

# Introduction to Embedded Linux and the Yocto Project

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# Agenda



- What is an Embedded System?
- What is Linux and how is Yocto different?
- What is Architech in relation to Yocto
- What is the Architech SDK?



# What is an Embedded System?



- Computer system designed for specific control functions within a larger system
- Some also have <u>real-time</u> performance, others may have low or no performance requirements, allowing the system hardware to be simplified to reduce costs.
- The Processing core can be an either a microcontroller, a microprocessor, an FPGA or a DSP
- Tendency to reduce size and cost whilst increasing reliability and performance
- Complexity varies from using single controller chip to the use of multiple units and peripherals

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Embedded\_system



# **Enter the Embedded OS World**



## The new challenges







# **Complexity**



# Linux



#### What is a 'Linux Distribution'?





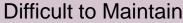
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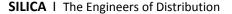


Multiple Development Tools



Support Diffici





slackware



# One platform



#### Don't re-invent the wheel

- Creating one platform for Linux Development can sound a daunting task...
  - ...but luckily we are not alone





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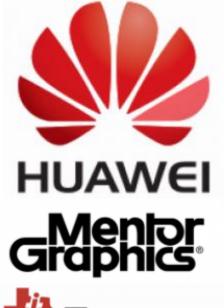


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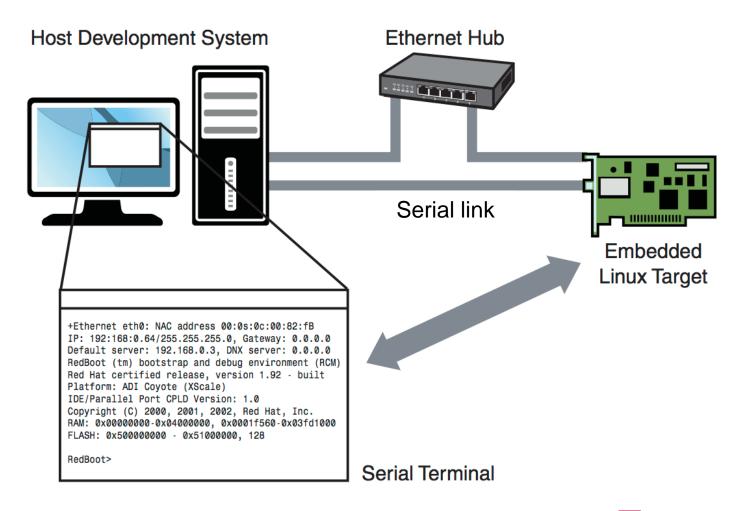




# How do I develop with Linux?



#### **Anatomy of Embedded Linux Development System**





## Yocto



#### What is it?

- It's not an embedded Linux distribution it creates a custom one for you
- The Yocto Project is an open source collaboration project that provides templates, tools and methods to help you create custom Linux-based systems for embedded products regardless of the hardware architecture.
- Based on OpenEmbedded
- Who is behind it?
  - Linux Foundation
  - Sponsored by companies like Intel, Texas Instruments, Freescale and many others
  - > Silica is a Yocto Project Participant
- Provides a highly flexible, yet complex way to build a custom distribution
- Provides SDK tools (Eclipse plugin)
- Provides GUI tools to hide complexity to end user HOB
- http://www.yoctoproject.org





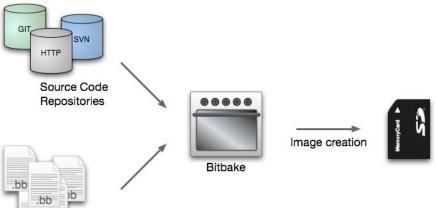
# What is the Yocto Project™?



#### www.yoctoproject.org

- Consists of several separate projects :
  - > Bitbake : Build engine parses metadata and runs tasks
  - OpenEmbedded Core : core metadata and build information to build baseline embedded systems
  - Poky : Yocto example distribution which integrates all the required pieces and makes an official release

➤ **Hob**: GUI tool to select packages to build and easily create custom image





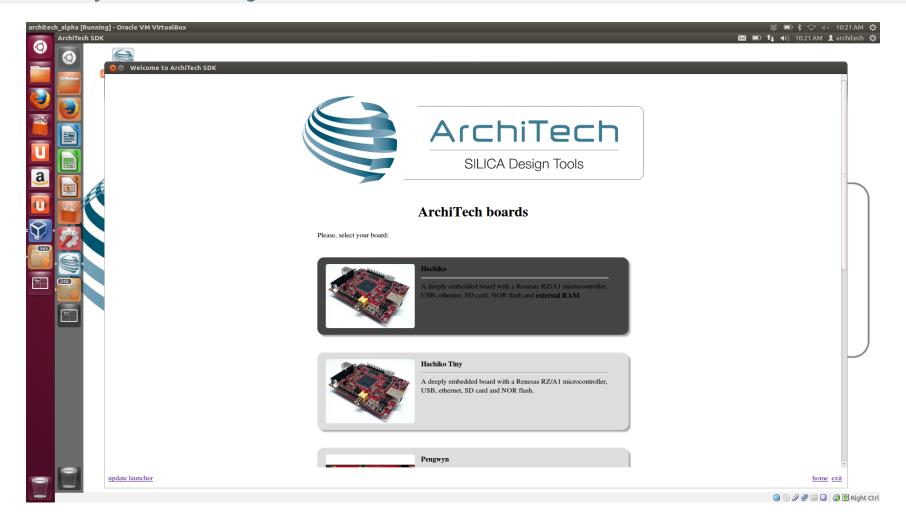
PROJECTS
Poky
Cross-Prelink
Eclipse IDE Plug-in
Openembedded Core
Pseudo
Swabber
AutoBuilder
Application Development Toolkit (ADT)
Hob
EGLIBC
Build Appliance



## **Yocto & Architech**



## Select your basic configuration





## ArchiTech Yocto SDK



#### ...delivering so much more than just a development board

- Yocto HOB tool included
  - > GUI tool to configure build and manage package selection
- Eclipse S/W Development IDE included
  - Pre-configured eliminates complicated setup
  - Start application development immediately



- Architech Linux Distribution and BSPs 'Open Source' and freely available
  - Take our BSP layer and make simple modifications for your own custom board
- ArchiTech SDK one common development flow across all boards
  - Learn only one tool not vendor specific



# **ArchiTech support**



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- Super low cost community boards can you risk your project deadline?
  - Supported only by user forums
  - Hours wasted waiting for answers that may never arrive
  - Nobody to call when you are really up against it
- ArchiTech boards and Yocto SDK supported by SILICA
  - Extensive team of Field Apps Engineers
  - SILICA Software Enablement Team
- Choosing ArchiTech gives you the re-assurance that if you hit problems there is someone there to help you
- First class support helping you meet your project deadline

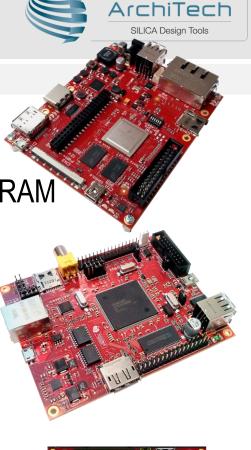


## A few ArchiTech Boards

- Freescale i.MX 6Quad ARM Cortex A9
- Renesas RZ/A1-H A9 featuring 10 MByte internal SRAM
- Texas Instruments AM 3354- ARM Cortex A8
- •Xilinx Zynq-7000 EPP XC7Z020-1CLG484C
- •And more.....









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- ArchiTech Yocto training classes all across Europe now
- For more information go to <u>www.architechboards.org/yocto</u>
- See our table for demo's and more information

