embedded sdr

working with sdks











who here has worked with sdks?



if you develop for embedded devices, you should

why would you care?

comfort work in your environment



speed workstation vs. target



clean (almost) no leftovers on target



exceptions ...

if your ghetto hack consists of one .c file and compiles in under a second ...

... or you are getting ready to release your product ...

the last one was kinda important ... !!!

DO NOT SHIP STUFI YOU COMPILED WITH AN SDK really DON'T contents of an sdk: compilers, headers, libs, native tools & env scripts

setting up your environment

\$ cd \$SDK_PATH
\$ source environment-setup-{archspecific}

in our case: \$ source environment-setup-armv7ahf-neon-oe-linux gnueabi

easy to check using \$CC env variable

\$ \$CC --version arm-oe-linux-gnueabi-gcc (GCC) 4.9.2 [...]

cross compiling hello_fosdem.c

\$ cat hello_fosdem.c

#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])

printf("hello_fosdem!\n");
return 0;

\$ make hello_fosdem

wasn't all that bad, right?



cross compiling with autotools

\$./configure \
--host arm-oe-linux \
--prefix=/usr

\$ make

ok ... admittedly that was a **best case** scenario ...



cross compiling with cmake

\$ cmake DCMAKE_TOOLCHAIN_FILE=<too
lchain file*> \

DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/usr\ <yoursource>

\$ make

*for uhd/gnuradio: cmake/Toolchains/oe-sdk_cross. cmake

alright ... we kind know how to build stuff... how do we run it?

well, you could scp it to the target ... or ...

sshfs for development

\$ mkdir mnt
\$ sshfs -o allow_root user@host:
/<fullpath> mnt

\$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=mnt/<app dependent>

\$ export PATH=mnt/<app_dependent>:\$PAT H

suggestion: for simplicity drop it in a script

pain point dependencies



prominent example: uhd vs. gnuradio vs. gr-ettus

one (easy) 'solution': install into sdk ...

however ... this taints your sdk ...



... and makes kitties sad ...



hack: use staging install dir, point dependencies there

\$make install DESTDIR=<yourstaging>

install to staging dir with cmake

\$ make

\$ make DESTDIR= \
~/my_staging install

again, sshfs & env mods necessary

downside: tedious, cmake sometimes needs to be clubbed to happiness yocto's extensible sdks do somewhat address this ... see paul eggleton's talk at elc2015

but: developer needs to learn about yocto tools ...

... but doing this he saves time when he later packages stuff for release ...

... because if he doesn't it' s just kittehz will be even sadder ...

keypoints no releases from sdk, getting started is easy, death to building on the device

\$ diff who will now try sdks?



now go and hack some #cyberspectrum...

... or ask questions