Running Fedora on Raspberry Pi

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Introduction to Raspberry Pi

 The Raspberry Pi is a credit-card-sized singleboard computer developed in the UK by the Raspberry Pi Foundation with the intention of stimulating the teaching of basic computer science in schools.



RPi Spec.

- SoC: Broadcom BCM2835
- GPU: Broadcom VideoCore IV
- Memory(SDRAM): 512 MB
- USB 2.0 ports: 2
- Onboard storage: SD / MMC / SDIO card slot
- Onboard network: 10/100 Ethernet (RJ45) via USB hub
- Power ratings: 700 mA

Building Toolchain

- Why?
- How?
 - crosstool-ng
- C Flags?
 - -mfpu=vfp
 - -mfloat-abi=hard
 - -march=armv6zk
 - -mtune=arm1176jzf-s

Running Fedora

- Fedora ARM Status
 - DOES NOT support RPi officially
 - Why?
- Current Stable Release: Fedora 17
 - rootfs / distro
 - ARMv5
 - ARMv7 => hard float point support
- Latest Release: Fedora 18 Beta
 - distro
 - ARMv5 => Remix Only
 - ARMv7 => hard float point support
- Download Page
 - http://fedoraproject.org/get-fedora-options#2nd_arches

Instructions

- Clone following git repos:
 - git://github.com/raspberrypi/linux.git
 - git://github.com/raspberrypi/tools.git
 - git://github.com/raspberrypi/firmware.git
- Compile Kernel and create kernel.img
- Prepare 2 partitions(vfat + ext4) on SD card
- Install firmware, bootloader and kernel.img
- Extract Fedora rootfs image
- Install kernel modules
- Create proper config.txt and cmdline.txt files
- Boot!

Challenges

- Instructions Failure
- Atomic Operations
- SFP v.s. HFP
- USB / Ethernet Issue(s)
- Performance

Q&A

