



SBoM contents for embedded system images

Open discussion
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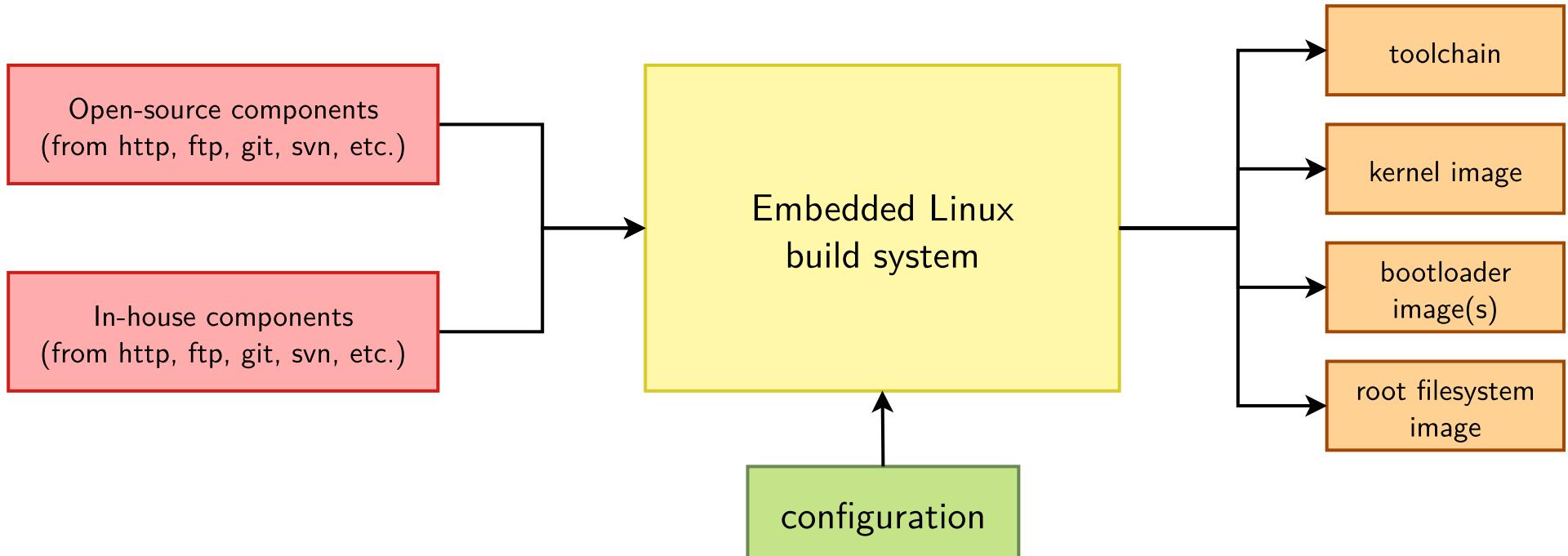


Who is Arnout

- Embedded software architect
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- Mind consultant since 2008
- Worked for 40+ customers in multimedia, security, home automation, satellite, telecom, chips, ...
- Buildroot maintainer (team of 4)



Embedded Linux build system



Buildroot's “SBoM”

- List of packages (separate “target” and “host”)
 - Package name, version
 - Source URL
 - Downloaded tarball + hash
 - Patches (local + downloaded) + hash
 - Licenses + license files + hash
 - Dependencies (build only)
- List of files per package
- CVE information
 - Package CPE ID
 - List of CVEs that apply to current version (based on CPE ID)
 - Current information only (not reproducible)
 - Patched or N/A CVEs removed (manually maintained list)

Buildroot's “SBoM”: what's missing

- External files (Kconfig, device tree, Buildroot config)
- Buildroot source itself
- Version information of vendored dependencies
- Everything in one file
- SPDX format
- Manifest of source files + license
- Mapping of source → target files
- ... ?

Discussion points

- Who/what are the consumers of SBoM?
 - Are there any existing tools?
 - What do they do?
- Which information is needed in the SBoM?
 - Pretty much just component name + version and dependencies...
- How is this best expressed in SPDX?
 - Shouldn't we include CPE IDs?
- How to deal with vendored dependencies
 - Directly included in source
 - Submodules
 - Cargo/go/npm/... modules
 - Vendored in by build system

