The Art of counting potatoes (with Linux)

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Latest Linux Milestones

Agenda

- Initial Questions
 - Why?
 - O How?
 - O Who?
- Potato Grader
 - DSP
 - FPGA
 - GPU
- Conclusions
- Open Discussion

Why Potatoes?

368M tons per year [1].

Price per kg: 0.104 € [2].

Kg per capita [3]:

Europe: 88

World: 31

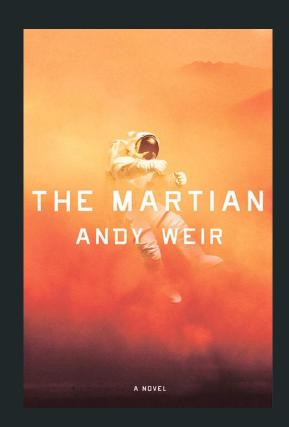


[2] Potato Weekly (yes this exists....) 19/01/2015

[3] International Year of the potato 2008 (I do not make up the names)



Why Potatoes?



Why Grade them?





Why Grade them?

Delirium

Hypothermia

Diarrhea

Paralysis

Dilated pupils

Shock

Fever

Slow pulse

Hallucinations

Slowed breathing

Headache

Abdominal pain

Loss of sensation

Vision changes

Vomiting

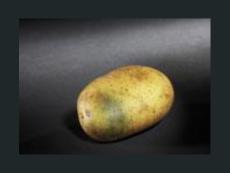
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Solanine



Conclusion: Eat chocolate, not potatoes

Why Grade them?



Green Spot



Grey Damage Qtec.com



Black Spot



Rot



Scurf



Fresh Cut



Golf Ball



Potato Fruit

3 reasons:



3 reasons:

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3 reasons:



3 reasons:

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How?

How?





How it is done? Computer Vision 101



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How it is done? Potatoes



Who?

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Potato Grader

Potato Grader: Initial Approach

- Noise
- Latency
- Framerate
- Low level sensor access







Potato Grader: Industrial Smart Cameras

- Black Box
- Limited selection sensors
- Closed source image processing software





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2002



























- Barebone application
 - updates?
 - multitask?
- Expensive
- Complicated









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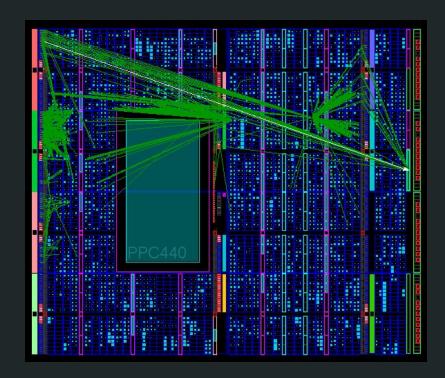




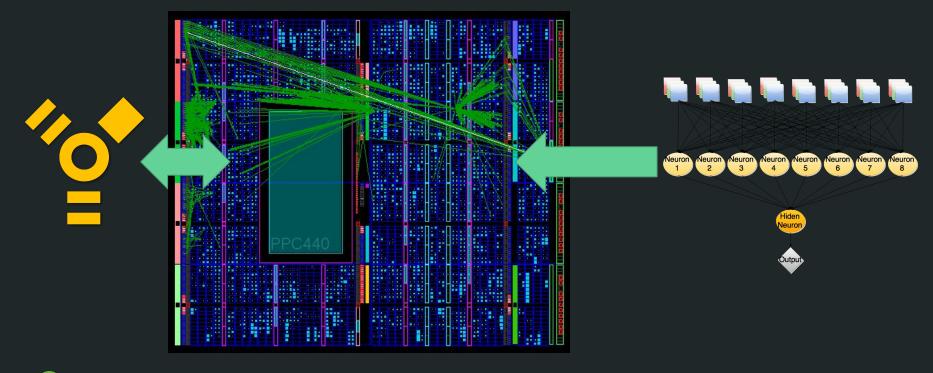




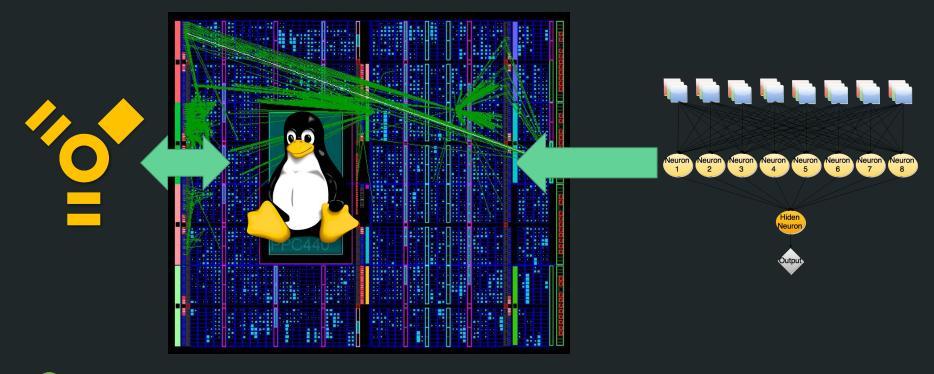






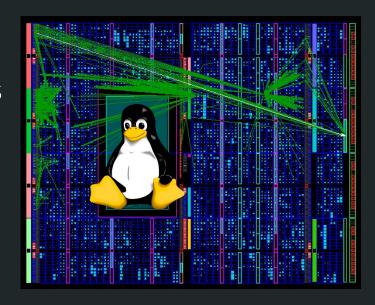








- Linux From Scratch
- (Very) Low Latency Requirements
 - All code in kernel-space
- Difficult to debug
- Difficult to update
- Difficult to replicate





2009













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- Hardware
 - Modularity
 - Low access to Sensor
- Software
 - Build System
 - Userland





Use case: U-boot

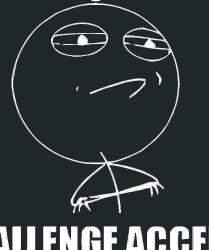
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CHALLENGE ACCEPTED



Use case: U-boot

- Bigger challenge than expected
 - Need to allocate time
 - CodeStyle matters
- Great Benefit
 - Support



Lesson Learned

Remember you need to make this trivial to review in order to get it accepted.

You have to do extra work because of this: our limited resource is reviewers and maintainers, not developers.

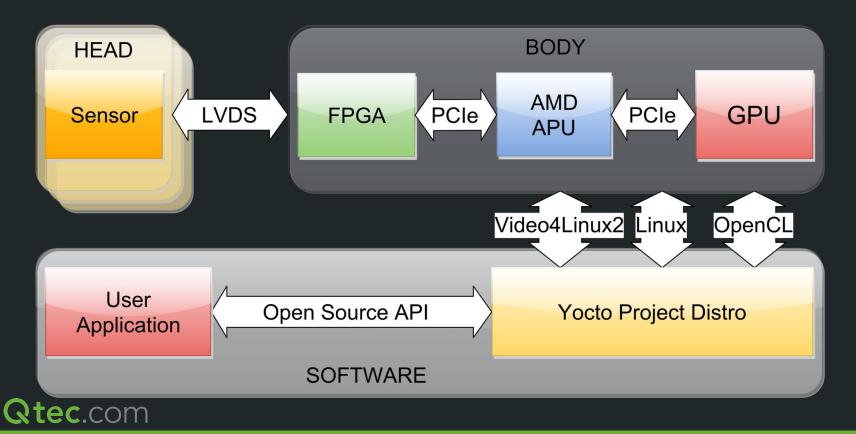
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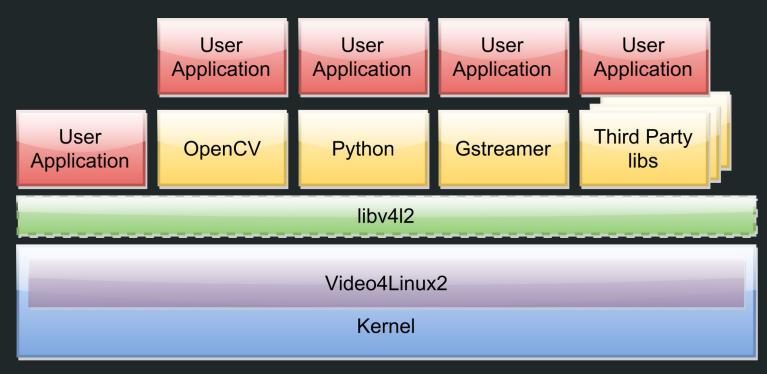


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The Epiphany





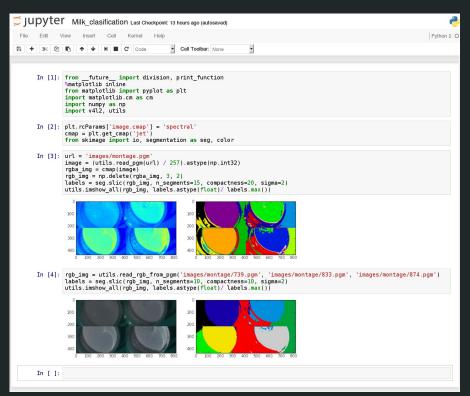


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Why Standard interfaces?

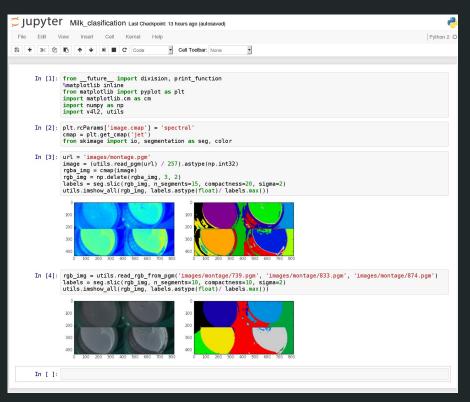
- Pre documented code :)
- Validation Tools
- Easy to get help in work peaks





IP[y]: Notebook



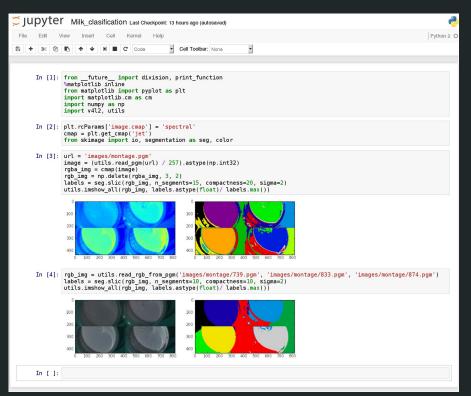






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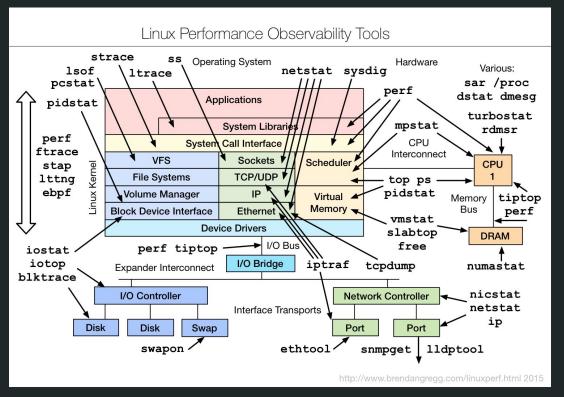


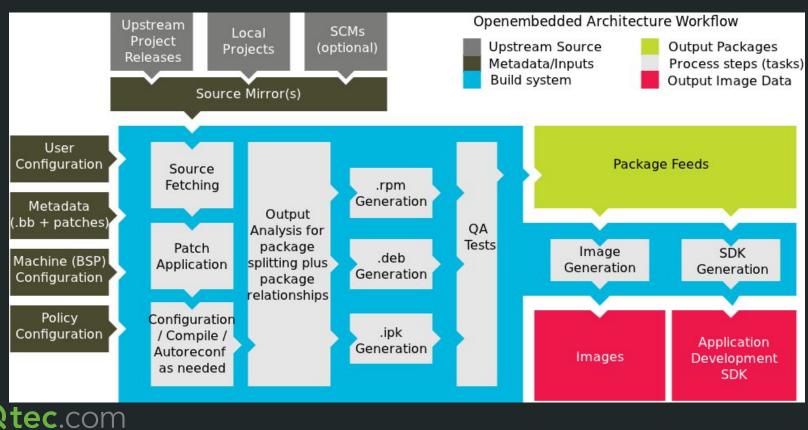
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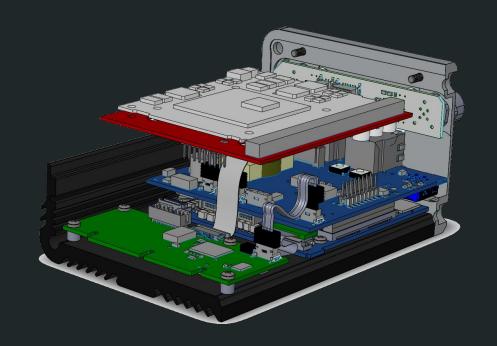








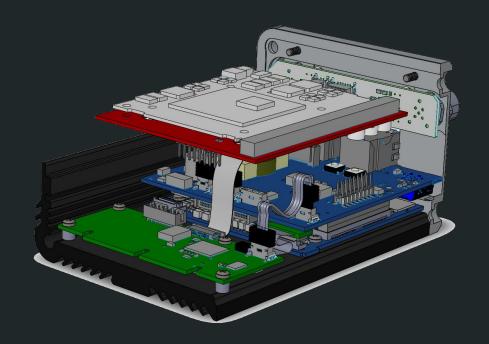
- Two track Strategy
 - Open Source
 - Upstream





Why Upstream?

- Support [1]
- Training experience
- Code Review
- Distro Independent!



[1] Kernel Newbies Autoresponder:

What changes are you making to the kernel that you are sticking with such an old version (X.Y is Z years old now, and over KKK thousand changes have happened to the kernel since then)?



Use case: Kernel

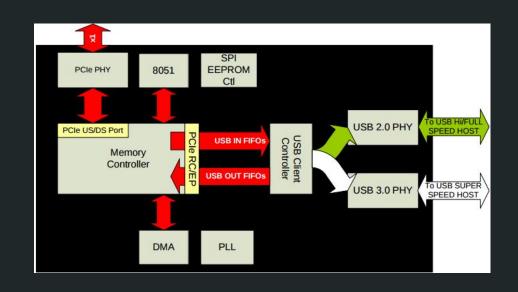
- Great Community
- Infinite Patience
- Port to last version under 2 hours!!





Use case: USB Gadget 3380

- Upstream driver
- Access to engineers from:
 - Samsung
 - Texas Instruments
 - Intel





Video Demo



Today

Qtechnology Contributions

- **Linux Kernel:** 172 patches. Including a 9+ year old bugfix.
- **U-boot:** 25 patches. Maintainers of Virtex PowerPC boards.
- **Yocto project:** 17 patches. Supporting organization of the project.
- v4l-utils/libv4l2: 7 patches.
- **Gstreamer:** 1 patch accepted. CHECK OUT GSTREAMER CONFERENCE.
- **Flashrom:** Support for the first board with EEprom memory.
- **Gerbil:** 2 patches.
- **Clpeak:** 2 patches.





More Machines







Batch analyzer

Checkweigher

Spectral Camera

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Conclusions

- Upstreaming is extremely beneficial.
 - Even for Small Companies!
 - But Allocate resources!
- Use standard Interfaces
- DO NOT reinvent the wheel
- 1st Portability2nd Performance

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