

Cross-platform development workspace:

bootldr: target bootloader (s)
 build-tools: toolchain build packages and sources
 debug: debugging tools
 doc: project documentation
 images: binary images ready to be used on target
 kernel: sources and build directories for target kernels
 project: your own custom code for the target
 rootfs: root filesystem as seen on the target
 sysapps: sources for target's system applications
 tmp: temporary data and experiments
 tools: toolchain and all other tools required to build software for the target.

Workspace script:

```
export PROJECT=example-sys
export PRJROOT=/home/karim/${PROJECT}
export TARGET=powerpc-linux
export PREFIX=${PRJROOT}/tools
export TARGET_PREFIX=${PREFIX}/${TARGET}
export PATH=${PREFIX}/bin:${PATH}
cd $PRJROOT
```

To use this script:

```
$ . devex
```

GNU toolchain version combinations:

<http://www.embeddedtux.org/gnu-tools.html>

Creating GNU toolchain components directory:

```
$ cd ${PRJROOT}/build-tools
$ mkdir build-binutils build-boot-gcc \
> build-glibc build-gcc
```

Installing kernel headers:

```
$ cd ${PRJROOT}/kernel
$ tar xvjf linux-2.4.20.tar.bz2
$ cd linux-2.4.20
$ make ARCH=ppc CROSS_COMPILE=powerpc-linux- \
> menuconfig
$ mkdir -p ${TARGET_PREFIX}/include
$ cp -r include/linux/ \
> ${TARGET_PREFIX}/include
$ cp -r include/asm-ppc/ \
> ${TARGET_PREFIX}/include/asm
$ cp -r include/asm-generic/ \
> ${TARGET_PREFIX}/include
```

Building and installing binutils:

```
$ cd ${PRJROOT}/build-tools
$ tar xvzf binutils-2.11.2.tar.gz
$ cd build-binutils
$ ./binutils-2.11.2/configure \
> --target=$TARGET --prefix=${PREFIX}
$ make
$ make install
```

Bootstrap compiler setup:

```
$ cd ${PRJROOT}/build-tools
$ tar xvzf gcc-2.95.3.tar.gz
$ cd build-boot-gcc
$ ./gcc-2.95.3/configure --target=$TARGET \
> --prefix=${PREFIX} --without-headers \
> --with-newlib --enable-languages=c
$ make all-gcc
$ make install-gcc
```

C library setup:

```
$ cd ${PRJROOT}/build-tools
$ tar xvzf glibc-2.2.1.tar.gz
$ tar -xvzf glibc-linuxthreads-2.2.1.tar.gz \
> --directory=glibc-2.2.1
$ cd build-glibc
$ CC=powerpc-linux-gcc \
> ./glibc-2.2.1/configure \
> --host=$TARGET --prefix="/usr" \
> --enable-add-ons \
> --with-headers=${TARGET_PREFIX}/include
$ make
$ make install_root=${TARGET_PREFIX} \
> prefix="" install
```

Link script: \${TARGET_PREFIX}/lib/libc.so:

```
/* GNU ld script
   Use the shared library, but some functions are only in
   the static library, so try that secondarily. */
GROUP ( /lib/libc.so.6 /lib/libc_nonshared.a )
```

Remove the “/lib”**Full compiler setup:**

```
$ cd ${PRJROOT}/build-tools/build-gcc
$ ./gcc-2.95.3/configure --target=$TARGET \
> --prefix=${PREFIX} --enable-languages=c,c++
$ make all
$ make install
```

uClibc configure, build, and install:

```
$ cd ${PRJROOT}/build-tools/uClibc-0.9.19
$ make CROSS=powerpc-linux- menuconfig
$ make CROSS=powerpc-linux-
$ make CROSS=powerpc-linux- PREFIX="" install
```

uClibc configuration:

Linux kernel header location
 \${PRJROOT}/kernel/linux-2.4.20

Shared library loader path
 /lib

uClibc development environment directory
 \${PRJROOT}/tools/uclibc

uClibc development environment system directory
 \$(DEVEL_PREFIX)

uClibc development environment tool directory
 \$(DEVEL_PREFIX)

Kernel configure:

```
$ make ARCH=ppc CROSS_COMPILE=powerpc-linux- menuconfig
$ make ARCH=ppc CROSS_COMPILE=powerpc-linux- oldconfig
$ make ARCH=ppc CROSS_COMPILE=powerpc-linux- xconfig
$ make ARCH=ppc CROSS_COMPILE=powerpc-linux- config
```

Kernel build and install:

```
$ make ARCH=ppc CROSS_COMPILE=powerpc-linux- clean dep
$ make ARCH=ppc CROSS_COMPILE=powerpc-linux- zImage
$ make ARCH=ppc CROSS_COMPILE=powerpc-linux- modules
$ cp arch/ppc/boot/images/vmlinux.gz \
> ${PRJROOT}/images/vmlinux-2.4.20.gz
$ cp System.map ${PRJROOT}/images/system.map-2.4.20
$ cp vmlinux ${PRJROOT}/images/vmlinux-2.4.20
$ cp .config ${PRJROOT}/images/2.4.20.config
$ make ARCH=ppc CROSS_COMPILE=powerpc-linux- \
> INSTALL_MOD_PATH=${PRJROOT}/images/modules-2.4.20 \
> modules_install
$ depmod.pl -k ./vmlinux -F ./System.map \
> -b ${PRJROOT}/images/modules-2.4.20/lib/modules > \
> ${PRJROOT}/images/modules-2.4.20/lib/modules/modules.dep
```

Root Filesystem Hierarchy:

/bin	⇒	Essential user binaries
/boot	⇒	Bootloader and kernel images
/dev	⇒	Device files
/etc	⇒	System configuration
/home	⇒	User home directories
/lib	⇒	Essential shared libs + kernel modules
/mnt	⇒	Temporary mount point
/opt	⇒	Add-on software packages
/sbin	⇒	Essential system binaries
/tmp	⇒	Temporary files
/usr	⇒	Secondary hierarchy (mostly user apps)
/var	⇒	Variable data generated by daemons

Creating root directories:

```
$ cd ${PRJROOT}/rootfs
$ mkdir bin dev etc lib proc sbin tmp usr var
$ chmod 1777 tmp
$ mkdir usr/bin usr/lib usr/sbin
$ mkdir var/lib var/lock var/log var/run \
> var/tmp
$ chmod 1777 var/tmp
```

Copying glibc libraries to target rootfs:

```
$ cd ${TARGET_PREFIX}/lib
$ cp *-*.so ${PRJROOT}/rootfs/lib
$ cp -d *.so.[*0-9] ${PRJROOT}/rootfs/lib
$ cp libSegFault.so libmemusage.so \
> libppcprocfile.so ${PRJROOT}/rootfs/lib
$ powerpc-linux-strip \
> ${PRJROOT}/rootfs/lib/*.so
```

Copying uClibc libraries to target rootfs:

```
$ cd ${PREFIX}/uclibc/lib
$ cp *-*.so ${PRJROOT}/rootfs/lib
$ cp -d *.so.[*0-9] ${PRJROOT}/rootfs/lib
```

Copying kernel modules:

```
$ cp -a ${PRJROOT}/images/modules-2.4.20/* \
> ${PRJROOT}/rootfs
```

Creating device files:

```
$ cd ${PRJROOT}/rootfs/dev
$ su -m
Password:
# mknod -m 600 mem c 1 1
# mknod -m 666 null c 1 3
# mknod -m 666 zero c 1 5
# mknod -m 644 random c 1 8
# mknod -m 600 tty0 c 4 0
# mknod -m 600 tty1 c 4 1
# mknod -m 600 ttyS0 c 4 64
# mknod -m 666 tty c 5 0
# mknod -m 600 console c 5 1
# mknod -m 600 mtd0 c 90 0
# mknod -m 600 mtd1 c 90 2
# mknod -m 600 mtdblock0 b 31 0
# mknod -m 600 mtdblock1 b 31 1
# exit
```

Installing BusyBox:

```
$ cd ${PRJROOT}/sysapps/busybox-0.60.5
$ make TARGET_ARCH=ppc CROSS=powerpc-linux- \
> PREFIX=${PRJROOT}/rootfs all install
```

Sample /etc/inittab:

```
::sysinit:/etc/init.d/rcS
::respawn:/sbin/sh
::respawn:/bin/custom-app
::restart:/sbin/init
::shutdown:/bin/mount -a -r
```

Sample /etc/init.d/rcS:

```
#!/bin/sh
mount -n -o remount,rw /
mount /proc
/sbin/ifconfig eth0 192.168.172.205
```

Sample /etc/fstab:

```
/dev/nfs / nfs defaults
none /proc proc defaults
```

Creating filesystem images:

```
$ cd ${PRJROOT}
$ mkcramfs rootfs/ images/cramfs.img
$ genromfs -d rootfs/ -f images/romfs.img
$ mkfs.jffs2 -r rootfs/ -o images/jffs2.img
```

Creating a filesystem image for use as a RAM disk:

```
$ cd ${PRJROOT}
$ mkdir tmp/initrd
$ dd if=/dev/zero of=images/initrd.img bs=1k count=8192
$ su -m
# /sbin/mke2fs -F -v -m0 images/initrd.img
# mount -o loop images/initrd.img tmp/initrd
# cp -av rootfs/* tmp/initrd
# umount tmp/initrd
# exit
$ gzip -9 < images/initrd.img > images/initrd.bin
```

Writing filesystem image to flash (on target):

```
# eraseall /dev/mtd2
# cat /tmp/initrd.bin > /dev/mtd2
```

Kernel boot parameters:

```

Root device          root=ROOT_DEV
Seconds before reboot on panic panic=NB_SECONDS
init program        init=INIT_PATH
Default console     console=CONSOLE_DEV
Location of NFS server nfsroot=IP:DIR
Mount rootfs as read-only ro
Mount rootfs as read-write rw
Change default RAM disk size ramdisk_size=SIZE

```

Sample /etc/dhcpd.conf:

```

ddns-update-style ad-hoc;
subnet 192.168.172.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 {
option routers 192.168.172.222;
option subnet-mask 255.255.255.0;
host example-sys {
hardware ethernet 00:CF:78:44:AB:9E;
fixed-address 192.168.172.205;
option host-name "example-sys";
next-server 192.168.172.222;
filename "/home/karim/example-sys/images/vmlinux-2.4.20.img";
option root-path "/home/karim/example-sys/rootfs";
}}

```

Sample /etc/exports (NFS):

```
/home/karim/example-sys/rootfs 192.168.172.205(rw,no_root_squash)
```

Building and installing U-Boot:

```

$ cd ${PRJROOT}/bootldr/u-boot-0.4.0
$ make QM860L_config
$ make CROSS_COMPILE=powerpc-linux-
$ cp System.map ${PRJROOT}/images/u-boot.System.map-0.4.0
$ cp u-boot.bin ${PRJROOT}/images/u-boot.bin-0.4.0
$ cp u-boot ${PRJROOT}/images/u-boot-0.4.0
$ cp tools/mkimage ${PREFIX}/bin

```

Creating U-Boot images:

```

$ cd ${PRJROOT}/images
$ mkimage -n '2.4.20 example-sys' \
> -A ppc -O linux -T kernel -C gzip -a 00000000 \
> -e 00000000 -d vmlinux-2.4.20.gz vmlinux-2.4.20.img
Image Name: 2.4.20 example-sys
Created: Mon Jun 30 14:17:05 2003
Image Type: PowerPC Linux Kernel Image (gzip compressed)
Data Size: 566934 Bytes = 553.65 kB = 0.54 MB
Load Address: 0x00000000
Entry Point: 0x00000000
$ mkimage -n 'RAM disk' \
> -A ppc -O linux -T ramdisk -C gzip \
> -d initrd.bin initrd.boot
Image Name: RAM disk
Created: Mon Jun 30 14:25:36 2003
Image Type: PowerPC Linux RAMDisk Image (gzip compressed)
Data Size: 2585662 Bytes = 2525.06 kB = 2.47 MB
Load Address: 0x00000000
Entry Point: 0x00000000

```

U-Boot commands:

```

=> help
=> help cp
=> printenv
=> setenv kernel_addr 00100000

```

```

=> saveenv
=> bootp
=> iminfo 00100000
=> bootm 00100000
=> tftpboot 00100000 /home/karim/examples-sys/images/vmlin...
=> erase 40100000 401FFFFFF
=> cp.b 00100000 40100000 $(filesize)
=> bootm 00100000 00200000

```

Updating U-Boot:

```

=> tftp 00100000 /home/karim/example-sys/images/u-boot.bin...
=> protect off 40000000 4003FFFF
=> erase 40000000 4003FFFF
=> cp.b 00100000 40000000 $(filesize)
=> setenv filesize
=> saveenv
=> reset

```

Sample /etc/lilo.conf.target:

```

boot = /dev/hdb
disk = /dev/hdb
    bios = 0x80
image = /boot/bzImage-2.4.20
    root = /dev/hda1
    label = Linux
    read-only

```

gdb setup:

```

$ cd ${PRJROOT}/debug
$ tar xvzf gdb-5.2.1.tar.gz
$ mkdir build-gdb
$ cd build-gdb
$ ../gdb-5.2.1/configure --target=${TARGET} --prefix=${PREFIX}
$ make
$ make install

```

Building and installing gdbserver:

```

$ mkdir ${PRJROOT}/debug/build-gdbserver
$ cd ${PRJROOT}/debug/build-gdbserver
$ chmod +x ../gdb-5.2.1/gdb/gdbserver/configure
$ CC=powerpc-linux-gcc ../gdb-5.2.1/gdb/gdbserver/configure \
> --host=${TARGET} --prefix=${TARGET_PREFIX}
$ make
$ make install
$ cp ${TARGET_PREFIX}/bin/gdbserver ${PRJROOT}/rootfs/usr/bin

```

Starting gdbserver on the target:

```

# gdbserver 192.168.172.222:2345 example-app
# gdbserver /dev/ttyS0 example-app

```

Connecting to gdbserver from the host:

```

$ powerpc-linux-gdb example-app
(gdb) target remote 192.168.172.205:2345
Remote debugging using 192.168.172.205:2345
0x10000074 in _start ()
$ powerpc-linux-gdb example-app
(gdb) target remote /dev/ttyS0
Remote debugging using /dev/ttyS0
0x10000074 in _start ()
(gdb) set solib-absolute-prefix ../../tools/powerpc-linux/

```

Building and installing strace:

```

$ cd ${PRJROOT}/debug/strace-4.4
$ CC=powerpc-linux-gcc ./configure --host=${TARGET}
$ make
$ cp strace ${PRJROOT}/rootfs/usr/sbin

```

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