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# **System Development User Manual for Linux**



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## **1. Prepare Host Environment:**

In Order to follow this manual the host requires 32-bit Ubuntu, better go with LTS versions of Ubuntu. To install Ubuntu follow the link below.

https://help.ubuntu.com/community/GraphicalInstall

Ubuntu doesn't come with all the pre-requisite archives for the development, to prepare the host for development download the bash shell script which can be available from the below link. Download and execution steps of the script are as follows.

\$wget <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/tools/scripts/elinux\_pkg.sh

\$ chmod +x elinux\_pkg.sh

*\$ sh elinux\_pkg.sh* 

#### 1.1 Configuring Services (TFTP, NFS)

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#### 1.1.1 Configuring TFTP

Installation of the TFTP Server is as follows; execute the command on Linux shell.

\$ sudo apt-get -y install xinetd tftpd tftp \$ sudo mkdir /var/lib/tftpboot \$ sudo vim /etc/xinetd.d/tftp

Add the following structure in /etc/xinetd.d/tftp file if it is not there or edit if it exists. service tftp

```
protocol = udp
port = 69
socket_type = dgram
wait = yes
user = nobody
server = /usr/sbin/in.tftpd
server_args = /var/lib/tftpboot -s
disable = no
```

*\$ sudo service xinetd restart* 

**Testing TFTP Server:** 

\$ sudo cp <file\_name> /var/lib/tftpboot
\$ sudo chmod +wr -R /var/lib/tftpboot
\$ tftp localhost
\$ get <file\_name>

Note : While copy the above command please take care of "-". Better to type it manually.

If the same file is received without any error from the tftp server then the tftp service is configured correctly.

To transfer file through tftp between host and target follow steps listed below, configure the IP address for host by selecting the option Network Connection and modify the related option. The same can be done through command line interface by issuing the following command

#### Host Side Setup :

\$ ifconfig eth0 192.168.1.12 up

**Note:** This will be used as server IP address. Note that 192.168.1.12 is not mandatory you can give any IP but IP for server and target should not be same

#### Targert Side Setup :

On Target side issue the command with a different IP as below

\$ ifconfig eth0 192.168.1.11 up

Configure the gateway address for target

\$ route add default gw 192.168.1.1

Check the default gateway by command

\$ route or \$ /sbin/route -n

Issue the tftp command to transfer the file

\$ tftp -r <file\_name > -g <server\_ip>

#### 1.1.2 Configuring NFS Service

First step in NFS service configuration is to decide the path of a directory which is going to share the RFS. Here in this manual it has been taken as /nfsroot which is to be created by user by issuing the following command.

#### \$ sudo mkdir /nfsroot

Edit the /etc/exports file and add the below line at the end of the file, save and close it /nfsroot \*(rw, sync, no\_subtree\_check, no\_root\_squash)

\$ sudo gedit /etc/exports

To restart the service with made changes issue the following commands on the terminal.

\$ sudo exportfs -ra

\$ sudo /etc/init.d/nfs-kernel-server restart

#### 1.2 Partitioning Micro SD card in Ubuntu

#### Method 1: Using Graphical User Interface

Use the application Disk Utility in Ubuntu.

- Select Mass storage device
- Unmounts the volume
- Delete the partition
- Create the two partition boot and rootfs with *fat* and *ext3* support respectively
- Select the first *fat* partition and then select "edit partition" and mark it as bootable.



Figure 2. 11

#### Method 2: Using Command line interface

Download the script and follow the steps.

*\$ wget* <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/tools/scripts/mkcard.sh</u>

Change the mode of script

\$ chmod 777 mkcard.sh

Insert the Micro SD card and issue the following command and check Micro SD card device interface

\$ dmesg | tail

Execute the following script with that device interface like /dev/sda

\$ sudo ./mkcard.sh /dev/sdx /\* /dev/sdx is device interface name \*/

#### **1.3 Setting Serial Console (Minicom)**

\$ sudo minicom –s

Select the option serial port setup from menu on terminal and press 'Enter'

+[configuration]+	
Filenames and paths	
File transfer protocols	
Serial port setup	
Modem and dialing	
Screen and keyboard	
Save setup as dfl	
Save setup as	
Exit	
Exit from Minicom	
++	



Using the options at left; make the setting as shown in the figure 3.2. For ex: Serial device - /dev/ttsyS0, first press 'A' the cursor blinks at the particular line then change the device name to /dev/ttyS0 and press 'ENTER'.

**Note** : The /dev/ttyS0 is not fixed it may vary depending upon the interface which You are using for example if you are using usb to serial converter then the node will be /dev/ttyUSB\* Where \* may be 0,1,...



Figure 3.2

After making all required changes, like baud rate -115200, hardware control flow –No etc. Press 'ENTER' to come out from the screen, now the previous screen will appear.



Figure 3.3

Now select the "**Save setup as dfl**" it saves the setting as default. Now select 'Exit'



Figure 3.4

It will take into 'minicom' the serial terminal.

#### 1.4 Installing Toolchain

This section explains how to install prebuilt toolchain binaries on the Host. Whereas building of Toolchain is explained in build system section.

#### 1.4.1 Download the Toolchain

Download the prebuild toolchain from the public ftp of PHYTEC from the link below.

\$ wget <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/tools/toolchain/arm-cortexa8-linux-gnueabihf.tar.bz2

You can also download the OSELAS.Toolchain-2012.12.1 source code compile it and get the toolchain from the below link.

\$ wget <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> <u>AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/tools/toolchain/OSELAS.Toolchain-2012.12.1.tar.bz2</u>

#### 1.4.2 Export the Toolchain to Shell Path

Extract the Toolchain that has downloaded in the above section to the HOME directory. For extracting the toolchain from GUI you can 'right click' on the oolchain and select 'Extract'. Same can be done from terminal by issuing the below mentioned command

*\$ tar -xvf arm-cortex8-linux-gnueabihf.tar.bz2* 

Now write a script that export the target Architecture and toolchain prefix as below. \$ vim env.sh

In the file add the following lines #!/bin/sh export PATH=\$PATH:/home/<user\_name>/<path to toolchain bin> export ARCH=arm export CROSS\_COMPILE=arm-cortexa8-linux-gnueabihfSave and exit from the editor. Execute the script by issuing

\$. env.sh

**Note:** The Command is "dot space env.sh". Execute the above command for every new shell where you are trying to start compilation of Linux Kernel or Boot loader

Check whether the toolchain path is set or not by issuing below command

#### \$ echo \$PATH

Above command displays the entire paths that are added to Shell PATH variable separated by colon ':'. See if your path is printed on the terminal. If you are not able to see your toolchain path repeat the steps from the beginning of this section.

# 2 Download prebuilt images:

This section gives the links to all the required binaries to boot the phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x using the simplest method using Micro SD card. Partition your Micro SD card. Follow the Partitioning Micro SD card in Ubuntu section.

All the tested binaries are placed at the public PHYTEC ftp. Follow the links below to download the binaries.

MLO:

<u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> <u>AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/images/MLO</u>

Barebox:

<u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> <u>AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/images/barebox-image</u>

Linux:

*ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/images/linuximage* 

Root.tgz

<u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> <u>AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/images/root.tgz</u>

Root.ubi

*ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/images/root.ubi* 

Note: Please change the barebox-image to barebox.bin

\$ mv barebox-image barebox.bin

## 3 Flashing binaries:



Figure 3.5

Figure shows two methods. The first method used to provide all needed components to run on the target itself. The Linux kernel image and the root file system image are persistent in the media the target features. This means the only connection needed is the serial cable to see what is happening on our target. This method is called standalone. This works after writing image into NAND which is explained later in the Document.

The other method is to provide needed components via network. In this case the development host is connected to the phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x with a serial cable and via Ethernet. The embedded board boots into the bootloader, then issues a TFTP request on

the network and boots the kernel from the TFTP server on the host. Then, after decompressing the kernel into the RAM and starting it, the kernel mounts its root file system at phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x Board /root directory.

The latter one is especially for development purposes, as it provides a very quick turnaround while testing the kernel and the root file system. Other methods like Micro SD card and NAND have also been discussed.

#### 3.1 Using Barebox bootloader:

#### 3.1.1 Booting from Network:

Now flash Kernel image and rootfs with tftp & nfs. Before using this method make sure that tftp & nfs-server is working in host side. To test and configure refer section "Configuring Services (TFTP, NFS)". Copy the uImage (kernel image) and root filesystem into /var/lib/tftpboot & /nfsroot respectively.

On Host:

\$ sudo cp linuximage /var/lib/tftpboot	
\$ sudo tar -xvf root.tgz -C /nfsroot	

Now switch to minicom terminal, reset the board & press 'm' for barebox menu or type exit in the shell & select option 3 to boot from network.

#### 3.1.2 Booting from Micro SD card:

For partitioning the Micro SD card refer section <u>"Partitioning a Micro SD card in</u> <u>linux"</u>

Copy MLO, barebox.bin, linuximage, root.ubi in first partition (boot) and Root file system in second partition (rootfs).

#### On HOST:

Insert the Micro SD card.

\$ cp MLO /media/boot \$ cp barebox.bin /media/boot \$ cp linuximage /media/boot \$ cp root.ubi /media/boot \$ sudo tar -xvf root.tgz -C /media/rootfs

#### On Target:

Insert the Micro SD card and make sure that the pins 3+4 of JP5 is shorted, Power On the board, press 'm' for barebox menu & select option 2 to boot from SD Card.

#### 3.1.3 Booting from NAND:

If booting from SD Card start from here

barebox@Phytec phyBOARD RANA AM335x:/ erase dev/nand0 barebox@Phytec phyBOARD RANA AM335x:/ cp boot/MLO dev/nand0.xload.bb barebox@Phytec phyBOARD RANA AM335x:/ cp boot/barebox.bin dev/nand0.barebox.bb barebox@Phytec phyBOARD RANA AM335x:/ cp boot/linuximage dev/nand0.kernel.bb barebox@Phytec phyBOARD RANA AM335x:/ cp boot/root.ubi dev/nand0.root.bb

Remove the Micro SD card and make sure that JP5 is open, Power On the board, press 'm'

for barebox menu & select option 1 to boot from NAND.

# 4 Preparing phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x Bootloader & Kernel

This is required if board is not flashed with correct boot loader. Even you can skip to the flashing section if you want to use prebuilt images.

#### 4.1 Preparing phyBOARD- RANA-AM335x Barebox bootloader:

Note: Refer section 1.4 Installing Toolchain before going ahead.

Download the source of barebox version 2013.07.0 from the following link.

http://barebox.org/download/barebox-2013.07.0.tar.bz2

After getting the source copy it to working directory

\$ cp barebox-2013.07.0.tar.bz2 ~/work \$ cd ~/work

Extract the source here by following command

*\$ tar -xvf barebox-2013.07.0.tar.bz2* 

Go to extracted folder and issue the following command

\$ cd ~/work/<directory path to source>

Note: We had already applied the patches and uploaded the barebox source code on Phytec Ftp you can directly download it from the below link.

*\$ wget* <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/src/bootloaders/barebox/barebox-2013.07.0.tar.bz2

If you want to do it manually then download the patches for phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x from the public ftp from the link below. Apply the patches.

*\$wget* <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> <u>AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/src/patches/barebox-2013.07.0/barebox/\*</u>

Apply the patches one by one using following command.

\$ patch -p1 < <patch\_file\_name.patch> /\* apply all patches one by one \*/

Cleaning all the binaries and other configuration files

\$ make clean \$ make distclean \$ make rana\_am335x\_mlo\_defconfig /\*configuring the MLO for target \*/ \$ make /\*It will create MLO for target \*/ \$ make rana\_am335x\_defconfig /\* configuring the Barebox for target \*/ \$ make /\*It will create barebox.bin for target \*/

If the compilation goes well you will find the files MLO and barebox.bin in the source directory. If you experience any error act accordingly or post the errors at our forums you will get help accordingly.

#### 4.2 Preparing phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x Linux kernel:

Note: Refer section 1.4 Installing Toolchain before going ahead.

Download the source of Linux kernel version 3.2 from the following link.

ftp://ftp.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v3.x/linux-3.2.tar.bz2

After getting the source copy it to working directory

```
$ cp linux-3.2.tar.bz2 ~/work
$ cd ~/work
```

Extract the source here by following command

*\$ tar -xvf linux-3.2.tar.bz2* 

Go to extracted folder and issue the following command \$ cd ~/work/linux-3.2/

Note: We had already applied the patches and uploaded the linux source code on Phytec Ftp you can directly download it from the below link.

*\$wget* <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> <u>AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/src/linux/linux-3.2.tar.bz2</u>

If you want to do it manually then download the patches for phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x from the public ftp from the link below. Apply the patches.

*\$wget* <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> <u>AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/src/patches/linux-3.2/linux/\*</u>

Apply the patches one by one using following command.

\$ patch -p1 < <patch\_file\_name.patch> /\* apply all patches one by one \*/

Cleaning all the binaries and other configuration files

\$ make clean
\$ make distclean
\$ make rana\_am335x\_defconfig /\* configuring the Kernel for target \*/
\$ make uImage

If the compilation goes well you will find the files zImage and uImage in arch/arm/boot directory. If you experience any error act accordingly or post the errors at our forums you will get help accordingly.

#### **5** Compiling User-application:

Note: Refer section 1.4 Installing Toolchain before going ahead.

Make a helloworld program for target. Open file helloworld.c via command

*\$ gedit helloworld.c* 

Write a simple helloworld C program Compile it with toolchain

*\$ arm-cortexa8-linux-gnueabihf-gcc helloworld.c -o helloworld* 

Transfer it on target by tftp-server or USB or Micro SD card (Please make sure Micro SD card is inserted properly, while booting form mmc).

Host Side: TFTP \$ cp helloworld /val/lib/tftpboot/ SCP \$ scp helloworld root@<target ip>:~

#### Target Side:

**TFTP** \$ tftp -r helloworld -g <host\_ip>

After the transfer is complete, you will be able to see your helloworld app in the current directory.

*\$./helloworld <to run the application>* 

SCP

*No need to do anything it will be there in home directory just run the application using below command.* 

*\$./helloworld <to run the application>* 

Insert the USB pendrive to target and switch to minicom terminal. The USB pendrive Will be detected & mounted in sdb :sdb1 .Use that following command to mount it.

\$ mount /dev/sdb1 /mnt/\* (sdb1) is USB pendrive interface node\$ cd /mnt/\* execute the app (It is dot slash)\*/

# 6 Compiling RFS with PTX-dist:

Download the PTX-dist packet from the following link:

\$wget <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/buildsystems/ptxdist/ptxdist-2013.01.0.tar.bz2</u>

Extract the above downloaded source

*\$ tar -xvf ptxdist-2013.01.0.tar.bz2* 

Go to downloaded folder

\$ cd ptxdist-2013.01

Configure the packet

\$./configure

After the configure script is finished successfully, execute the below commands

\$ make
\$ sudo make install

Download the toolchain from the public ftp of PHYTEC from the link below.

\$ wget <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/tools/toolchain/arm-cortexa8-linux-gnueabihf.tar.bz2

Extract the toolchain that has been downloaded. Issue following

*\$ tar –xvf arm-cortexa8-linux-gnueabihf.tar.bz2* 

Download the PTX-dist BSP source from following link

\$ wget <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> <u>AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/buildsystems/ptxdist/RANA-AM335x-PD13.0.0.tar.bz2</u> Extract the source

\$ tar -xvf Rana-AM335x.PD13.0.0.tar.gz

Go to extracted folder

*\$ cd Rana-AM335x.PD13.0.0* 

Select the toolchain

\$ ptxdist toolchain <path\_of\_toolchain\_bin>

Start the build

\$ ptxdist go
\$ ptxdist images

Check the images at platform-Rana-AM335x/images/

\$ ls platform-Rana-AM335x/images/

### 7 Compiling RFS with Buildroot:

Download the Buildroot source from following link

\$ wget <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/buildsystems/buildroot/buildroot-2013.11.tar.bz2

Extract the source

*\$ tar -xvf buildroot-2013.11.tar.bz2* 

Go to extracted folder

\$ cd buildroot-2013.11

Configure the buildroot by issuing following command

\$ make rana\_am335x\_defconfig

Compile the buildroot

\$ make

Check the output files at output/images

*\$ ls output/images* 

# 8 Compiling RFS with Yocto:

Download the Yocto buidsystem source from following link

\$ wget <u>ftp://ftp.phytec.de/pub/Products/India/phyBOARD-RANA-</u> AM335x/Linux/PD13.0.0/buildsystems/yocto/poky-dora-10.0.0.tar.bz2

Extract the source

*\$ tar -xvf poky-dora-10.0.0.tar.bz2* 

Go to extracted folder

\$ cd poky-dora-10.0.0

Configure poky-dora-10.0.0 by issuing following command

\$. ./oe-init-build-env

Then type the following command to get hob GUI interface.

\$ hob

Then under "select machine" option select RANA\_AM335x to build images for phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x board.

To use hob refer the link given below.

https://www.yoctoproject.org/documentation/hob-manual

Check the output files at tmp/deploy/images

\$ ls tmp/deploy/images

# 9 Expansion Selection for phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x

In the barebox we are providing a menu so that it is easy for the user to select what feature he want to provide on the expansion. For this power up the board and press "m" for the menu or type "exit" in the barebox shell. You will get the something like this.



Type "m" or "exit" in the barebox shell you will get a menu like this.



Here are a lot of options are provided to boot from different devices such as MMC, NAND, TFTP. You can select any one to boot but if you want to modify the default functionality on the expansion you have to go inside "Setting" option as shown in below diagram.

Settings
1: Network settings
2: Config settings
3: Expansion settings
4: Display settings
5: Edit boot entries
6: Edit init entries
7: Save settings
8: back

As you had seen that in "Settings" a lot of options are there you can set the network related things such as IP address in Network settings, etc. You can modify the default Expansion functionality by changing the  $3^{rd}$  option "Expansion settings" as shown below.

/env/expansion, #!/bin/sh	<pre>/expansion <ctrl-d>: Save and quit <ctrl-c>: quit</ctrl-c></ctrl-d></pre>		
#expansion			
expansion=LCD,SPI0,UART1,UART2,UART3,CAN0,CAN1,GPI0			
#You can modify #Eg. For maximur	the above value depending upon your usage. n number of Gpio's pass expansion=ALLGPIO		
#LCD :	It will provide LCD support on Expansion.		
#SP10 : #UART1 :	It will configure spid. It will configure uart 1 tx, rx.		
#UART2 : #UART3 :	It will configure uart 2 tx, rx. It will configure uart 3 tx, rx.		
#UART4 : #CAN0 :	It will configure uart 4 tx, rx (You can not use CAN1). It Will Provide CAN0 tx, rx.		
#CAN1 : #GPIO :	It Will Provide CAN1 tx, rx (You can not use UART4). 27 Gpio's will be configured.		
#ALLGPIO : #	70 Gpio's (But no other devices will work except NAND, 10/100 Ethernet,		
#UART1FULL :	uart1 will work as full modem i.e, tx, rx, cts, rts		

By default we are providing support for LCD, SPI0, UART1, UART2, UART3, CAN0, CAN1, 28 GPIO's. As it is mention a lot of options you can pass whatever you want on the expansion just by passing:

expansion=<Functionality>

• Eg. expansion=ALLGPIO (It will provide 70 gpio's on the Expansion)

Next if you need Max GPIO's and 1 UART then you have to pass.

• expansion=ALLGPIO,UART1

(It will provide 68 gpio's and UART1 tx, UART1 rx on the Expansion)

Next if you need Max GPIO's, 1 UART and 1 CAN then you have to pass.

• expansion=ALLGPIO,UART1,CAN0

(It will provide 66 GPIO's and UART1 Tx, UART1 Rx, CAN0 Tx, CAN0 Rx on the Expansion)

While booting the kernel you can see the devices which you have selected.

[

0.100311]	OMAP GPIO hardware version 0.1
0.103210]	omap_mux_init: Add partition: #1: core, flags: 0
0.105316]	omap_hsmmc.0: alias fck already exists
0.105621]	omap_mux_init: Add partition: #2: core, flags: 0
0.105987]	omap_i2c.1: alias fck already exists
0.108276]	
0.108276]	Phytec AM335x : Device Muxxing
0.108276]	Phytec AM335X : LCD Init
0.108764]	da8xx_lcdc.0: alias fck already exists
0.109313]	Phytec AM335X : SPI0 Init
0.109344]	Phytec AM335X : UART1 Init
0.109375]	Phytec AM335X : UART2 Init
0.109405]	Phytec AM335X : UART3 Init
0.109436]	Phytec AM335X : CANO Init
0.109466]	Phytec AM335X : CAN1 Init
0.109771]	Phytec AM335X : GPIO Init
0.110076]	omap2_mcspi.1: alias fck already exists
0.110321]	omap2_mcspi.2: alias fck already exists
0.110595]	edma.0: alias fck already exists
0.110626]	edma.0: alias fck already exists

As you had seen we had selected LCD, SPI0, UART1, UART2, UART3, CAN0, CAN1, 28 GPIO's so these devices has been initialised and are available on the expansion.

# 10 Display Selection for phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x

As it is shown in the below diagram that we are supporting these many LCD's so whatever LCD you want to connect with phyBOARD-RANA-AM335x Board just you have to uncomment the line such as display=ZQ\_ZQ3506 (It will select 3.5" LCD which we are providing by default). You can change the LCD as your wish.

/env/video/display	<ctrl-< th=""><th>d&gt;:</th><th>Save</th><th>and</th><th>quit</th><th><ctrl-c>:</ctrl-c></th><th>quit</th></ctrl-<>	d>:	Save	and	quit	<ctrl-c>:</ctrl-c>	quit
#!/bin/sh							
#Displays							
#display=PV_PD050VL1 #display=PV_PM070WL4 #display=PV_PD104SLF #display=ETM0700G0DH6							
#display=PV_PD035VL1							
#For 3.5 Inch Display display=ZQ_ZQ3506							
#For 4.3 Inch Display #display=NL4827HC19							
#for 4.3 Inch HannStar #display=HSD043I9W1-A	Display						
#For 7 Inch Display #display=HT_HT800070I ~							



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