

ARM Ports BoF

Where are we now, what's coming?



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Agenda

- Current ports status
- Builds and hardware
- Discussion
- Take notes in gobby please!
 - `gobby.debian.org`
 - `Debconf18/bof/arm-ports`



arm64

- Current port, first released with Jessie
- Working well
- More devices available now, more coming
- Real server hardware!
- Simple choice of kernel with DTB and/or ACPI



armhf

- Current port, first released with Wheezy
- Hard-float ABI, v7, VFPv3-D16
 - Standard for 32-bit Arm Linux distros
- armmp kernel & DTBs
 - Potentially massive set of supported devices
- UEFI...



armel

- Current port, first released with Lenny
- Soft-float ABI, ~~v4t~~-v5te
- Still supported upstream for most languages?
- Was planning to drop from testing?
 - Others have stepped up!



Builds and hardware

- Mostly relying on dev boards still for 32-bit:
 - Marvell Armada XP (v7)
 - Freescale imx53 (v7)
porter box
- Wider arm64 machine options
 - Seattle, X-Gene, ThunderX, Macchiato, Centriq, Synquacer, ...



A whole new build world



- DSA don't want to support dev boards
- New 32-bit builds needed
- 32-bit server machines?
 - ENOENT
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Let's build A32 on arm64!



- Some arm64 machine won't run A32
- Some issues found...
 - Alignment
 - #define mixups
 - Haskell mis-targeted
 - Rebuilds to find any more
 - Watch this space!



Discussion

- What else can we be doing?
- What else should we be doing?



What else?

- More porters always welcome
- #debian-arm on irc.debian.org
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Thanks

The ARM logo, consisting of the lowercase letters 'arm' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.



And all the community!

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