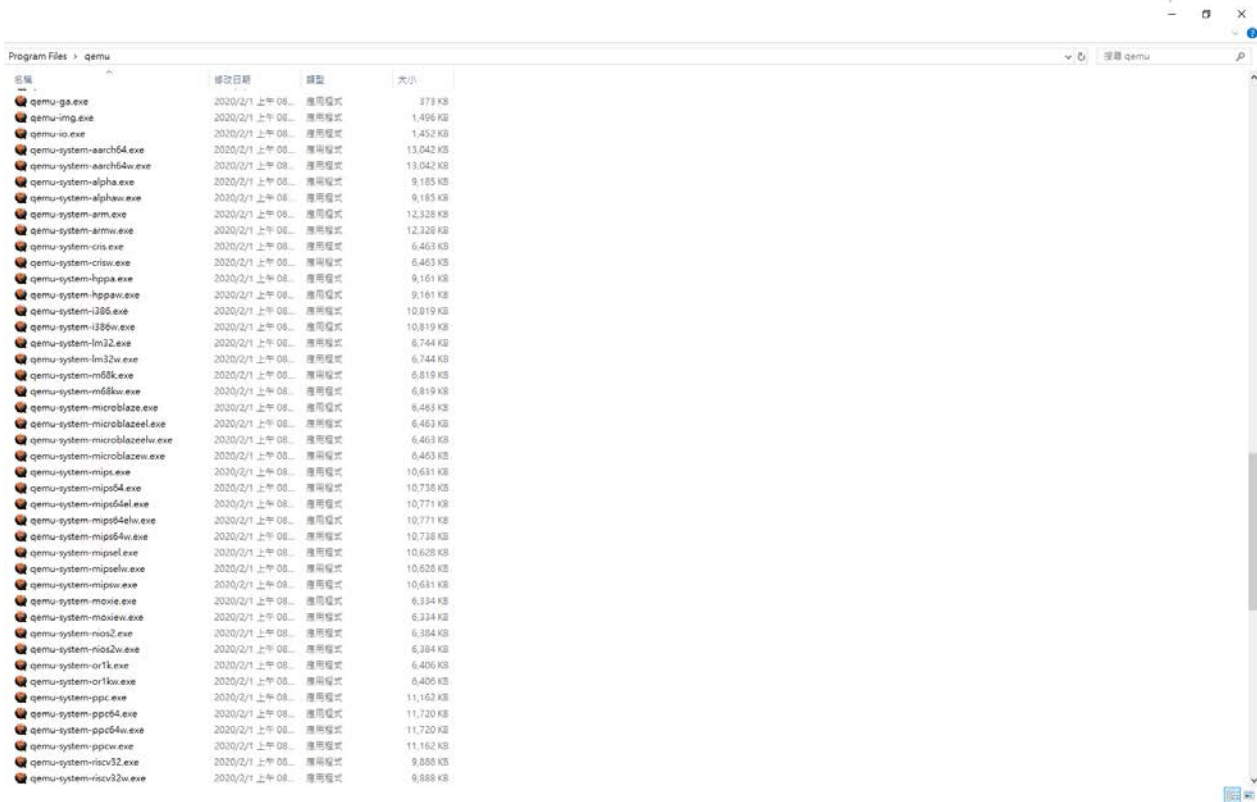
- ✓ Provide an environment for executing an OS.
- ✓ Does hardware virtualization

➤ Process VM

- ✓ Executing a single process

Why QEMU

Only for X86 Platform



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How to Get QEMU

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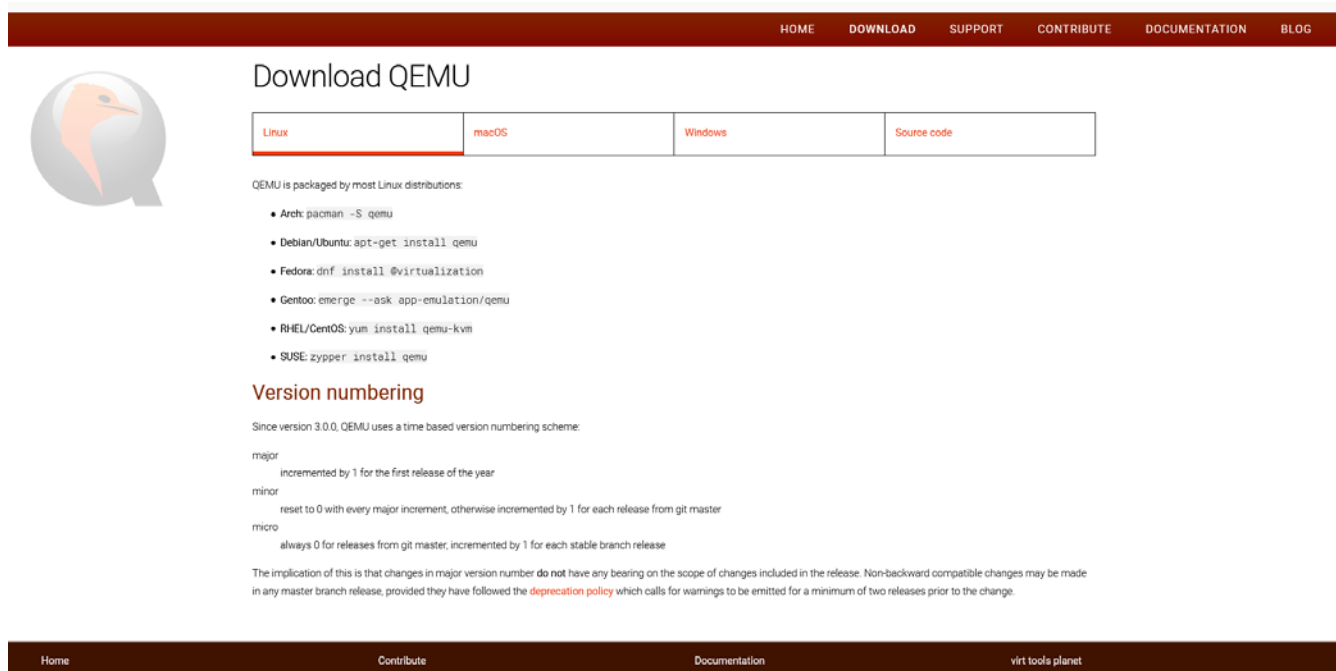
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The screenshot shows the 'Download QEMU' page on the official website. At the top is a dark red navigation bar with links: HOME, DOWNLOAD, SUPPORT, CONTRIBUTE, DOCUMENTATION, and BLOG. On the left is the QEMU logo, a stylized orange bird inside a grey circle. The main heading is 'Download QEMU'. Below it is a table with four tabs: Linux (selected), macOS, Windows, and Source code. The 'Linux' tab is active, showing a list of Linux distributions and their respective package managers and commands. Below this is a section titled 'Version numbering' which explains the versioning scheme (major, minor, micro) and the deprecation policy. At the bottom is a dark red footer bar with links: Home, Contribute, Documentation, and virt tools planet.

Linux	macOS	Windows	Source code
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QEMU is packaged by most Linux distributions:

- Arch: `pacman -S qemu`
- Debian/Ubuntu: `apt-get install qemu`
- Fedora: `dnf install @virtualization`
- Gentoo: `emerge --ask app-emulation/qemu`
- RHEL/CentOS: `yum install qemu-kvm`
- SUSE: `zypper install qemu`

Version numbering

Since version 3.0.0, QEMU uses a time based version numbering scheme:

- major
incremented by 1 for the first release of the year
- minor
reset to 0 with every major increment, otherwise incremented by 1 for each release from git master
- micro
always 0 for releases from git master, incremented by 1 for each stable branch release

The implication of this is that changes in major version number **do not** have any bearing on the scope of changes included in the release. Non-backward compatible changes may be made in any master branch release, provided they have followed the **deprecation policy** which calls for warnings to be emitted for a minimum of two releases prior to the change.

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Using QEMU for Embedded Systems

➤ Thank to the QEMU developers

✓ Compiling QEMU for ARM

```
$ tar -zxvf qemu-0.14.0.tar.gz  
$ cd qemu-0.14.0  
$ ./configure --target-list=arm-softmmu  
$ make  
$ su  
# make install
```

✓ You will have two output binaries: `qemu-arm` and `qemu-system-arm`

- `qemu-arm` is for ARM binary file execution
- `qemu-system-arm` is to boot the ARM OS

✓ Get ARM tool-chain from [here](#)

✓ Refer to this [website](#) for more...

Summary

- In this lecture, we learn ...
 - ✓ The definition of embedded O.S.
 - ✓ Some real-time scheduling methods
 - ✓ The system architecture of embedded O.S.
 - ✓ A brief introduction to Android system
 - ✓ How to get started with embedded system