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Embedded Linux Pitfalls

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Introduction

A bit o' perspective

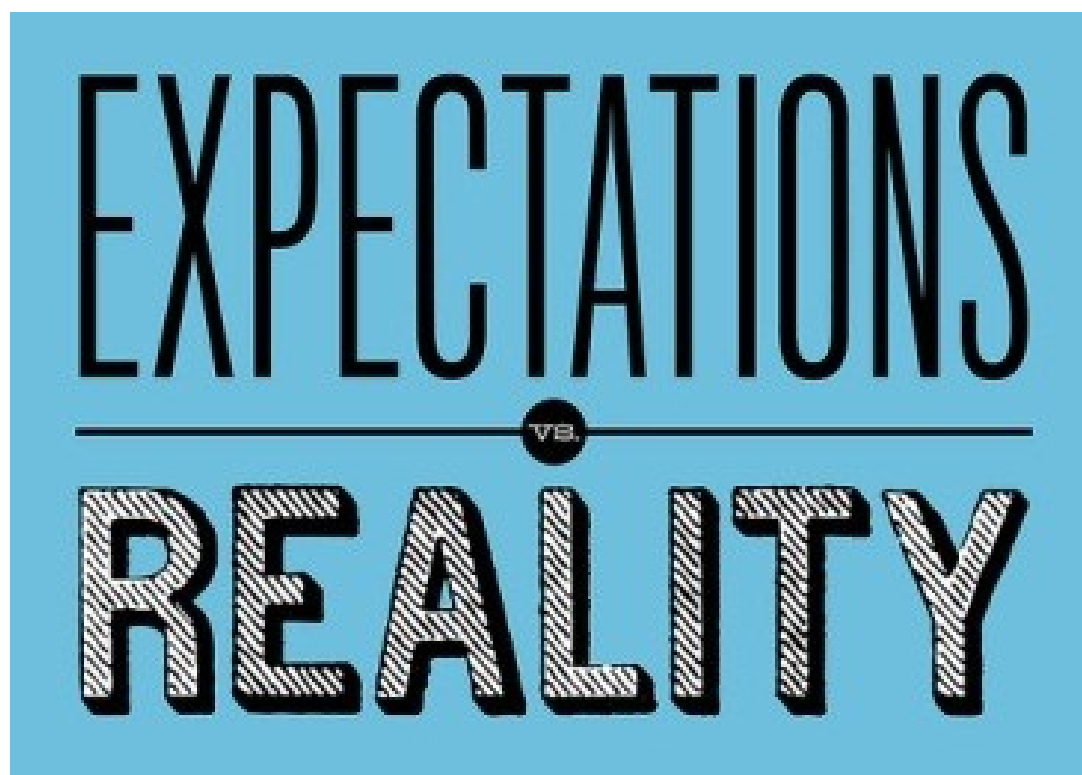
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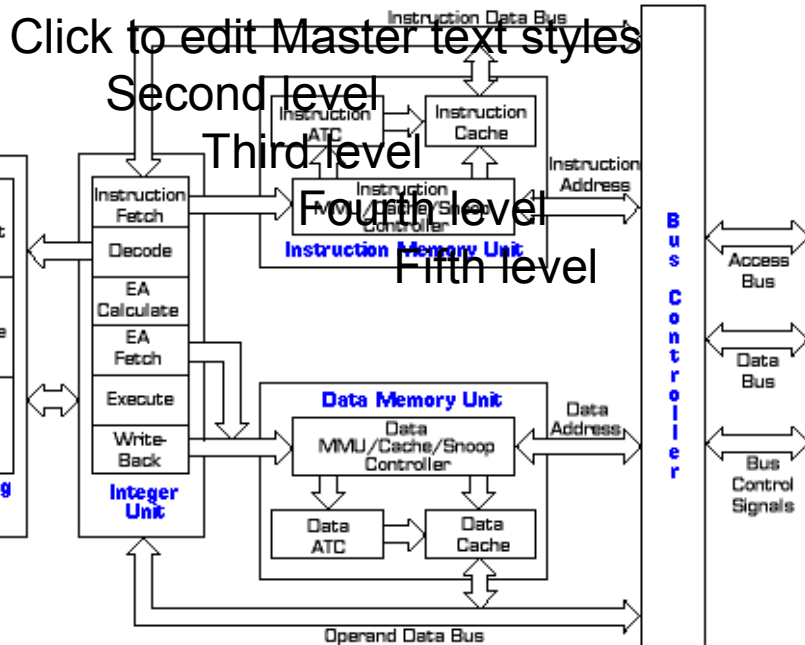
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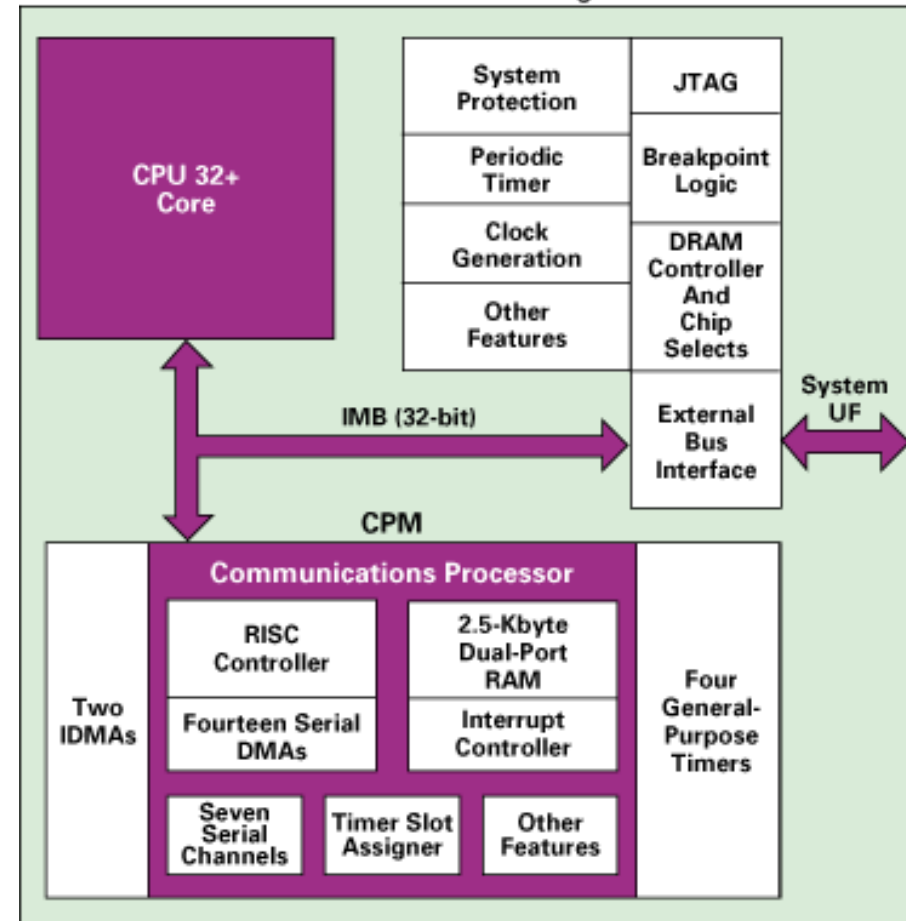
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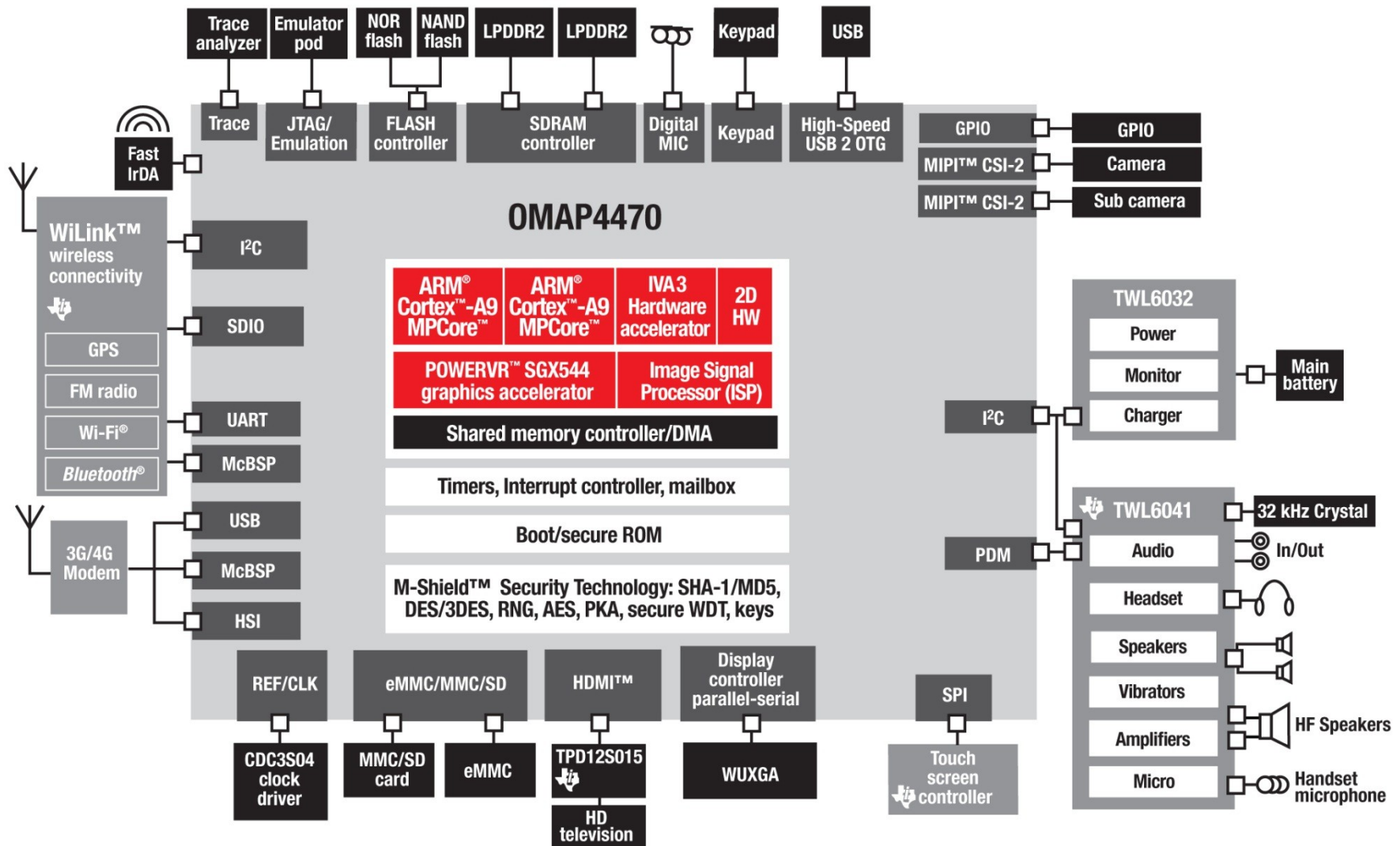
A bit o' perspective (History)



MC68360 Block Diagram



A bit o' perspective (History)



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Pitfalls – Some Fundamentals

Hardware and software: an impedance mismatch?



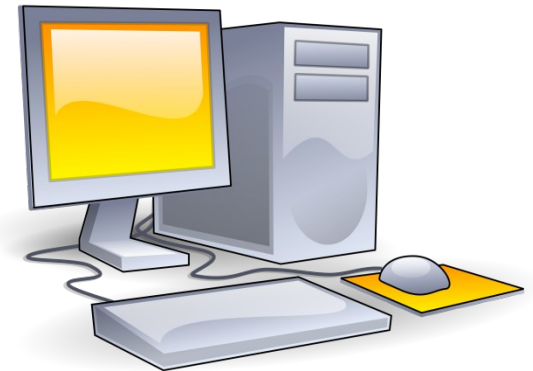
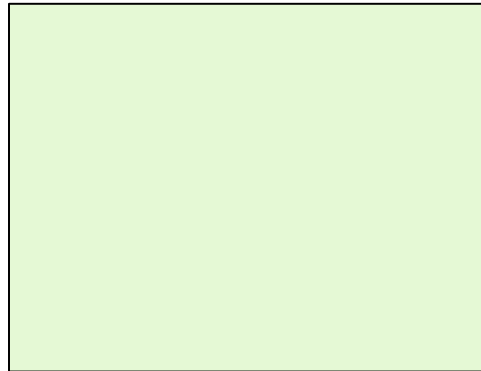
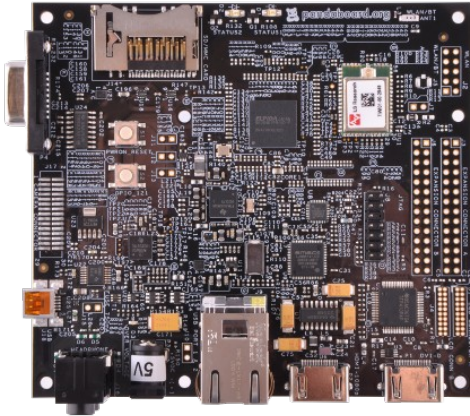
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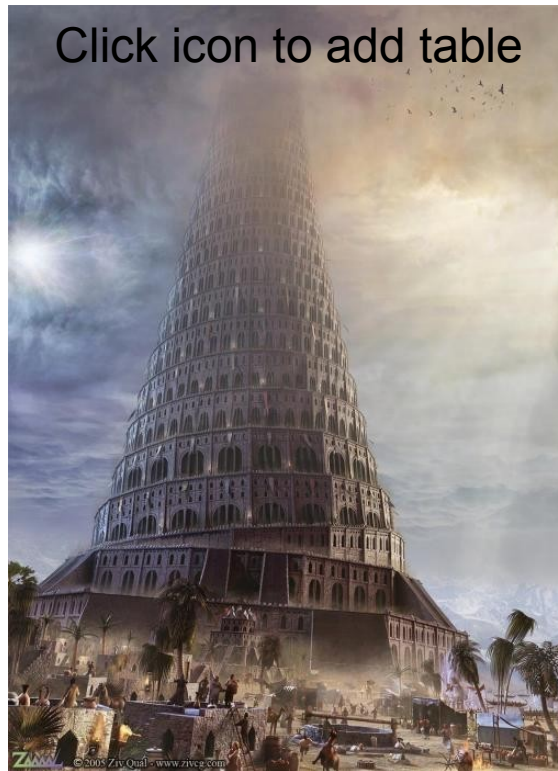
What do you mean this runs on my desktop?



Pitfalls - Maintenance

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■ Building the “Tower of Babel”



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- Carrying too many patches

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Second level

Third level

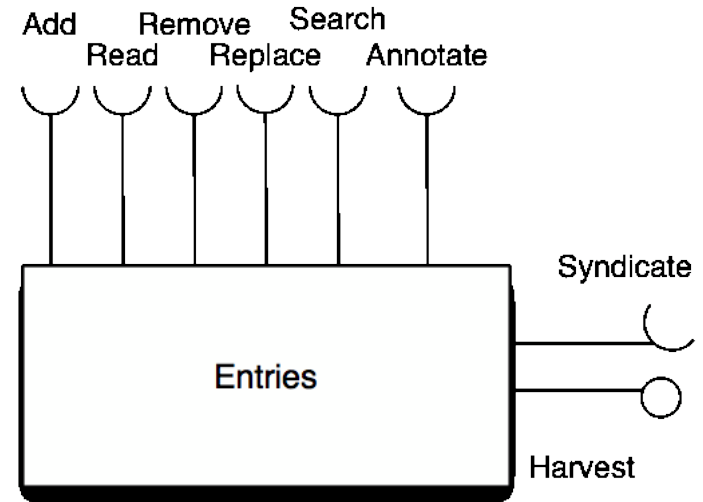
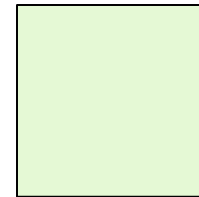
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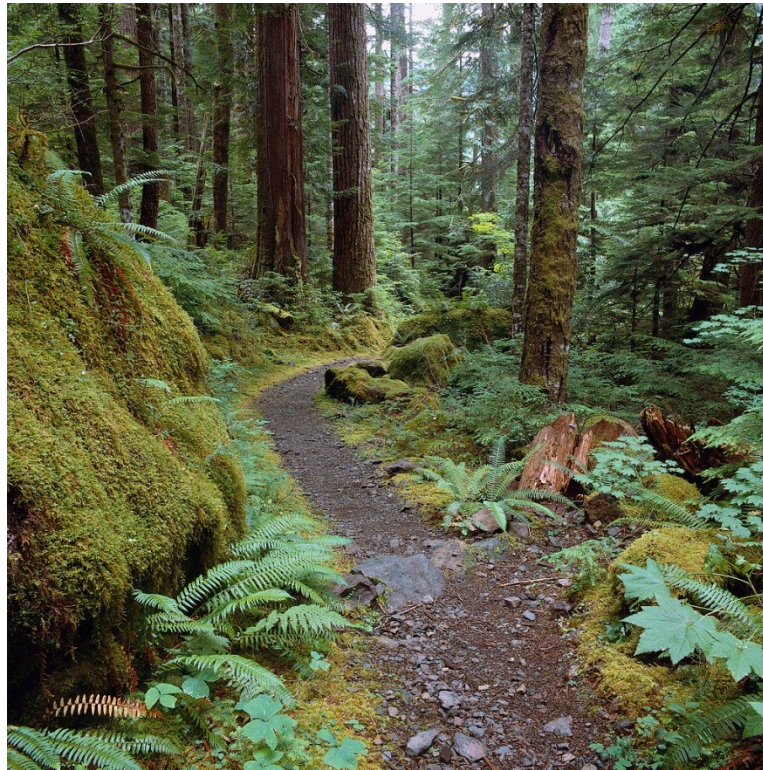
Pitfalls – System Design

Interfaces, APIs, & contracts



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Upgrade path



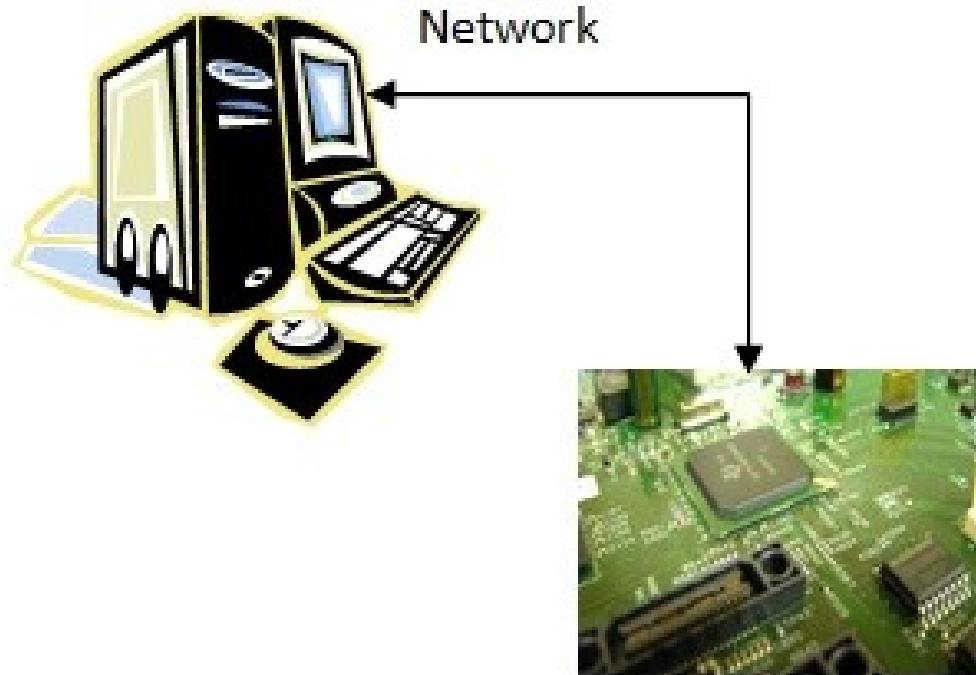
Pitfalls – Tools

Debuggers are your friend. No, really.



Pitfalls – Tools

Use NFS to mount your target rootfs



Conclusions

Questions?

Pitfalls

Fundamentals:

What do you mean that I can't use my hammer?

What do you mean this runs on my desktop?

Treating Linux the same as you would your commercial/bare metal OS

Hardware isn't a product

NIH syndrome

Planning/Design:

What's in the choice of a CPU? Know thy footprint!

Interfaces, interfaces, interfaces

Forgetting the upgrade path until the end, if at all

Hardening

Maintenance:

Building a tower of Babel

Carrying too many patches

Tools

Debugging with printf()

Are you ready to cross Canada?

Pitfalls – Some Fundamentals

Failure to learn about Linux specifics early on