PokyLinux: Mobile GNOME at your fingertips

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Presentation agenda

- FOSS building challenges
- Poky build system presentation
- PokyLinux as an image
- PokyLinux, Sato, and user experience



FOSS building challenges

- software sources
 - are distributed
 - use different build tools (autotools ...)
 - various storage format: tars, VCSes ...
 - change frequently
- software images
 - need support for various targets
 - need support for optional features



Poky build system

- based on OpenEmbedded
- clean architecture
 - metadata (recipe): how to build sources
 - software licences & descriptions
 - locations and patches
 - dependencies
 - task executor (BitBake): reads metadata
 - result: a binary image intallable on the target
 - tar, jffs2, ext2, ext3, tar.bz2, ...

A recipe: xv-test.bb



Launching bitbake

> bitbake xv-test



Results of bitbake

- binary installable packages
 - ipk, deb, rpm ...
- binary installable image



Poky metadata repository

- can be seen as a stable subset of OE
 - focused on providing a stable GMAE platform
 - configurations tested and can be supported
- contains various machine configs
 - pxa270, fic-gta-01, htcuniversal, mx31,
 Zylonite, qemux86, qemuarm ...
- can generate various image types
 - stripped, development, debugging ...
- over 650 recipes (OE has over 4000)



Poky/OE relationship

- Poky easier to manage
 - metadata repository in svn
 - ease of experimentation
- healthy Poky & OE collaboration
 - lot of changes are being pushed upstream



PokyLinux

- result of a particular set of recipes
- optimized GMAE platform:
 - Linux kernel
 - TinyX (Kdrive Xserver)
 - Matchbox
 - GTK+/Cairo
 - D-BUS IPC system
 - Sato

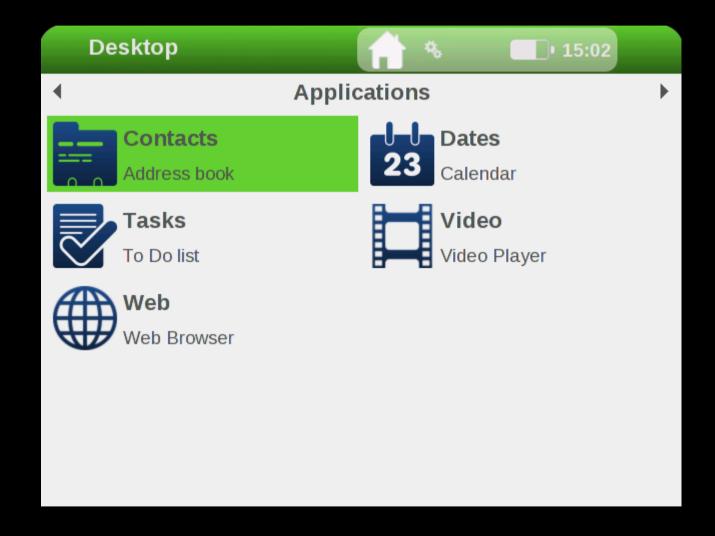


Development support in PokyLinux

- can run in
 - QEMU ARM/x86
 - chroot on the workstation
 - on the embedded target, of course.
- well integrated with oprofile and LTTng
 - GDB (including remote GDB)
 - strace
- has touchscreen debugging/test tools



Sato desktop



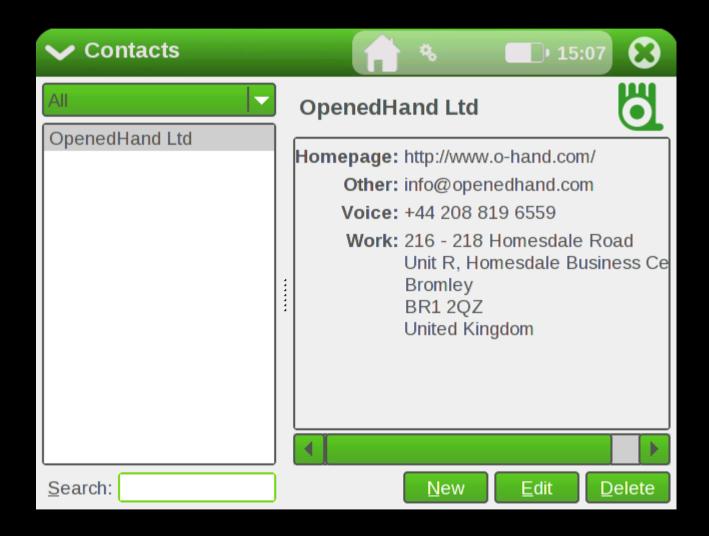


Sato at a glance

- aimed at high DPI handheld devices
- features a full PIM application suite (Pimlico)
 - contacts management
 - calendaring management
 - tasks management
 - synchronisation
- optimized for speed
 - specific GTK+ theme



Sato contacts application



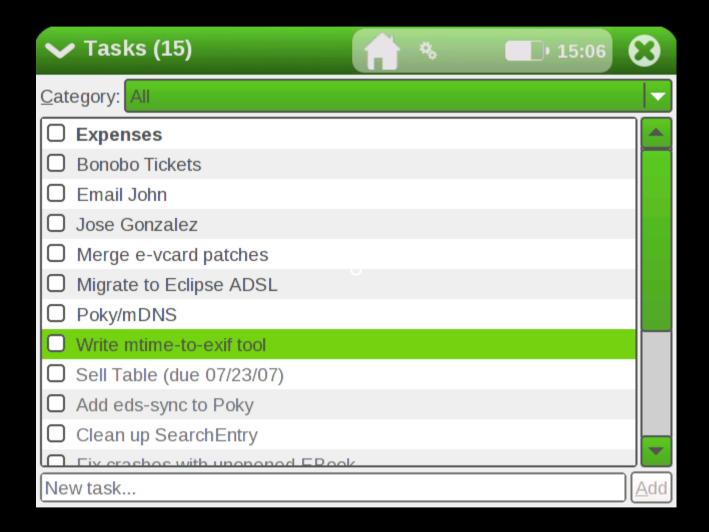


Sato dates application



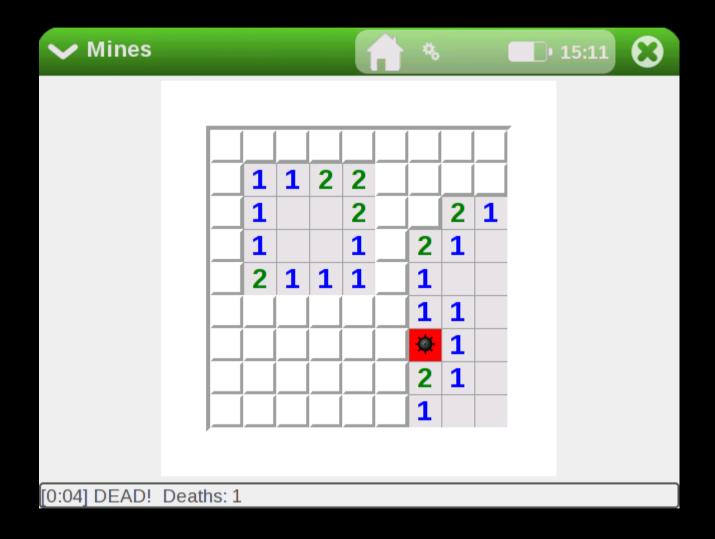


Sato tasks application





Sato games





Sato web





Poky case study: Vernier

 data collection and analysis devices for student labs





Poky case study: Vernier

- used Poky to build the LabQuest device
 - fast development time
 - advanced build system
 - GMAE
 - use of QEMU when hardware not available yet
 - debugging/profiling capabilities
- designed a LabQuest training tool
 - runs on students PCs
 - uses QEMU ARM



Thanks!

- http://www.pokylinux.org
- http://pimlico-project.org
- http://www.openedhand.com

