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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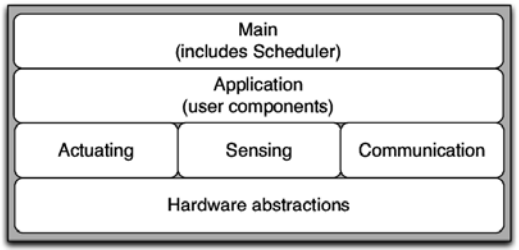

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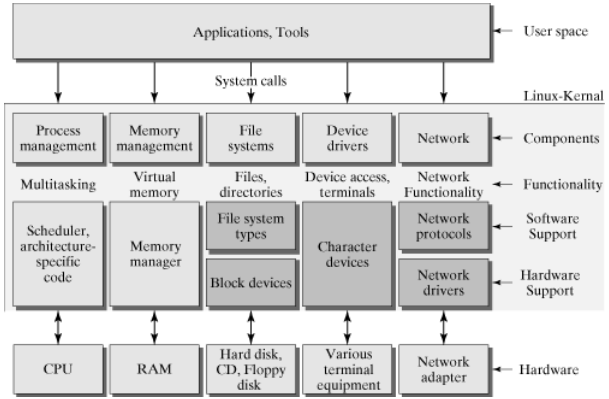

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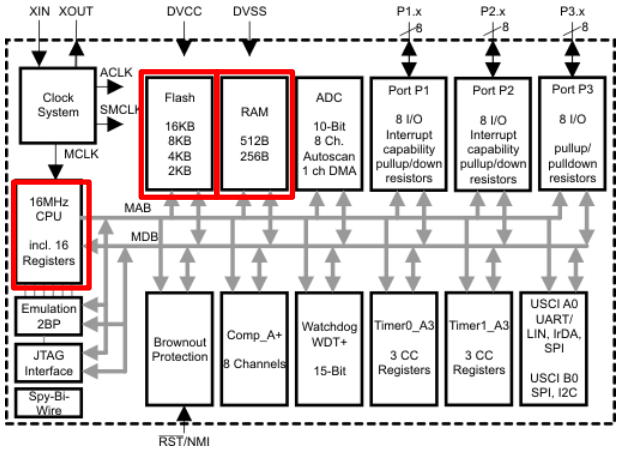

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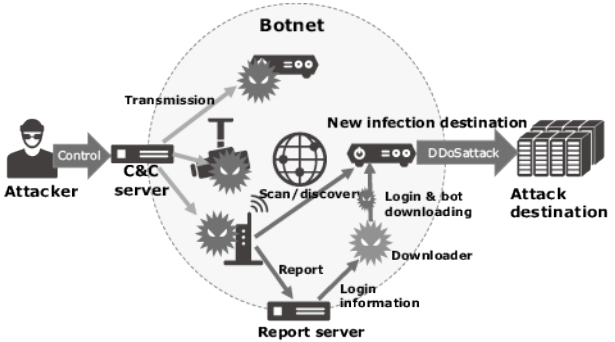

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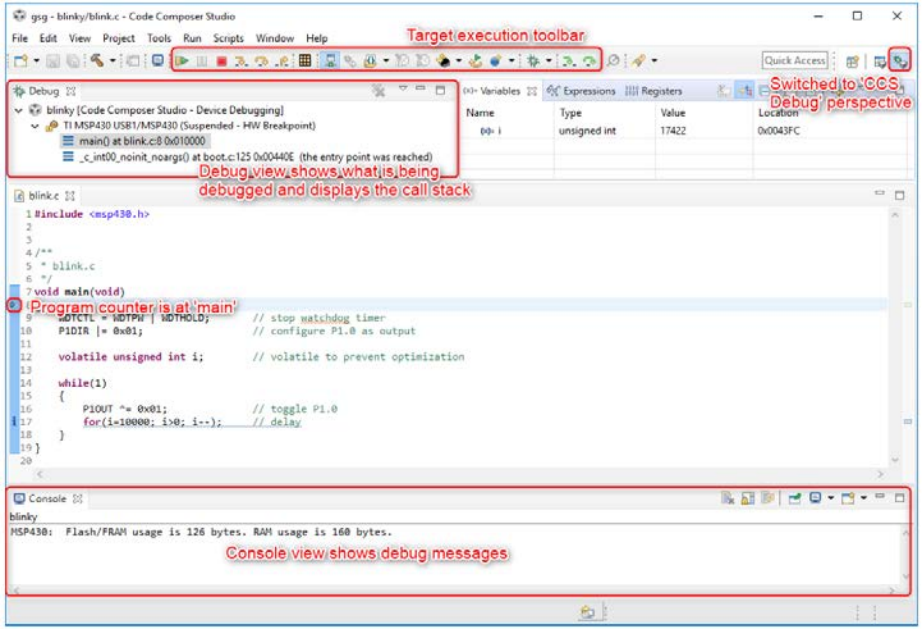

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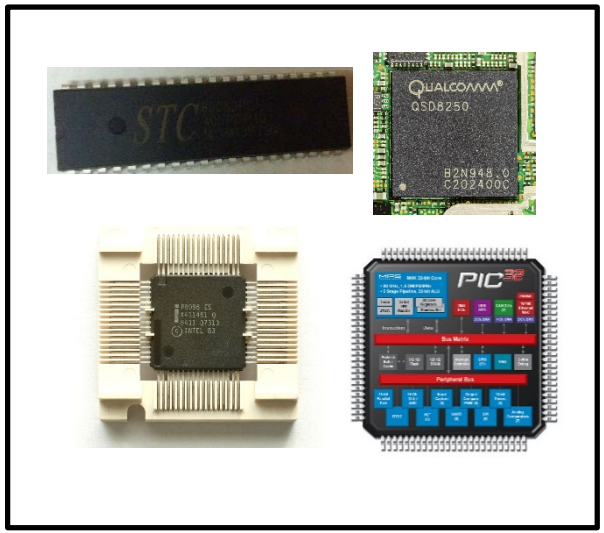

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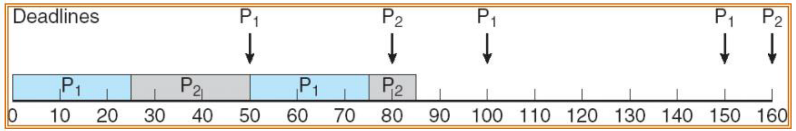

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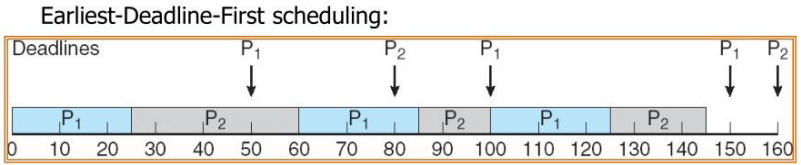

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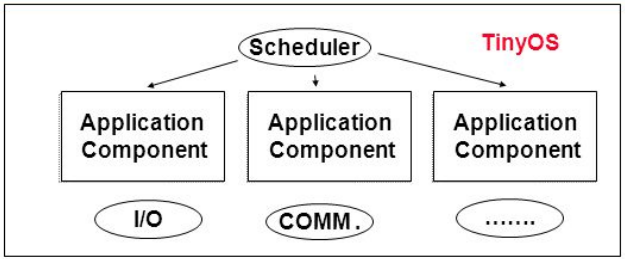

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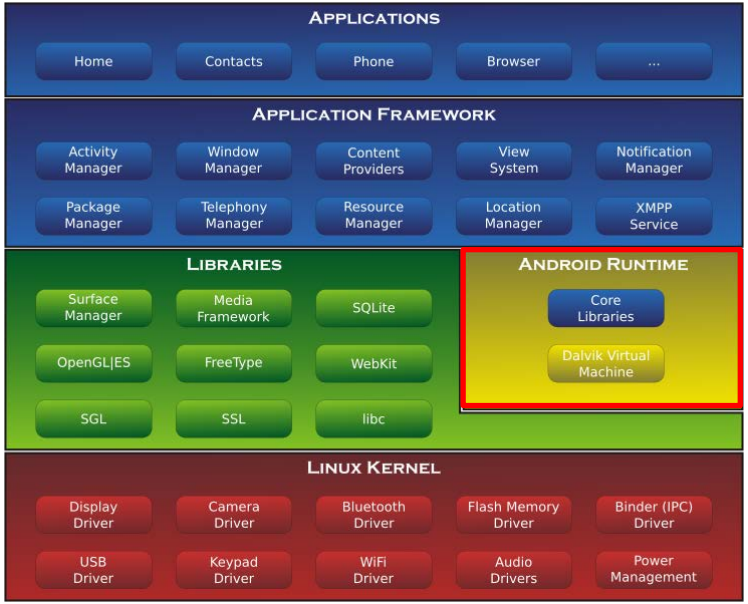

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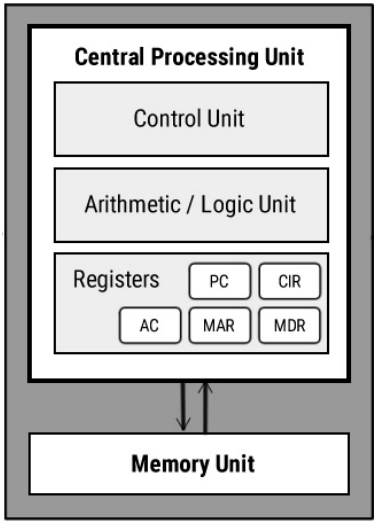

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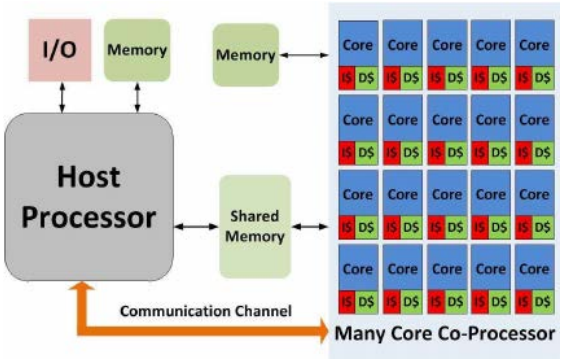

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Developing an Embedded O.S.

- 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

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- But for embedded system?
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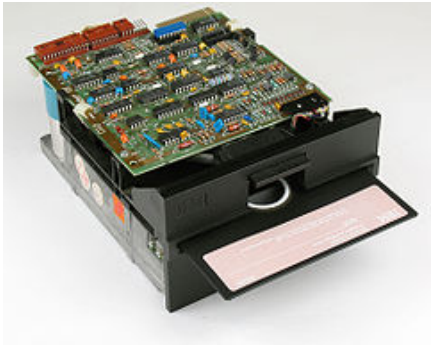
Embedded Windows

- 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]

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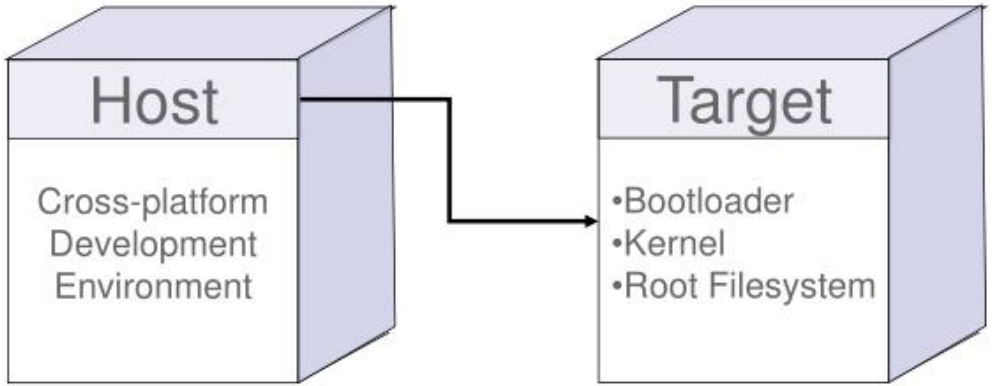
    - An embedded system running the Linux kernel
    - Userspace tools & configuration likely to be very different from desktop (uClibc instead of glibc, BusyBox instead of coreutils, etc.)

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

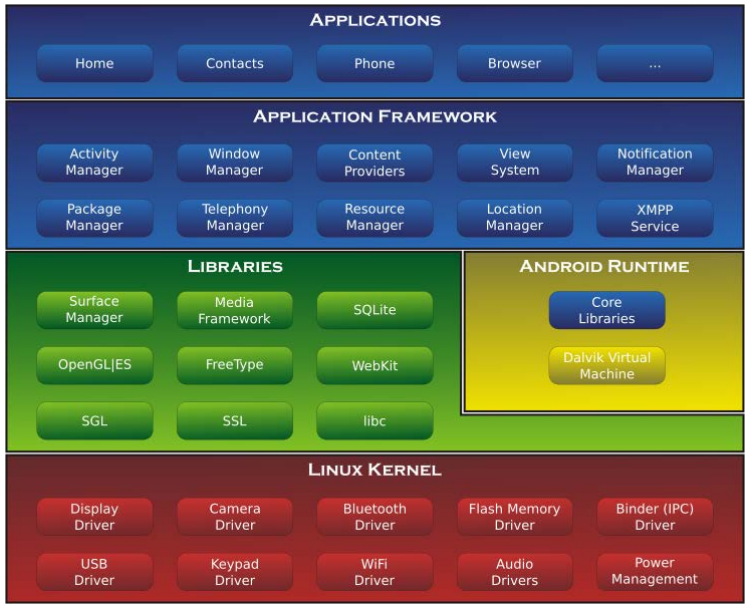


Advantages of Embedded Linux System

- 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.

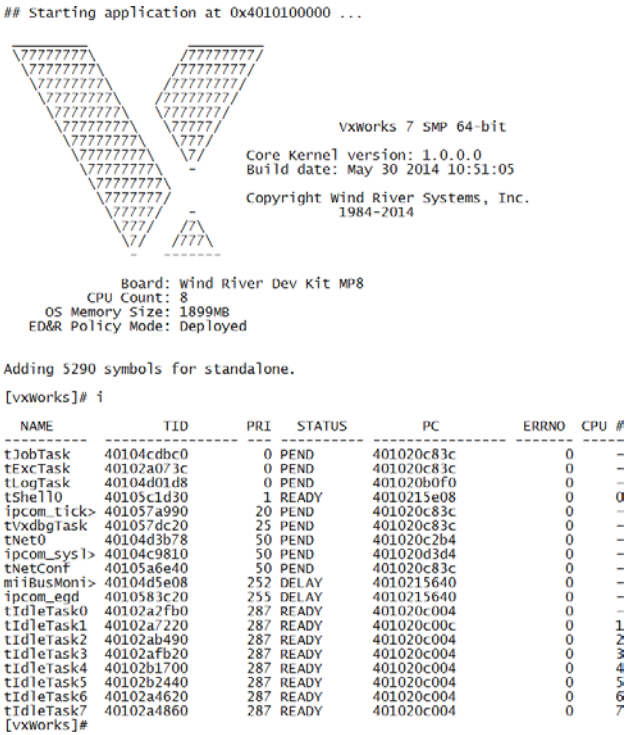


Purpose-Built Embedded O.S.

- 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

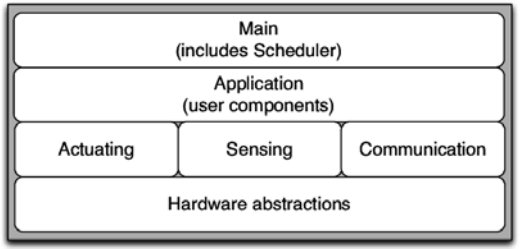
Other Embedded O.S.

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



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



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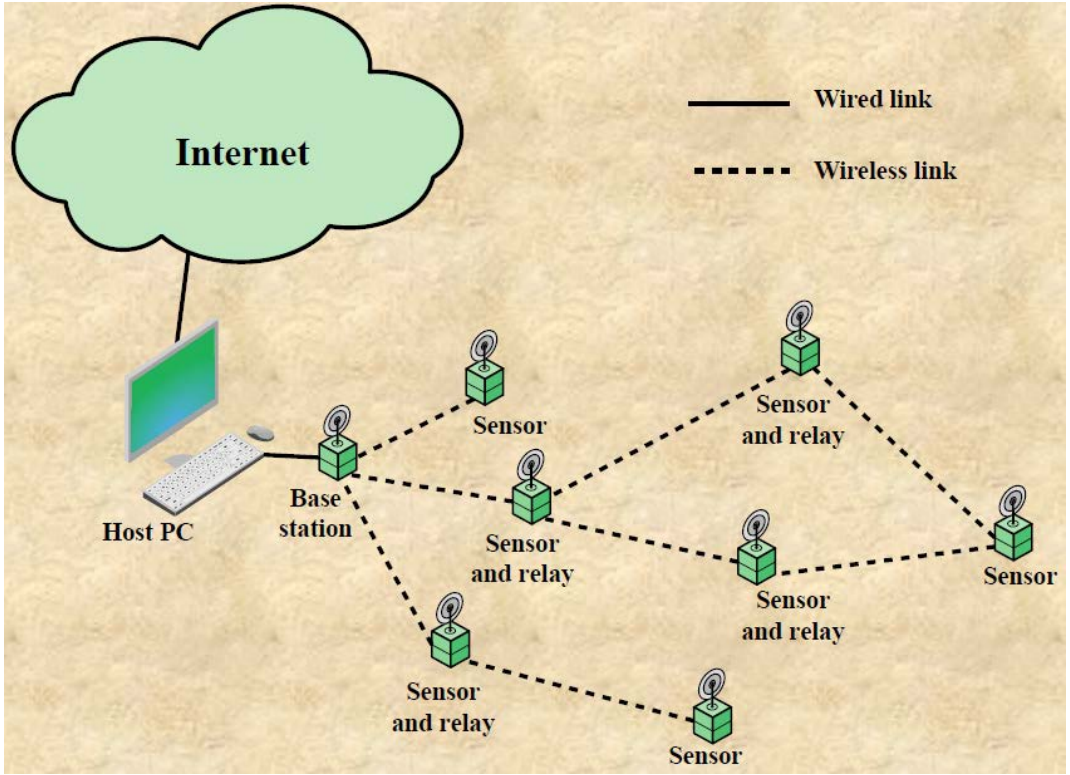
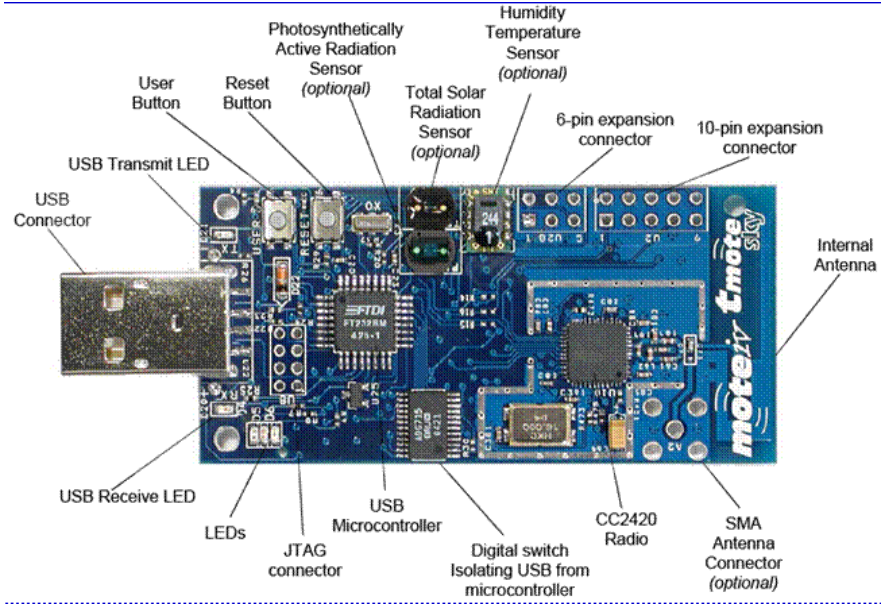


Embedded Platform for TinyO.S.

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



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Arduino Platform

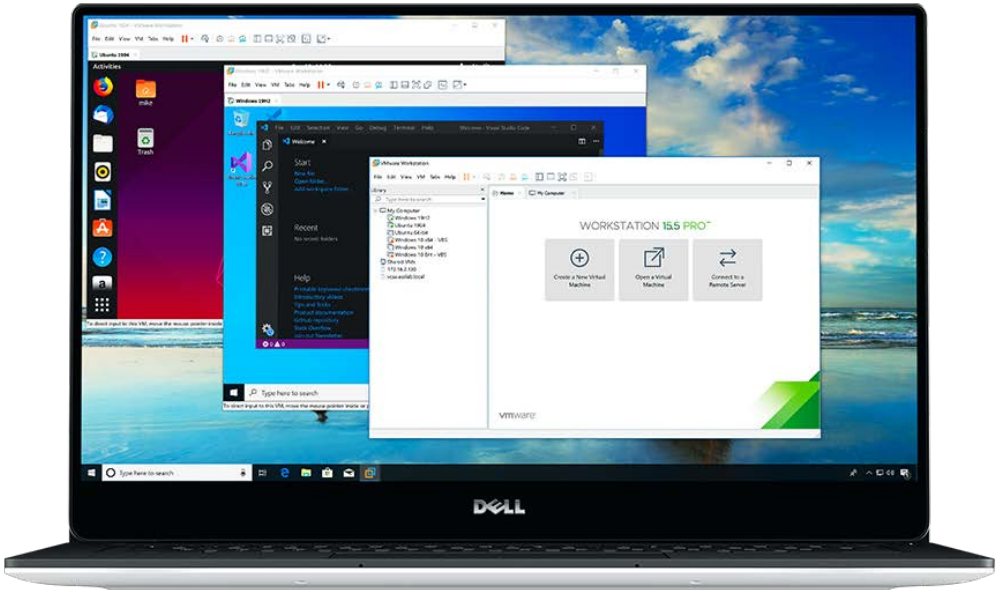
- Arduino R3 UNO
  - ✓ Microcontroller : ATmega328p (20 MIPS at 20MHz)
  - ✓ Operating Voltage : 5V
  - ✓ Input Voltage (recommended) : 7-12V
  - ✓ Input Voltage (limits) : 6-20V
  - ✓ Digital I/O Pins : 14
  - ✓ Analog Input Pins : 6
  - ✓ Flash Memory : 32 KB (ATmega328) of which 0.5 KB used by bootloader SRAM 2 KB (ATmega328)
  - ✓ EEPROM : 1 KB (ATmega328)
  - ✓ Development tool: https://www.arduino.cc/en/main/software

Arduino Development Env.

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



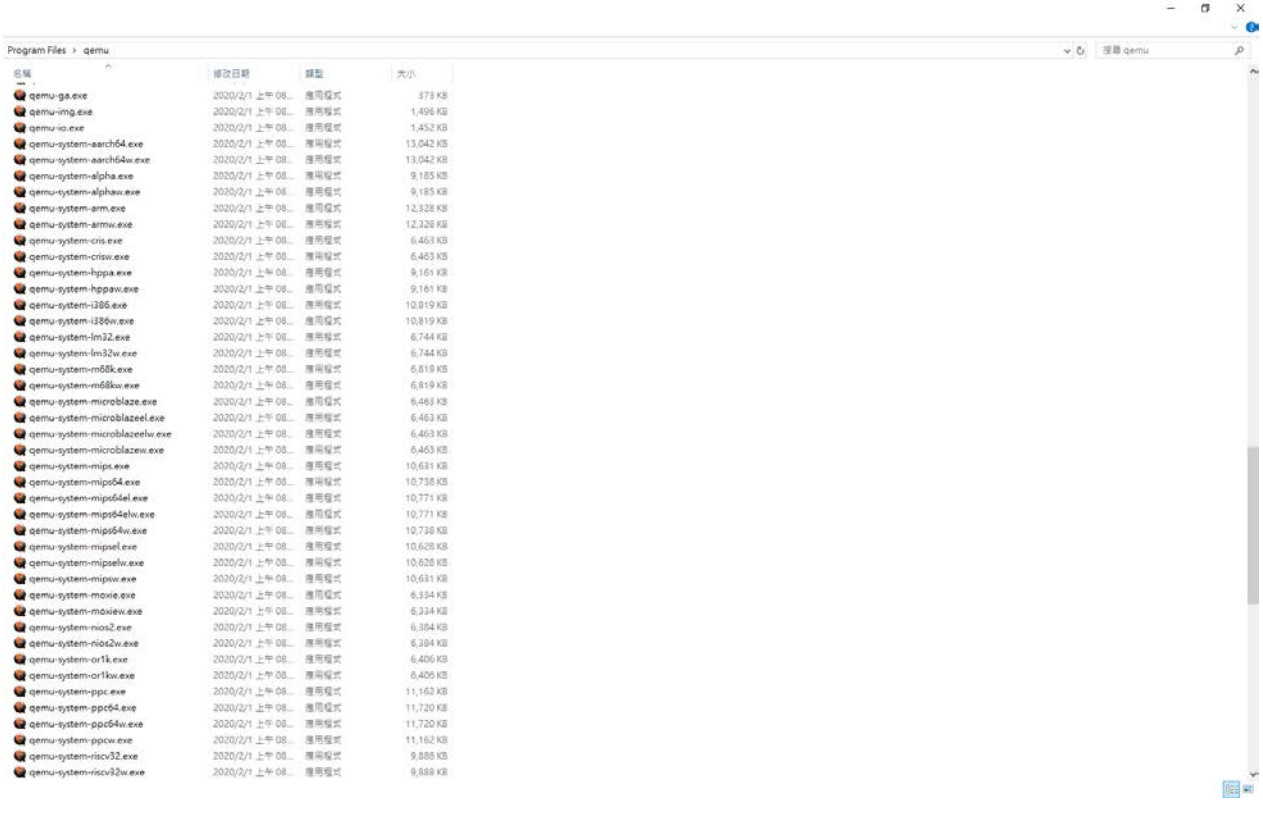
Virtual Machine

- 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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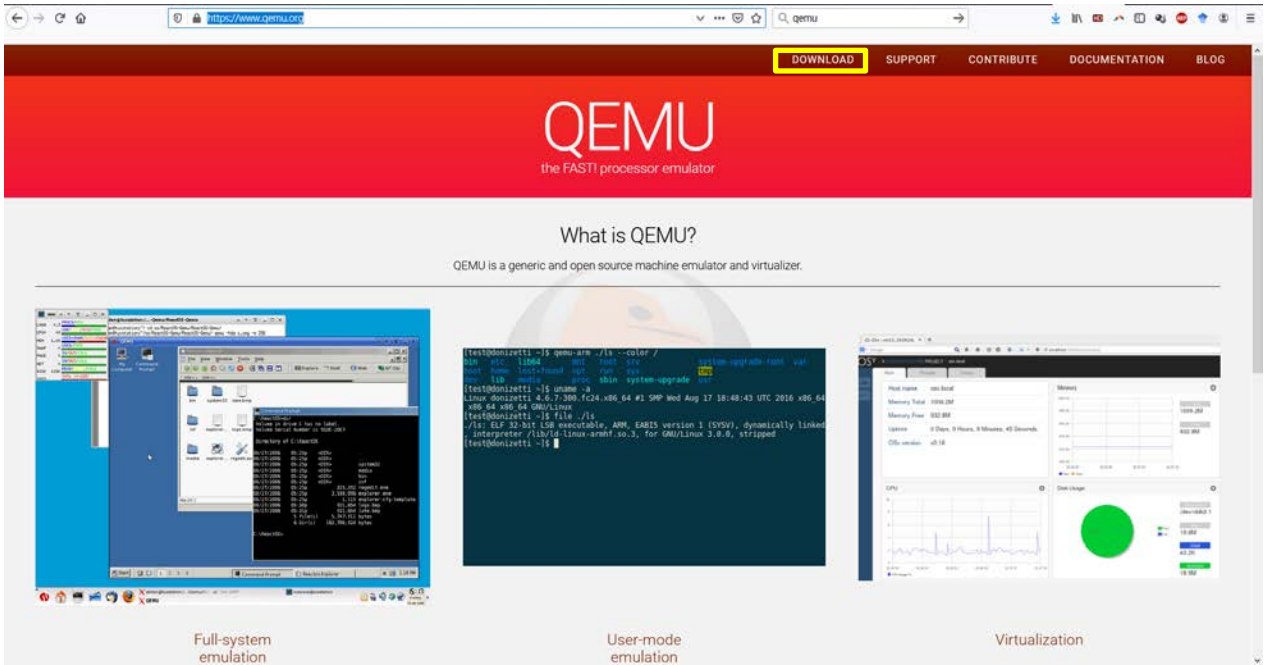

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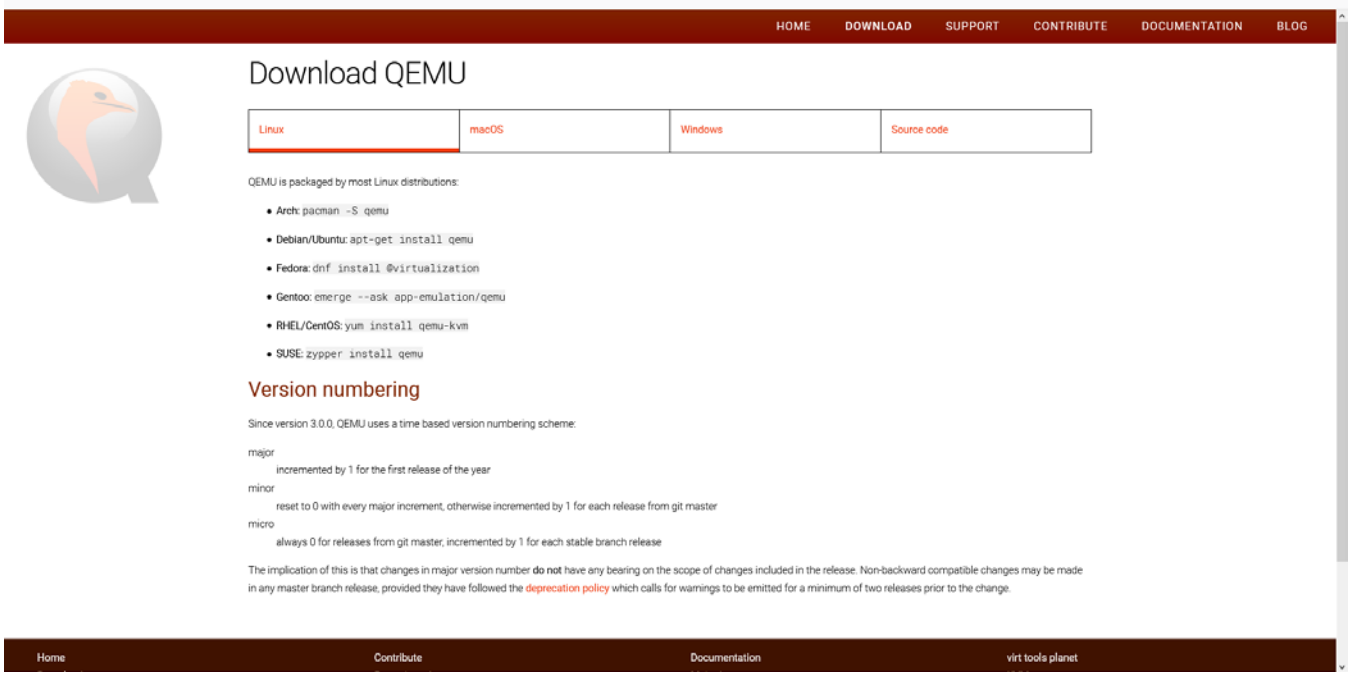

Using QEMU for Embedded Systems

- 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