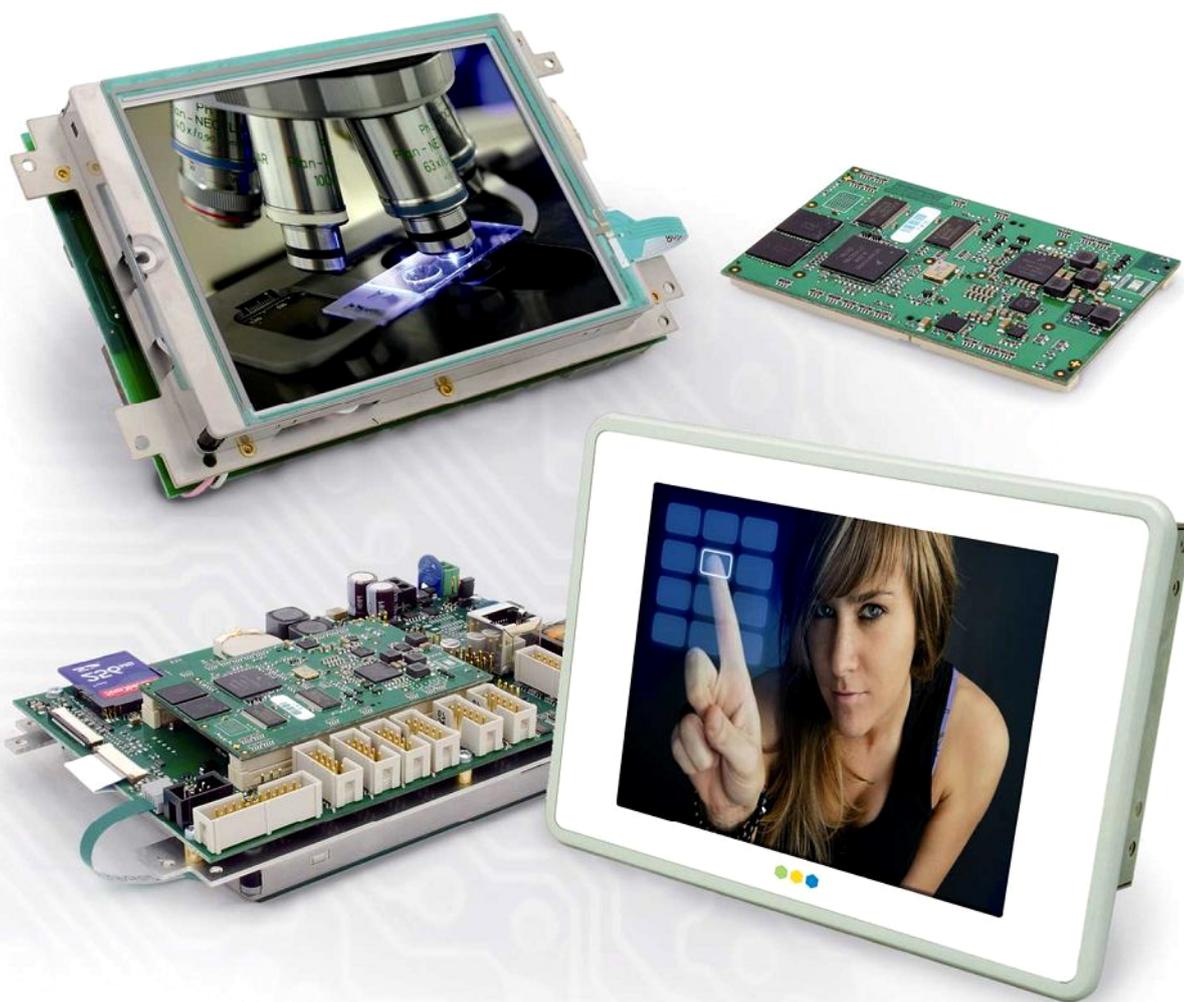


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1 Introduction

Garz & Fricke systems based on **Freescale i.MX6** can be used with an adapted version of Linux, a royalty-free open-source operating system. The Linux kernel as provided by Garz & Fricke is based on extensions by Freescale that currently have not been contributed back into the mainline kernel. Furthermore, Garz & Fricke has made several modifications and extensions to the kernel which are currently not contributed back to the mainline kernel as well. Nevertheless, the full source code is available as a board support package (BSP) from Garz & Fricke.

A Garz & Fricke device normally comes with a pre-installed Garz & Fricke Linux operating system. However, since Linux is an open source system, the user is able to build the complete BSP from source, modify it according to his needs and replace the pre-installed Linux system with a custom one.

This manual contains information about the usage of the Garz & Fricke Linux operating system for **SANTARO/SANTOKA**, as well as the build process of the Garz & Fricke Linux BSP and the integration of custom software components. The BSP can be downloaded from the Garz & Fricke support server:

- ▶ <http://support.garz-fricke.com/projects/Santaro/Linux-Yocto/Releases/>

It does not include the complete source code to all packages. Instead, several external packages are downloaded from third party online sources and from the Garz & Fricke packages mirror during the build process: If third party sources are not available anymore at the former location there should be a backup available at:

- ▶ <http://support.garz-fricke.com/mirror>

Modifications to these packages are provided as source code patches, which are part of the BSP.

Please note that Linux development at Garz & Fricke is always in progress. Thus, there are new releases of the BSP at irregular intervals. Due to differences between the various Linux BSP platforms and versions, a separate manual is available for every platform/version. To avoid confusion, the version number of the manual exactly matches the BSP version number.

In addition to this manual, please also refer to the dedicated hardware manuals which can be found on the Garz & Fricke website as well.

2 Overview

A Garz & Fricke Linux System generally consists of four basic components:

- the bootloader
- the Linux kernel
- the root file system
- the device configuration

These software components are usually installed on separate partitions on the backing storage of the embedded system.

Newer Garz & Fricke devices are shipped with a separate small ramdisk-based Linux system called **Flash-N-Go System** which is installed in parallel to the main operating system. The purpose of Flash-N-Go is to provide the user a comfortable and secure update mechanism for the main operating system components.

2.1 The bootloader

There are several bootloaders available for the various Linux platforms in the big Linux world. For desktop PC Linux systems, GRUB or LILO are commonly used. Those bootloaders are started by hardwired PC-BIOS.

Embedded Systems do not have a PC-like BIOS. In most cases they are started from raw flash memory or an eMMC device. For this purpose, there are certain open source boot loaders available, like RedBoot, U-Boot or Barebox. Furthermore, Garz & Fricke provides its own bootloader called **Flash-N-Go Boot** for its newer platforms (e.g. SANTARO).

SANTARO/SANTOKA uses the bootloader **Flash-N-Go Boot**.

2.2 The Linux kernel

The Linux OS kernel includes the micro kernel specific parts of the Linux OS and several internal device and subsystem drivers.

2.3 The root file system

The root file system is simply a file system. It contains the Linux file system hierarchy folders and files. Depending on the system configuration, the root file system may contain:

- system configuration files
- shared runtime libraries
- dynamic device and subsystem drivers - so called **loadable kernel modules** - in contrast to kernel-included device and subsystem drivers
- executable programs for system handling
- fonts
- etc.

Usually, a certain standard set of runtime libraries can be found in almost every Linux system, including standard C/C++ runtime libraries, math support libraries, threading support libraries, etc.

Embedded Linux systems principally differ in dealing with the graphical user interface (GUI). The following list gives some examples for GUI systems that are commonly used in embedded Linux systems:

- no GUI framework
- Qt Embedded on top of a Linux frame buffer device
- Qt Embedded on top of DirectFB graphics acceleration library
- Qt Embedded on top of an X-Server
- GTK+ on top of DirectFB graphics acceleration library
- GTK+ on top of a X-Server
- Nano-X / Microwindows on top of a Linux frame buffer device

Some system may additionally be equipped with a window manager of small footprint or a desktop system like KDE or GNOME. However, in practice most embedded Linux Systems are running only one GUI application and a desktop system generates useless overhead.

SANTARO/SANTOKA is equipped with **Qt5**.

2.4 The partition layout

As already stated in chapter [\[▶ 2 Overview\]](#), the different components of the embedded Linux system are stored in different partitions of the backing-storage. The backing-storage type of SANTARO/SANTOKA is eMMC. In addition to the partitions for the basic Linux components there may be some more partitions depending on the system configuration.

The partition layout for the SANTARO/SANTOKA platform is:

Partition	File System	Contents
mmcblk0boot0	none	bootloader image
mmcblk0boot1	FAT32	XML configuration parameters (config.xml) and touchscreen configuration (ts.conf)
mmcblk0p1	FAT32	Linux kernel image file (linuximage), bootloader command file (boot-alt.cfg) and Flash-N-Go ramdisk file (root.cpio.gz)
mmcblk0p2	FAT32	Linux kernel image file (linuximage), bootloader command file (boot.cfg) for the Garz & Fricke Linux system
mmcblk0p3	ext3	root file system

Flash-N-Go Boot can start the following Linux kernel image types:

- **zImage** compressed image
- **uImage** compressed image with u-boot header
- **Image** uncompressed image

2.5 Further information

For readers who are not familiar with Linux in general, the following link may be helpful:

- ▶ <http://tldp.org/LDP/intro-linux/html>

Information regarding embedded Linux systems can be found in the following book:

- "Building Embedded Linux systems 2nd Edition", Karim Yaghmour, John Masters, Gilad Ben-Yossef, Philippe Gerum, O'Reilly, 2008, ISBN: 978-0-596-52968-0

Information regarding Linux infrastructure issues in general can be found at:

- ▶ <http://tldp.org/LDP/Pocket-Linux-Guide/html>
- ▶ <http://www.linuxfromscratch.org>

Information about Qt/Embedded can be found at:

- ▶ <http://directfb.org>

Information about the X window system can be found at:

- ▶ <http://www.freedesktop.org>

Information about Qt/Embedded can be found at:

- ▶ <http://qt-project.org>

Information about Nano-X / Microwindows can be found at:

- ▶ <http://www.microwindows.org>

Information about GTK+ can be found at:

- ▶ <http://www.gtk.org>

Information about U-Boot can be found at:

- ▶ <http://www.denx.de/wiki/U-Boot>

Information about the RedBoot can be found at:

- ▶ <http://ecos.sourceware.org/docs-latest/redboot/redboot-guide.html>

Information about the Yocto Project can be found at:

- ▶ <https://www.yoctoproject.org>

Documentation of the Yocto Project can be found at:

- ▶ <https://www.yoctoproject.org/documentation/current>

3 Accessing the target system

A Garz & Fricke hardware platform can be accessed from a host system using the following technologies:

- **Serial console** console access over RS-232
- **Telnet** console access over Ethernet
- **SSH** encrypted console access and file transfer over Ethernet
- **TFTP** file download over Ethernet
- **SFTP** file upload and download over Ethernet

Each of the following chapters describes one of these possibilities and, where applicable, gives a short example of how to use it. For all examples, the Garz & Fricke target system is assumed to have the IP address **192.168.1.1**.

3.1 Serial console

The easiest way to access the target is via the serial console. There are two way to connect the serial console:

- RS232 on connector X13
- Virtual console over USB

To use the RS232 connection, connect the first RS-232 port of your target system using to a COM port of your PC or a USB-to-RS232 converter using a null modem cable.

For a working connection, the signals **TXD** and **RXD** have to be connected **cross-over** in the same way like a null modem cable does. The location of the X13 connector and the necessary pins can be found in figure [▶ [Figure 1](#)], [▶ [Figure 2](#)] below. If you received your system as part of a **starter kit**, this kit should also contain a cable to be used for this connection.

Pin	Name	Description
1	GND	Ground
2	RS232_TXD1	Port#1: Transmit data (Output)
3	RS232_RXD1	Port#1: Receive data (Input)
4	RS232_RTS1	Port#1: Request-to-send (Output)
5	RS232_CTS1	Port#1: Clear-to-send (Input)
6	GND	Ground
7	RS232_TXD2	Port#2: Transmit data (Output)
8	RS232_RXD2	Port#2: Receive data (Input)
9	RS232_RTS2	Port#2: Request-to-send (Output)
10	RS232_CTS2	Port#2: Clear-to-send (Input)

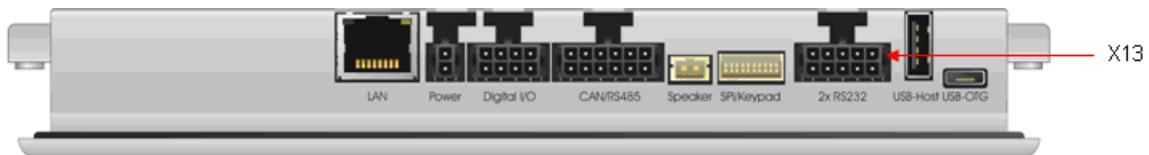


Figure 1: Location of the X13 connector

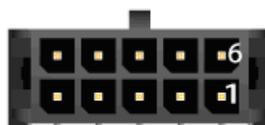


Figure 2: Pinning of the X13 connector

To use the serial console provided over USB, connect a Micro-USB cable to the USB-OTG connector of the target. When this USB cable is connected to a Windows PC, a driver is installed and a new COM port is created. Its name can be seen in the device manager.

Note: Although the serial connection over USB is easy to setup, there are some disadvantages over the RS232 connection: The output of the bootloader and the boot messages are not shown. The first thing you see is the login shell. This way it is not usable for system updates.

With the serial connection set up start your favourite terminal program (e.g. minicom) with the following settings:

- 115200 baud
- 8 data bits
- no parity
- 1 stop bit
- no hardware flow control
- no software flow control

If you are using the RS232 connection, you should see debug messages in the terminal from the very first moment when the target is powered. After the boot process has finished, you will see the Linux login shell:

```
Garz & Fricke Yocto BSP (based on Poky) @VERSION@ santaro /dev/ttymx0
santaro login:
```

You can log in as user **root** without any password by default.

3.2 SSH console

Using SSH, you can access the console of the device and copy files to or from the target. Please note that SSH must be installed on the host system in order to gain access.

To login via SSH, type on the host system:

```
$ ssh root@192.168.1.1
```

The first time you access the target system from the host system, the target is added to the list of known hosts. You have to confirm this step in order to establish the connection.

```
The authenticity of host '192.168.1.1 (192.168.1.1)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is e5:86:89:19:50:a5:46:52:15:35:e5:0e:d2:d1:f9:62.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.1' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
root@santaro:~#
```

To return to your host system's console, type:

```
root@santaro:~# exit
```

You can use **secure copy (scp)** on the device or the host system to copy files from or to the device.

Example: To copy the file **myapp** from the host's current working directory to the target's **/usr/bin** directory, type on the host's console:

```
$ scp ./myapp root@192.168.1.1:/usr/bin/myapp
```

To copy the target's **/usr/bin/myapp** file back to the host's current working directory, type:

```
$ scp root@192.168.1.1:/usr/bin/myapp ./myapp
```

3.3 Telnet console

Telnet can be used to access the console. Please note that Telnet must be installed on the host system in order to gain access.

To login via Telnet, type on the host system:

```
$ telnet 192.168.1.1
```

The login prompt appears and you can login with username and password:

```
Trying 192.168.1.1...
Connected to 192.168.1.1.
Escape character is '^]'.
santaro login: root
Password: [Enter password]
root@santaro:~#
```

3.4 Uploading files with TFTP

You can copy files from the host system to the target system using the target's TFTP client. Please note that a TFTP server has to be installed on the host system. Usually, a TFTP server can be installed on every Linux distribution. To install the TFTP server under Debian based systems with apt, the following command must be executed on the host system:

```
$ sudo apt-get install xinetd tftpd tftp
```

The TFTP server must be configured as follows in the `/etc/xinetd.d/tftpd` file on the host system in order to provide the directory `/srv/tftp` as TFTP directory:

```
service tftp
{
    protocol          = udp
    port              = 69
    socket_type       = dgram
    wait              = yes
    user              = nobody
    server             = /usr/sbin/in.tftpd
    server_args       = /srv/tftp
    disable           = no
}
```

The `/srv/tftp` directory must be created on the host system with the following commands:

```
$ sudo mkdir /srv/tftp
$ sudo chmod -R 777 /srv/tftp
$ sudo chown -R nobody /srv/tftp
```

After the above modification the xinetd must be restarted on the host system with the new TFTP service with the following command:

```
$ sudo service xinetd restart
```

From now on, you can access files in this directory from the target.

Example: Copying the file `myapp` from the host system to the target's `/usr/bin` directory. To achieve this, first copy the file `myapp` to your TFTP directory on the host system:

```
$ cp ./myapp /srv/tftp/
```

The host system is assumed to have the ip address `192.168.1.100`. On the target system, type:

```
root@santaro:~# tftp -g 192.168.1.100 -r myapp -l /usr/bin/myapp
```

3.5 Uploading files with SFTP

You can exchange files between the host system and the target system using an SFTP (Secure FTP) client on the host system. Simply choose your favourite SFTP client (e.g. FileZilla) and connect to `ftp://192.168.1.1`.

4 Services and utilities

The Garz & Fricke Linux BSP includes several useful services for flexible application handling. Some of them are just run-once services directly after the OS has been started, others are available permanently.

4.1 Services

The services on Garz & Fricke Yocto Linux systems are usually started with start scripts. This is a very common technique on Linux systems. Yocto uses the `/etc/init.d/rc` script for this purpose. This script is run by the `init` process after parsing the `/etc/inittab` file:

```
[...]
# The default runlevel.
id:5:initdefault:

# Boot-time system configuration/initialization script.
# This is run first except when booting in emergency (-b) mode.
si::sysinit:/etc/init.d/rcS

# What to do in single-user mode.
~~:S:wait:/sbin/sulogin

# /etc/init.d executes the S and K scripts upon change
# of runlevel.
#
# Runlevel 0 is halt.
# Runlevel 1 is single-user.
# Runlevels 2-5 are multi-user.
# Runlevel 6 is reboot.

10:0:wait:/etc/init.d/rc 0
11:1:wait:/etc/init.d/rc 1
12:2:wait:/etc/init.d/rc 2
13:3:wait:/etc/init.d/rc 3
14:4:wait:/etc/init.d/rc 4
15:5:wait:/etc/init.d/rc 5
16:6:wait:/etc/init.d/rc 6
[...]
```

As the comments in the file tell, the first script to be run on boot is `/etc/init.d/rcS`, which executes all start scripts in `/etc/rcS.d`. Afterwards, the default runlevel (5) is entered, which makes the start scripts in `/etc/rc5.d` being executed.

All scripts starting with the character **S** are executed with the argument `start` appended, while all scripts starting with the character **K** are executed with the argument `stop` appended. Furthermore, the naming convention states that the **S/K** character is followed by a number which determines the (numeric) execution order.

4.1.1 Udev

The `udev` service dynamically creates the device nodes in the `/dev` directory on system start up, as they are reported by the Linux kernel.

Furthermore, `udev` is user-configurable to react on asynchronous events from device drivers reported by the Linux kernel like hotplugging. The according rules are located in the root file system at `/lib/udev/rules.d`.

Additionally, `udev` is in charge of loading firmware if a device driver requests it. Drivers that use the firmware subsystem have to place their firmware in the folder `/lib/firmware`.

The `udev` service has a startup link that points to the corresponding start script:

```
● /etc/rcS.d/S04udev -> /etc/init.d/udev
```

`Udev` can be configured in `/etc/udev/udev.conf`.

More information about `udev` can be found at:

▶ <https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/kernel/hotplug/udev/udev.html>

4.1.2 D-Bus

The **dbus** service is a message bus system, a simple way for applications to communicate with each another. Additionally, D-Bus helps coordinating the process lifecycle: it makes it simple and reliable to code a **single instance** application or daemon, and to launch applications and daemons on demand when their services are needed.

Garz & Fricke systems are shipped with dbus bindings for glib and Qt. Therefore, the corresponding APIs can be used for application programming. Furthermore, Garz & Fricke systems are configured to support **HALD** that allows to detect hotplugging events in applications asynchronously.

The dbus service has a startup link that points to the corresponding start script:

```
● /etc/rc5.d/S02dbus-1 -> /etc/init.d/dbus-1
```

More information about dbus can be found at:

▶ <http://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Software/dbus>

More information about the Qt dbus bindings can be found at:

▶ <http://qt-project.org/doc/qt-4.7/intro-to-dbus.html>

More information about the glib dbus bindings can be found at:

▶ <http://dbus.freedesktop.org/doc/dbus-glib>

4.1.3 SSH service

The **ssh** service allows the user to log in on the target system. Furthermore, the SFTP and SCP functionalities are activated to allow secure file transfers. The communication is encrypted.

The ssh service has a startup link that points to the corresponding start script:

```
● /etc/rc5.d/S09sshd -> /etc/init.d/openssh
```

The startup script simply starts `/usr/sbin/sshd` as a daemon. The sshd configuration can be found in the target's root file system at `/etc/ssh/sshd_config`.

More information about OpenSSH can be found at:

▶ <http://www.openssh.org>

4.1.4 Module loading

The **modules** service is responsible for external module loading at system startup. It has a startup link that points to the corresponding start script:

```
● /etc/rc5.d/S05modutils.sh -> /etc/init.d/modutils.sh
```

The startup script simply looks which modules are listed in `/etc/modules` and loads them using `/sbin/modprobe`.

To ensure that the module loading works correctly, the module dependencies in `/lib/modules/<kernel version>/modules.dep` have to be consistent.

4.1.5 Network initialization

The **network initialization** service is responsible for initializing all network interfaces at system startup. Garz & Fricke systems use `ifplugd` to detect if an ethernet cable or an WLAN stick is plugged.

The network interfaces are listed on the target system in the configuration file `/etc/network/interfaces`. On conventional Linux systems, the user configures the network interfaces by hand using this file. On Garz & Fricke systems, there is a service called `sharedconf` as described in [▶ 4.1.6 Garz & Fricke shared configuration] that generates this file automatically according to the settings in the global XML configuration.

If the user wants to change the network settings, it is recommended to use the `sconfig` script as described in [▶ 4.1.7 Garz & Fricke system configuration].



Note: Changes that are made to `/etc/network/interfaces` directly will be overwritten by the `sharedconf` service on the next system startup and have no effect.

4.1.6 Garz & Fricke shared configuration

The `sharedconf` service reads shared configuration settings from the XML configuration and configures the Linux system accordingly. This includes network (as described in [▶ 4.1.5 Network initialization](#)) and touch configuration.

The `sharedconf` service has a startup link that points to the corresponding start script:

```
● /etc/rcS.d/S24sharedconf -> /etc/init.d/sharedconf
```

4.1.7 Garz & Fricke system configuration

The `/etc/init.d/sharedconf` script (see [▶ 4.1.6 Garz & Fricke shared configuration](#)) can be used to change the shared system configuration. For this purpose, there is a link to the script at `/usr/bin/sconfig` which can be called without the absolute path:

```
root@santaro:~# sconfig
```

If called without any parameters, the command prints the usage:

```
Usage: /usr/bin/sconfig {start | list | <setting> [value]}
  Call without [value] to read a setting, call with [value] to write it.
Available settings:
  serialdiag  switch serial debug console on or off
  dhcp        switch DHCP on or off
  ip          set IP address
  mask        set subnet mask
  gateway     set standard network gateway
  mac         set MAC address
  name        set device name
  serial      set serial number (affects MAC address and device name)
  rotation    set display rotation
If a 2.Ethernet is present, it may be configured via serial2, mac2, etc.
```

If the script is called with a setting as parameter, the setting is read from the XML configuration and displayed on the console. If additionally a value is appended, this value is written to the according setting in the XML configuration.

The 'name' set with `sconfig` is also used as hostname for the device. It defaults to `GFMM<serial number>`.

Example 1: To activate DHCP on the device, type:

```
root@santaro:~# sconfig dhcp on
```

Example 2: To deactivate DHCP and set a static IP address, type:

```
root@santaro:~# sconfig dhcp off
root@santaro:~# sconfig ip 192.168.1.123
```

4.1.8 Kernel command line

The kernel command line can be used to change some kernel features.



Note: Be careful changing the command line, as it can easily break the booting process of your device. If booting fails after those changes, you will need to boot into **Flash-N-Go System** and correct the settings. In this case, please refer to the **Flash-N-Go System** manual.

To change the kernel command line, the boot partition needs to be mounted.

```
mount /dev/mmcblk0p2 /mnt
```

Calling

```
nano /mnt/boot.cfg
```

will bring up the editor with the boot configurations.

The boot configuration normally looks similar to this:

```
load -b 0x12000000 -p config config.xml
load -b 0x13040000 -o logo.png
devtree -b 0x05:0x61:0x13000000 imx6-santoka-dl.dtb
devtree -b 0x07:0x61:0x13000000 imx6-santaro-dl.dtb
devtree -b 0x07:0x63:0x13000000 imx6-santaro-q.dtb
load linuximage
exec "console=ttymx0,115200 root=/dev/mmcblk0p3 xmlram=0x12000000 logo=0x13040000"
```

The last line is the kernel command line. Options can be added to the end.

Example 1: Enable the SPI interface on the keypad connector:

```
exec "console=ttymx0,115200 root=/dev/mmcblk0p3 xmlram=0x12000000 logo=0x13040000
↳ keypad=gpio,spi"
```

5 Add-On Packages

Starting with Garz & Fricke Yocto Linux BSP Release 19 some packages are not integrated into the prebuilt OS-images provided by Garz & Fricke but instead shipped separately as installable RPM-packages. This is done to not burden the prebuilt OS-images with larger packets and to allow choices, which particular version of a package to install on a specific device.

Such RPM packages can be transferred to the device using any protocol or storage-medium supported by the system and afterwards installed using the following command:

```
$ rpm -i <name of RPM-package-file>
```

Please note that RPM-packages, like the prebuilt OS-images, are provided for each Garz & Fricke system separately and can be installed on only the particular system they are intended for, e.g. an RPM-package provided for VINCELL cannot be installed on a SANTARO or vice versa.

Deinstallation of RPM-packages can be performed likewise:

```
$ rpm -e <name of RPM-package>
```

For deinstallation you can usually provide abbreviated package names instead of filenames or package names including full version numbers.

The following sections assume that RPM-packages are stored on your TFTP-server and will be uploaded to the device using TFTP. You may use other protocols or storage-media to transfer the RPM-packages to your device, of course.

5.1 Chromium

Starting with Yocto Release 19 Garz & Fricke provides the open-source Chromium browser as installable RPM-package.

This package is intended to be used for HTML-based applications starting automatically during system boot, which won't display the regular browser GUI, i.e. URL-bar, navigation buttons, etc.

5.1.1 Installation

The prebuilt Yocto OS-images provided by Garz & Fricke usually start a small QT-based demo-application automatically on system boot. As the Chromium package will install the browser to start automatically on system boot, as well, our default demo application must be disabled first:

```
$ update-rc.d -f qt4-guf-demo remove
```

Note: This will only remove the symlinks responsible for starting the qt4-guf-demo during system boot. The application itself still remains on the device and may still be started from the command-line.

Now the Chromium package may be uploaded and installed on the device. The following example assumes that you use a TFTP-Server on your Host-PC and have copied the RPM-package to its TFTP-Root folder, already. Of course you may use FTP, SFTP, USB-Sticks, SD-Cards or other protocols or storage-media instead. You must change the IP-address in the following example to the IP-address of your Host-PC and may have to change the name of the RPM-package you want to install (Garz & Fricke will eventually supply different Chromium versions for each platform).

```
$ export TFTP=172.20.9.107
$ curl tftp://$TFTP/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-SANTARO/SANTOKA-chromium-42.0.2311.90-r0.
  ↪ rpm >/tmp/chromium.rpm
$ rpm -i /tmp/chromium.rpm
$ sync
```

This may take a moment and shortly afterwards Chromium should already start automatically. After installation Chromium will always start automatically on each system boot.

Note: Installing multiple different versions at the same time on a system is currently not supported, i.e. if you want to install a different version than you already may have installed on your device, you must deinstall the previous version first.

5.1.2 Deinstallation

Chromium can easily be deinstalled using rpm. Please note that it must be currently running on the device otherwise the rpm-command will fail.

```
$ rpm -e chromium
```

5.1.3 Manual Start/Stop of Chromium

You can start and stop Chromium during runtime with the following commands:

```
$ /etc/init.d/chromium stop
```

```
$ /etc/init.d/chromium start
```

5.1.4 "Kiosk"-Mode

For normal application use Chromium is configured to start in so-called "kiosk"-mode. This means that it runs in full-screen mode without displaying the regular browser GUI, e.g. navigation buttons, URL-bar, access to the Chromium menu, etc. Only your webpage and, if necessary, scroll-bars are displayed.

For development or testing purposes you may want to use Chromium in normal-mode showing the navigation bar. You can temporarily do so by first stopping Chromium, as described above, and then calling it manually with any URL(s) and command-line options you like, e.g.:

```
$ /etc/init.d/chromium stop
$ Chromium http://www.google.com
```

This will temporarily re-start Chromium with the full GUI. Note that upon reboot of the system it will automatically start in Kiosk-mode again.

5.1.5 Configuration

URL: The Chromium packages shipped by Garz & Fricke load the Garz & Fricke webpage by default. This is intended for first demonstration purposes only, of course, and may be changed to a different URL of your choice with the following command:

```
$ echo "<Your URL>" >/etc/chromium.conf
$ sync
```

E.g. to re-configure the Garz & Fricke website as default URL to be opened, execute:

```
$ echo "http://www.garz-fricke.com" >/etc/chromium.conf
$ sync
```

Command-Line Options: If you want Chromium to start with different command-line options than we have configured by default, please modify the file `/etc/init.d/chromium` accordingly, e.g. you may remove the `-kiosk` command-line option if you want Chromium to automatically start in normal-mode with the navigation-bar enabled.

Supplying command-line options to the `/etc/init.d/chromium start` call is not supported. You may test command-line options by starting Chromium manually, though, e.g.:

```
$ /etc/init.d/chromium stop
$ Chromium --show-fps --kiosk --incognito http://www.garz-fricke.com
```

A list of all Chromium command-line options is available here:

► <http://peter.sh/experiments/chromium-command-line-switches/>

Not all command-line options are supported by all versions or builds of the Chromium browser, though, and Chromium does not complain about command-line options it does not recognize, but just ignores them silently, instead.

Chromium Settings: If you want to change Chromium settings, install Chromium extensions, use the Chromium developer tools, etc. you must (temporarily) start Chromium in normal-mode. These features and tools are not available in kiosk-mode

Chromium Apps and Extensions: When started in normal-mode you may install Chromium extensions via the Chromium menu. Please note, though, that the Chromium-Webstore, which is used to find, download and install extensions, is shared with the Chrome-Webstore you may know from the Desktop Google Chrome browser.

Chromium is the open-source part of Chrome and does not support all functions of the full Chrome browser, which unfortunately is not available for Linux-ARM systems. Due to the larger market-share of the regular PC-Chrome browser, most apps and extensions will probably be tested only on this browser and platform and may not work on the Chromium browser of Garz & Fricke devices, e.g. while the "Virtual Keyboard"-extension from xonTAB.com works on Garz & Fricke devices and is in fact currently installed by default in the Garz & Fricke Chromium package (see below), e.g. the "Google Input Tools" do not work properly on our devices.

Therefore please understand that some apps and extensions you may want to install, may fail to work on our devices.

To install the same set of extensions (or Chromium preferences) on multiple devices, the easiest way is to configure one single device as desired and then take a "snapshot" of the device's `/home/root/.chromium`-folder, which can then be unpacked on any other device desired.

5.1.6 Soft-Keyboard

As already briefly mentioned, the Chromium RPM-packages provided by Garz & Fricke currently come with the free "Virtual Keyboard"-extension from xonTAB.com pre-installed, because there is currently no system-wide soft-keyboard available in our Yocto-BSP, which can be used in the Chromium kiosk-mode.

More information on the xonTAB.com "Virtual Keyboard" Chromium extension can be found on the manufacturer web-page: ► <http://xonTAB.com.com/Apps/VirtualKeyboard>

This extension allows you to try regular web-pages without modification. This soft-keyboard will not work in the Chromium URL-bar or in any Chromium dialogs that you may open, though. It is a Javascript-based extension only intended to enter text into forms of web-pages (but may even have issues with some web-pages).

To still easily allow opening different web-pages for testing, the keyboard is configured to include an URL-button, by default. If you want to use this soft-keyboard with your HTML-application, you may want to disable this URL-button on the options-page of the extension. You can also enable/disable different international keyboard layouts (by default English and German layouts are enabled), change the soft-keyboard to a floating window, etc.

For your final HTML-based application you may want to replace the xonTAB.com "Virtual Keyboard" with a different Chromium extension providing a soft-keyboard, use other third-party Javascript-based keyboards embedded directly in your web-page without any Chromium extensions being installed, or provide your own soft-keyboard via Javascript, HTML5, etc.

Quite a lot of free third-party Javascript-based soft-keyboard to be integrated in web-pages may be found here:

► <http://mottie.github.io/Keyboard>

Using the Chromium URL-bar or text-input fields in Chromium dialog boxes is only supported via external USB-keyboards.

6 Accessing the hardware

This chapter gives a short overview of how to access the different hardware parts and interfaces from within the Linux operating system. It is written universally in order to fit all Garz & Fricke platforms in general.

6.1 Digital I/O

The digital I/O pins for a platform are controlled by the kernel's **GPIO Library** interface driver. This driver exports a sysfs interface to the user space. For each pin, there is a virtual folder in the file system under `/sys/class/gpio/` with the same name as in the hardware manual.

Each folder contains the following virtual files that can be accessed like normal files. In the command shell, there are the standard Linux commands **cat** for read access and **echo** for write access. To access those virtual files from C/C++ code, the standard POSIX operations `open()`, `read()`, `write()` and `close()` can be used.

sysfs file	Valid values	Meaning
value	0, 1	The current level of the GPIO pin. The active_low flag (see below) has to be taken into account for interpretation.
direction	in, out	The direction of the GPIO pin.
active_low	0, 1	Indicates if the pin is interpreted active low.

Most of the Garz & Fricke hardware platforms include a dedicated connector with isolated digital I/O pins. On these pins, the direction cannot be changed, since it is determined by the wiring. Thus, the direction file is missing here. Some platforms also have a keypad connector, which can be used as a bi-directional GPIO port.

The following examples show how to use the virtual files in order to control the GPIO pins.

Example 1: Verify that the GPIO pin **keypad_pin7**, which is pin 7 on the keypad connector, is interpreted as **active high**, configure the pin as an output and set it to high level in the Linux shell:

```
root@santaro:~# cat /sys/class/gpio/keypad_pin7/active_low
0
root@santaro:~# echo out > /sys/class/gpio/keypad_pin7/direction
root@santaro:~# echo 1 > /sys/class/gpio/keypad_pin7/value
```

Example 2: Verify that **keypad_pin12** is an input pin and interpreted as **active low** and verify that the level **LOW** is recognized by this pin in the Linux shell:

```
root@santaro:~# cat /sys/class/gpio/keypad_pin12/direction
in
root@santaro:~# cat /sys/class/gpio/keypad_pin12/active_low
1
root@santaro:~# cat /sys/class/gpio/keypad_pin12/value
1
```

Example 3: C function to set / clear the **dig_out1** output pin:

```
void set_gpio(unsigned int state)
{
    int fd = -1; // GPIO file handle
    char gpio[4];

    fd = open("/sys/class/gpio/dig_out1/value", O_RDWR);
    if (fd == -1)
    {
        printf("GPIO-ERR\n");
        return;
    }
    sprintf(gpio, "%d", state);
    write(fd, gpio, strlen(gpio));
    close(fd);
}
```

A more detailed documentation of the GPIO handling in the Linux kernel can be found in the documentation directory of the Linux kernel source tree.

6.2 Serial interfaces (RS-232 / RS-485 / MDB)

Most of the serial interfaces are exported as TTY devices and thus accessible via their device nodes under `/dev/ttymx<number>`. Depending on your hardware platform (and maybe its assembly option), different transceivers (RS232, RS485, MDB) can be connected to these TTY devices. See the following table for the mapping between device nodes and hardware connectors on SANTARO/SANTOKA:

TTY device	Hardware function
<code>/dev/ttymx0</code>	RS-232 #1 (X13)
<code>/dev/ttymx1</code>	RS-232 #2 / MDB (X13)
<code>/dev/ttymx2</code>	RS-485 (X39)
<code>/dev/ttymx3</code>	internal UART (X11)

RS485 can be used in half duplex or full duplex mode. This mode has to be set on the hardware (see the according hardware manual) as well as in the software. Per default, the interface is working in full duplex mode. See the following C code example for setting the RS485 interface to half duplex mode:

```
#include <termios.h>

void set_rs485_half_duplex_mode()
{
    struct serial_rs485 rs485;
    int fd;

    /* Open port */
    fd = open ("/dev/ttymx2", O_RDWR | O_SYNC);

    /* Enable RS485 half duplex mode */
    rs485.flags = SER_RS485_ENABLED | SER_RS485_RTS_ON_SEND;
    ioctl(fd, TIOCSRS485, &rs485);

    close(fd);
}
```

For a full source code example, see the BSP folder `sources/meta-guf/meta/recipes-guf/ltt-guf-tests/ltt-guf-tests/testcases/rs485pingpong`.

Interfaces with an MDB transceiver should not be accessed directly via their device nodes. Instead, there is a library for MDB communication in the BSP. Please see the folder `sources/meta-guf/meta/recipes-guf/mdbtest` for a full source code example.

6.3 Ethernet

If all network devices are properly configured as described in [\[▶ 4.1.7 Garz & Fricke system configuration\]](#) and [\[▶ 4.1.5 Network initialization\]](#) they can be used by the POSIX socket API.

There is a huge amount of documentation about socket programming available. Therefore it is not documented here.

The POSIX specification is available at:

▶ <http://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9699919799/functions/contents.html>

6.4 Real Time Clock (RTC)

All Garz & Fricke systems are equipped with a hardware real time clock. The system time is automatically set during the boot sequence by reading the RTC. You can read the current time and date using the Linux `hwclock` command:

```
root@santaro:~# hwclock --show
Fri Jun  1 14:51:12 UTC 2012
```

The RTC time cannot be adjusted directly in one command because only the current system time can be transferred to the RTC. Thus, the system time has to be set first, using the **date** command, and can then be written to the RTC:

```
root@santaro:~# date 2010.09.09-16:50:00
Thu Sep  9 16:50:00 UTC 2010
root@santaro:~# hwclock --systohc
```

6.5 Keypad connector

The so called keypad connector is a general purpose connector. It can be used in different modes. The mode is selected using the kernel command line. See [▶ 4.1.8 Kernel command line](#) how it can be modified.

The actual pin mapping is described in the hardware guide for your device.

There are three available functions.

GPIO:

```
keypad=gpio
```

All pins are available as gpios. You can access them in usermode using the sysfs entries:

```
/sys/class/gpio/keypad_pin<3-18>
```

See [▶ 6.1 Digital I/O](#) for usage.

I2C:

```
keypad=i2c
```

The i2c 1 interface is mapped to the keypad connector pins 11 and 12. It is available in usermode as:

```
/dev/i2c-1
```

See [▶ 6.7 I2C](#) for usage.

SPI:

```
keypad=spi
```

The spi interface is mapped to the pins 12 till 18. The interface is available in usermode as:

```
/dev/spidev0.0
/dev/spidev0.1
/dev/spidev0.2
```

See [▶ 6.6 SPI](#) for usage.

Combination: The options can be combined to use multiple functions at the same time, for example:

```
keypad=gpio,i2c,spi
```

will enable all three functions. This leads to the following mapping:

- pins 3-10 are used as gpios
- 11 and 12 are used for i2c

- 13-18 are used for spi

Default:

The default setting is:

```
keypad=gpio,i2c
```

6.6 SPI

There are two ways of controlling SPI bus devices from a Linux system:

- Writing a kernel SPI device driver and accessing this driver from user space by using its interface.
- Accessing the SPI bus via the Linux kernel's `spidev` API directly.

Describing the process of writing a Linux SPI device driver is out of the scope of this manual. The AT25 SPI eeprom can serve as a good and simple example for such a driver. It is located in the kernel directory under:

- `drivers/misc/eeprom/at25.c`

The interface provided to the user space by such a kernel driver depends of the sort of this driver (e.g. character misc driver, input subsystem device driver, etc.). A very common usecase for an SPI driver is a touchscreen driver that uses the input event subsystem.

Accessing the SPI bus from userspace directly via `spidev` is described in the Linux kernel documentation and available in the kernel directory under:

- `Documentation/spi/spidev`

Additionally, there is an example C program available in the same location:

- `Documentation/spi/spidev_test.c`

The header for `spidev` is available under:

- `include/linux/spi/spidev.h`



Note: If `spidev` is used to access the SPI bus directly, the user is responsible for keeping the interoperability consistent with all other SPI devices that are controlled by the Linux kernel.

6.7 I2C

There are two ways of controlling I2C bus devices from a Linux system:

- Writing a kernel I2C device driver and accessing this driver from user space by using its interface.
- Accessing the I2C bus via the Linux kernel's `i2c-dev` API directly.

Describing the process of writing a Linux I2C device driver is out of this scope of this manual. The AT24 I2C eeprom can serve as a good and simple example for such a driver. It is located in the kernel directory under:

- `drivers/misc/eeprom/at24.c`

The interface provided to the user space by such a kernel driver depends of the sort of this driver (e.g. character misc driver, input subsystem device driver, etc.). A very common usecase for an I2C driver is a touchscreen driver that uses the input event subsystem.

Accessing the I2C bus from userspace directly via `spidev` is described in the Linux kernel documentation and available inside the kernel directory under:

- `Documentation/i2c/dev-interface`

The header for `i2c-dev` is available under:

- `include/linux/i2c-dev.h`



Note: If `i2c-dev` is used to access the I2C bus directly, the user is responsible for keeping the interoperability consistent with all other I2C devices that are controlled by the Linux kernel.

6.8 CAN

CAN bus devices are controlled through the SocketCAN framework in the Linux kernel. As a consequence, CAN interfaces are network interfaces. Applications receive and transmit CAN messages via the BSD Socket API. CAN interfaces are configured via the netlink protocol. Additionally, Garz & Fricke Linux systems are shipped with the **canutils** package to control and test the CAN bus from the command line.

On SANTARO/SANTOKA the CAN bus is physically available on connector X39.

Example 1 shows how a CAN bus interface can be set up properly for 125 kBit/s from a Linux console:

```
root@santaro:~# canconfig can0 bitrate 125000
root@santaro:~# ifconfig can0 up
```



Note: Due to the use of the busybox version of the **ip** tool the following sequence does **NOT** work on Garz & Fricke Linux systems:

```
root@santaro:~# ip link set can0 type can bitrate 125000
root@santaro:~# ifconfig can0 up
```

As already stated above, CAN messages can be sent through the BSD Socket API. The structure for a CAN message is defined in the kernel header **include/linux/can.h**:

```
struct can_frame {
    u32 can_id; /* 29 bit CAN_ID + flags */
    u8 can_dlc; /* data length code: 0 .. 8 */
    u8 data[8];
};
```

Example 2 shows how to initialize SocketCAN from a C program:

```
int iSock;
struct sockaddr_can addr;

iSock = socket(PF_CAN, SOCK_RAW, CAN_RAW);

addr.can_family = AF_CAN;
addr.can_ifindex = if_nametoindex("can0");

bind(iSock, (struct sockaddr *)&addr,
     sizeof(addr));
```

Example 3 shows how a CAN message is sent from a C program:

```
struct can_frame frame;

frame.can_id = 0x123;
frame.can_dlc = 1;
frame.data[0] = 0xAB;

nbytes = write(iSock, &frame,
              sizeof(frame));
```

Example 4 shows how a CAN message is received from a C program:

```
struct can_frame frame;

nbytes = read(iSock, &frame, sizeof(frame));

if (nbytes > 0) {
    printf("ID=0x%X DLC=%d data[0]=0x%X\n",
          frame.can_id,
```

```

    frame.can_dlc,
    frame.data[0]);
}

```

Example 5 shows how a CAN message with four bytes with the standard ID 0x20 is sent on **can0** from the Linux shell, using the **cansend** tool. The CAN bus has to be physically prepared properly and there has to be at least one other node that is configured to read on this message ID for this task. Furthermore, all nodes must have the same bittiming.

```

root@santaro:~# cansend can0 -i 0x20 0xca 0xbe 0xca 0xbe

```

Example 6 shows how all CAN messages are read on **can0** using the **candump** tool:

```

root@santaro:~# candump can0

```

A more detailed documentation of the CAN bus handling in the Linux kernel can be found in the documentation directory of the Linux kernel source tree.

6.9 USB

There are two general types of USB devices:

- **USB Host:** the Linux platform device is the host and controls several devices supported by corresponding Linux drivers
- **USB Device:** the Linux platform device acts as a USB device itself by emulating a specific device type

Additionally, if supported, an OTG-enabled port can automatically detect, which of the above roles the platform plays during the plugging process.

6.9.1 USB Host

For USB Host functionality, Garz & Fricke platforms per default support the following devices:

- USB Mass Storage
- USB Keyboard

There are many more device drivers available in the Linux kernel. They are not activated by default, because Garz & Fricke cannot maintain and test the huge amount of existing drivers. Instead, the customer may do this himself or engage Garz & Fricke to implement his special use case. Existing drivers can easily be activated by reconfiguring and rebuilding the Linux kernel inside the BSP.

The USB Host bus can also be directly accessed by using **libusb**. This library is installed on Garz & Fricke platforms per default.

Further information about libusb can be found under:

▶ <http://libusb.sourceforge.net/api-1.0>



Note: If libusb is used to access the USB bus directly, the user is responsible to keep the interoperability consistent with all other USB devices that are controlled by the Linux kernel.

6.9.2 USB Device

For USB Device functionality, the following device emulations are supported per default:

- USB Serial Gadget

Again, further drivers can be activated by reconfiguring the Linux kernel. The USB Device drivers are not compiled into the kernel by default, but are located as modules in the file system. In order to use the Serial Gadget for example, the according module has to be loaded:

```

root@santaro:~# modprobe g_serial

```

The Serial Gadget creates a virtual serial port over USB, accessible via the device node **/dev/ttyGS0**.

6.10 Display power

The display can be powered on or off by software. The value is exported as a virtual file in the sysfs under `/sys/class/graphics/fb0/blank`. It can be accessed using the standard file operations `open()`, `read()`, `write()` and `close()`.

Example 1: Turn display off:

```
root@santaro:~# echo 4 > /sys/class/graphics/fb0/blank
```

Example 2: Turn display on:

```
root@santaro:~# echo 0 > /sys/class/graphics/fb0/blank
```

Please note that this value is not persistent, i.e. it gets lost when the device is rebooted.

6.11 Display backlight

The brightness of the display backlight can be adjusted in a range from 0 to 255. The value is exported as a virtual file in the sysfs under `/sys/class/backlight/pwm-backlight.0/brightness`. It can be accessed using the standard file operations `open()`, `read()`, `write()` and `close()`.

Example 1: Reading and adjusting the current backlight brightness on the console:

```
root@santaro:~# cat /sys/class/backlight/pwm-backlight.0/brightness
255
root@santaro:~# echo 100 > /sys/class/backlight/pwm-backlight.0/brightness
```

Please note that this value is not persistent, i.e. it gets lost when the device is rebooted. In order to change the brightness permanently, it has to be set in the XML configuration, which can be done using the `xconfig` tool.

Example 2: Adjusting the backlight brightness permanently on the console:

```
root@santaro:~# xconfig addattribute -p /configurationFile/variables/display/
↳ backlight -n level_ac -v 100
```

Please note that adjusting this value does not affect the brightness immediately. A reboot is required for this setting to take effect. If you want to adjust the brightness immediately and permanently, you have to execute both examples.

6.12 SD cards and USB mass storage

SD cards and USB mass storage devices can be accessed directly by using their devices nodes. The SD card can be found under `/dev/mmcbk1`, its single partitions are located under `/dev/mmcbk1pX` with X being a positive number. The USB mass storage devices can be found under `/dev/sdX` with X=a..z, its single partitions under `/dev/sdXY` with Y being a positive number.

Example 1: Create a FAT32 file system on the first partition of an SD card:

```
root@santaro:~# mkfs.vfat /dev/mmcbk1p1
```

If the first partition on an SD card or a USB mass storage device already contains a file system when it is plugged into the device, it is mounted automatically by the `udev` service. SD card partitions are mounted to mount point `/media/mmcbk1pX` with X being a positive number, and USB mass storage devices are mounted to mount point `/media/sdXY` with X=a..z and Y being a positive number.

All further partitions or partitions with a newly created file system have to be mounted manually, like shown in the following examples.

Example 2: Mount the first partition on an SD Card into a newly created directory:

```
root@santaro:~# mkdir /my_sdcard
root@santaro:~# mount /dev/mmcblk1p1 /my_sdcard
```

Example 3: Mount the first partition on a USB mass storage device into a newly created directory:

```
root@santaro:~# mkdir /my_usb_drive
root@santaro:~# mount /dev/sda1 /my_usb_drive
```

6.13 Temperature Sensor

Most Garz & Fricke systems are equipped with an on-board hardware temperature sensor. The sensor is a Texas Instruments LM73 connected via I²C. To poll the currently measured temperature you can read the corresponding sysfs file in `/sys/class/hwmon/hwmon0/device/`.

For example:

```
root@santaro:~# cat /sys/class/hwmon/hwmon0/device/temp1_input
+38.0
```

The sensor generates an alert when the measured temperature exceeds the maximum temperature defined in `temp1_max`. The alert flag will be set to 0 (active low) and an interrupt is generated. The interrupt will trigger an event on the `temp1_alrt` sysfs entry, that can be caught using the `poll()` function.

Read the temperature alert flag (active low):

```
root@santaro:~# cat /sys/class/hwmon/hwmon0/device/temp1_alrt
1
```

To reset the temperature alert flag the currently measured temperature needs to be below the maximum temperature value. Then the flag can be reset by writing 1 to the `temp1_altrst` sysfs entry.

Reset the temperature alert flag:

```
root@santaro:~# echo 1 > /sys/class/hwmon/hwmon0/device/temp1_altrst
```

6.14 Touchscreen

The touchscreen device is used by the application framework (e.g. Qt) via the **Linux input subsystem** kernel API, i.e. its device node `/dev/input/event0`.

For resistive touchscreens, which require a calibration, the `tslib` library is used as an inter-layer. Garz & Fricke provides optimized signal filtering for the touchscreens that are shipped with their products by choosing a suitable set of filters with suitable parameters in `tslib`. The filter configuration can be altered in the configuration file `/etc/ts.conf` in the target's root filesystem. This should only be done if the user is familiar with `tslib`'s filter system and the properties and characteristics of its filters. It is also important to reboot the system properly after altering this configuration file or executing the `sync` command. Otherwise, the changes may get lost during a hard reset.

6.15 Audio

Garz & Fricke systems with an integrated audio codec make use of ALSA (Advanced Linux Sound Architecture) as a software interface. This project includes a user-space library (`alsa-lib`) and a set of tools (`aplay`, `arecord`, `amixer`, `alsactl`) for controlling and accessing the audio hardware from user applications or the console. Please refer to the official ALSA webpage for a full documentation:

▶ <http://www.alsa-project.org>

For a quick start here are three short examples of how to play/record an audio file and how to adjust the playback volume.

Example 1: Play the audio file `my_audio_file.wav` from the console using `aplay`:

```
root@santaro:~# aplay my_audio_file.wav
```

Example 2: Record the audio file `my_recorded_audio_file.wav` from the console using `arecord`:

```
root@santaro:~# arecord -f cd -t wav > my_recorded_audio_file.wav
```

Example 3: Set the playback volume to half of the maximum:

```
root@santaro:~# amixer sset 'PCM' 50%
```

The `amixer` command can be used for several settings regarding the audio hardware. Called without parameters, it gives a list of all available settings along with their possible values.

ALSA is also used in conjunction with playing multimedia files with GStreamer via the `alsasink` plugin after decoding the audio data from an audio stream.

Example 4: Play a sine signal with a frequency of 440 Hz (default settings) with GStreamer's `audiotestsrc` and `alsasink` plugins:

```
root@santaro:~# gst-launch audiotestsrc ! audioconvert ! alsasink
```

6.16 SRAM

The battery-backed SRAM is controlled by the MTD subsystem in the Linux kernel. Therefore, it can be handled like a typical MTD device via the device handles `/dev/mtdX` and `/dev/mtdblockX`, where `X` is the logical number of the device. This number can be found by executing:

```
root@santaro:~# cat /proc/mtd | grep SRAM
```

Per default, the SRAM is located at `/dev/mtd0`.

A very common use of the SRAM in conjunction with the MTD subsystem is to create a file system on top of it, like shown in the following example.

Example: Create a JFFS2 file system on `/dev/mtd0` with the `mtd-utils` and mount it to `/mnt`

```
root@santaro:~# flash_eraseall /dev/mtd0
root@santaro:~# mkfs.jffs2 /dev/mtdblock0
root@santaro:~# mount /dev/mtdblock0 -t jffs2 /mnt
```

7 Building and running a user application

There are two general ways of building your own native application for the target: it can be built either manually, using the cross toolchain of the SDK, or integrated into the BSP, using Yocto and bitbake as a build system. Integrating the application into the BSP build process is the more complex way and useful only if you have modified the BSP and want to deploy a complete root file system image to the target anyway (see [▶ 8 Building a Garz & Fricke Yocto Linux system from source](#)). For a single application, using the BSP in its original state as provided by Garz & Fricke, the SDK is recommended to be used. The following sections describe how to build a simple **Hello World!** application using the SDK.

In addition to running native applications, the device can also be configured to display a website using Qt Webkit. The Garz & Fricke Linux BSP comes with a configurable web demo application, which is covered in a separate section of this chapter.

7.1 SDK installation

The SDK contains the cross-toolchain and several files like headers and libraries necessary to build software for SANTARO/SANTOKA. It is available as download from the Garz & Fricke support website. The sdk was tested with Ubuntu 14.04 Desktop (amd64), other distributions might work but 32bit systems will not. In that case you have to build the sdk yourself using the bsp as described in [▶ 8.3 Building the BSP for the target platform with Yocto](#)

▶ <http://support.garz-fricke.com/projects/Santaro/Linux-Yocto/Releases/Yocto-@VERSION@/sdk>

The SDK file is a self-extracting archive that is supposed to run on Linux based machines. It is named something like **GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-sdk.sh**. Run this file on your development PC:

```
$sh <SDK location>/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-sdk.sh
```

The installer will ask you if you want to install the SDK into a subfolder in **/opt**. Supposed this is what you want press the **y** key.

Example output:

```
Enter target directory for SDK (default: /opt/guf/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-sdk):
You are about to install the SDK to "/opt/guf/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-sdk". Proceed[Y/
↵ n]?
Extracting SDK...done
Setting it up...done
SDK has been successfully set up and is ready to be used.
```

Now that the SDK is installed you may proceed and write your first application for the embedded device.

7.2 Simple command-line application

We will create a simple C++ "Hello World!" application that uses a Makefile and the supplied SDK. Create a directory in your home directory on the host system and change to it:

```
$ cd ~
$ mkdir myapp
$ cd myapp
```

Create the empty files **main.cpp** and **Makefile** in this directory:

```
$ touch main.cpp Makefile
```

Edit the contents of the main.cpp file as follows:

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;
```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    cout << "Hello World!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Edit the contents of the **Makefile** as follows:

```
myapp: main.cpp
    $(CXX) ${CXXFLAGS} -o $@ $<
    $(STRIP) $@

clean:
    rm -f myapp *.o *~ *.bak
```

It is necessary to setup your build environment so that the compiler, headers and libraries can be found. This is done by "sourcing" a build environment configuration file. If the toolchain is installed in the default directory, this example compiles for the target system by typing

```
$ source
  ↪ /opt/guf/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-sdk/environment-setup-santaro-santoka-guf-linux-gnueabi
$ make
```

in the **myapp** directory. The first line is needed only once as it configures the current shell and sets the necessary environment variables.

After a successful build, the **myapp** executable is created in the **myapp** directory. You can transfer this application to the target system's **/usr/bin** directory using one of the ways described in chapter [▶ 3 Accessing the target system](#) and execute it from the device shell. It might be necessary to change the access rights of the executable first, so that all users are able to execute it.

You can find further information about how to build applications for Yocto-based platforms at:

▶ <https://www.yoctoproject.org/docs/current/adt-manual/adt-manual.html>

7.3 Qt-based GUI user application

Create a new directory in your home directory on the host system and change to it:

```
$ cd ~
$ mkdir myqtapp
$ cd myqtapp
```

Create the empty files **main.cpp** and **myqtapp.pro**.

```
$ touch main.cpp myqtapp.pro
```

Edit the contents of the file **main.cpp** as follows:

```
#include <QApplication>
#include <QPushButton>

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    QApplication app(argc, argv);
    app.setOverrideCursor(Qt::BlankCursor);
    QPushButton hello("Hello World!");
    hello.setWindowFlags(Qt::FramelessWindowHint);
    hello.resize(800, 480);
    hello.show();
    return app.exec();
}
```

Edit the contents of the file `myqtapp.pro` as follows:

```
TEMPLATE = app
TARGET = myqtapp

QT = core gui widgets

SOURCES += \
    main.cpp
```

Setup the build environment.

```
$ source
↪ /opt/guf/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-sdk/environment-setup-santaro-santoka-guf-linux-gnueabi
```

Note: The above command assumes that you have extracted the SDK in the default directory under `/opt/guf/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-sdk`. If the SDK is located in a different directory, you have to change the directory accordingly.

Execute the following command to create a **Makefile** and build the binary in the `myqtapp` directory:

```
$ qmake myqtapp.pro
$ make
```

Now, there is the `myqtapp` executable in the `myqtapp` directory. You can transfer this application to the target system's `/usr/bin` directory in one of the ways described in chapter [▶ 3 Accessing the target system](#) and run it from the device shell.

7.4 Using the Qt Creator IDE

Apart from compiling Qt applications on the command line, Qt Creator can be used as a comfortable IDE for developing, building and deploying applications for the target system. This section describes how to set up Qt Creator and how to compile and deploy a sample application.

7.4.1 Configuring Qt Creator

To use Qt with the cross toolchain shipped with the Garz & Fricke BSP, the Qt version must be set up properly. Furthermore, the device configuration for automatic deployment must be set up properly.

Our tests were performed using a virtual machine installation of Ubuntu 14.04 Desktop (amd64). The following examples consider a Ubuntu 14.04 Desktop (amd64) installation. To install the Qt Creator from the terminal type

```
$ sudo apt-get install qtcreator qtcreator-plugin-cmake qtcreator-plugin-qnx
```

SFTP is used to deploy your program to the target device, thus SSH has to be installed as well:

```
$ sudo apt-get install ssh
```

After installation, Qt Creator needs some environment variables set. It is the same process as in the chapters [▶ 7.2 Simple command-line application](#) and [▶ 7.3 Qt-based GUI user application](#). Open a console and type

```
$ source
↪ /opt/guf/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-sdk/environment-setup-santaro-santoka-guf-linux-gnueabi
```

Now that this console session is prepared, start the Qt Creator:

```
$ qtcreator &
```

Now you need to configure the Qt Creator to use the correct toolchain and to deploy to the correct device. Open the **Tools->Options** dialog. We will configure the target device first.

On the left pane of the dialog open the **Devices** view. Add a new **Generic Linux Device** and configure IP and credentials according to your target settings. The IP address depends on the configuration, factory default is the static address 192.168.1.1 but dhcp is also possible. Make sure that you can access the target as described in [3 Accessing the target system](#) with ssh or telnet before.

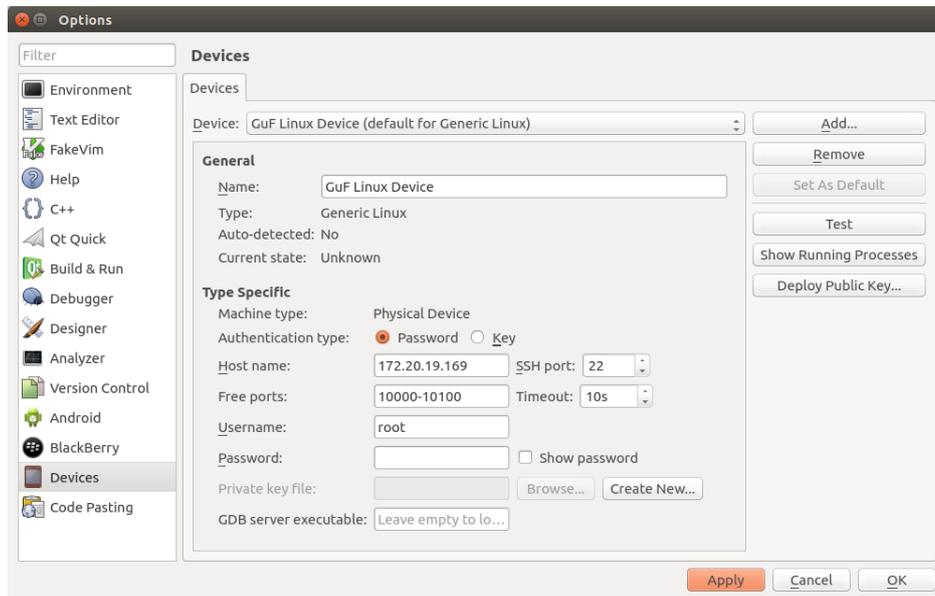


Figure 3: Qt Creator device options

You can press the **Test** button to test your configuration. The test dialog should display:

```
Device test finished successfully.
```

Now that the device is configured we need to set up the toolchain. This is done in the **Build & Run** pane. The first thing we want to add is the cross compiler in the **Compilers** section. The **Compiler path** is everything that is needed here.

```
/opt/guf/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-sdk/sysroots/x86_64-gufsdk-linux/usr/bin/arm-guf-  
↳ linux-gnueabi/arm-guf-linux-gnueabi-g++
```

The dialog should look similar to [Figure 4](#).

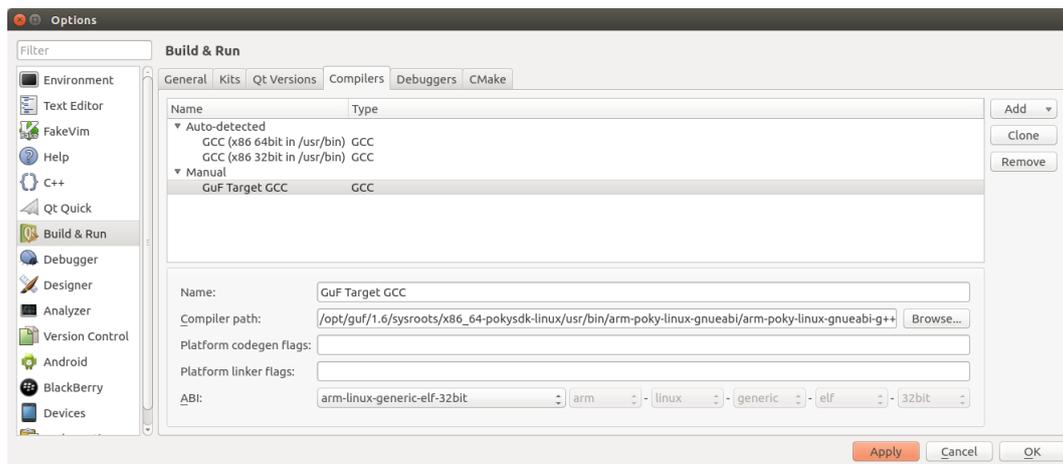


Figure 4: Qt Creator compiler options

The next step is checking the version the **Qt Versions** section. It should be set to

```
/opt/guf/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-sdk/sysroots/x86_64-gufsdk-linux/usr/bin/qt5/qmake
```

as seen in [▶ Figure 5](#).

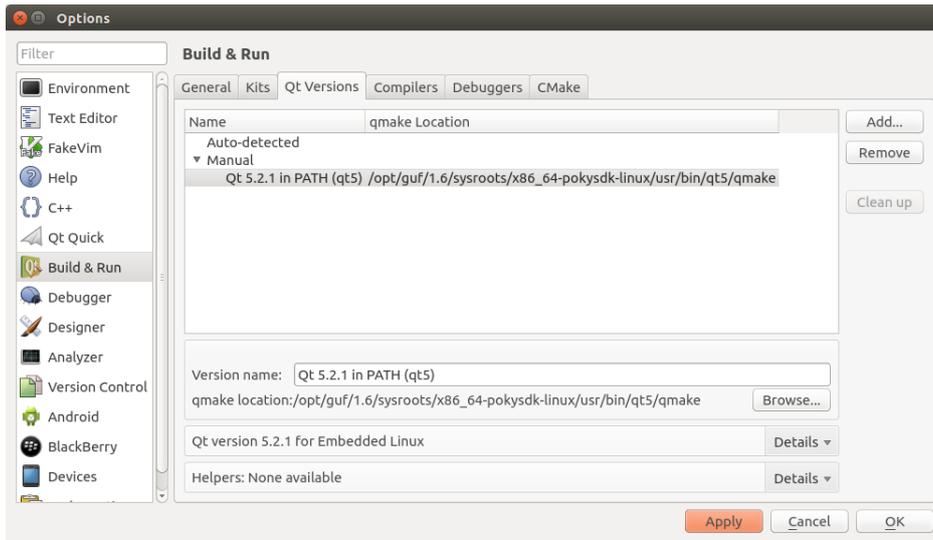


Figure 5: Qt Creator Qt Versions

In the last configuration step we combine the previous configuration steps to a kit in the **Kits** section. Add a new **Generic Linux Device** and set the options so that the previously created settings are used. The **Sysroot** setting needs to be set to something like

```
/opt/guf/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-sdk/sysroots/santaro-santoka-guf-linux-gnueabi
```

and the **Qt mkspec** is set to

```
linux-oe-g++
```

Please note that the **Qt mkspec** will hide after setting.

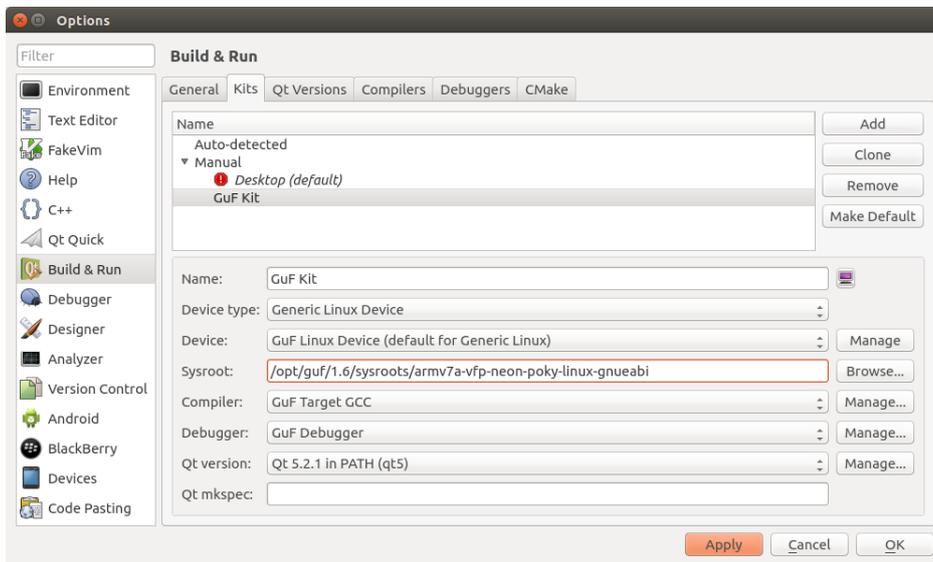


Figure 6: Qt Creator kits options

You can now begin to develop a Qt Application using the Qt Cerator.

7.4.2 Developing with Qt Creator

In this section we will create and deploy a simple Qt Quick Application. The application will be the default sample application that comes with the Qt Creator IDE.

To create a new project select **File->New File or Project...** Make sure that in the top right corner of the wizard dialog the option **Embedded linux Templates** is selected. Choose an **Applications** project and select **Qt Quick Application**.

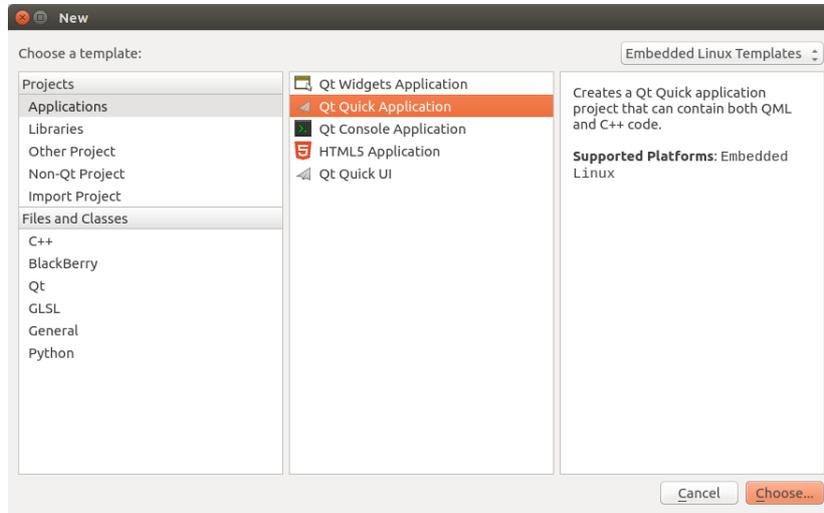


Figure 7: Qt Creator new project screen

Click on **Choose** and give your application a name. After a click on the **Next** button you can choose which component set you want to use. For this example we select **Qt Quick 2.0**. Another click on the **Next** button shows the Kits selection. You only need the kit that you created in the previous section.

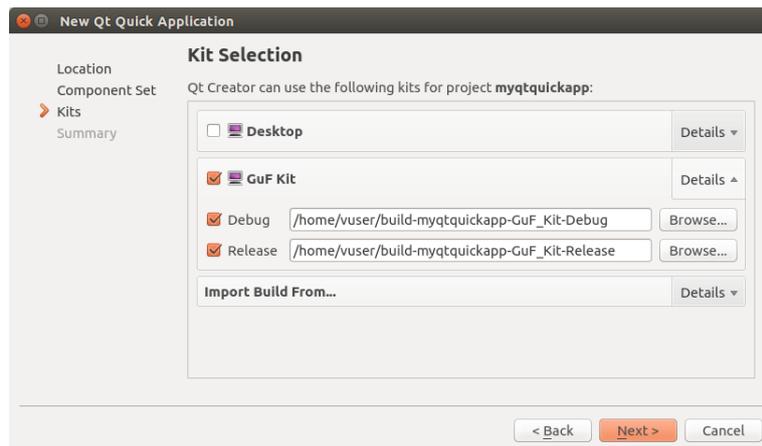


Figure 8: Qt Creator kit selection

After finishing the wizard you should see the opened **main.qml** and the project files.

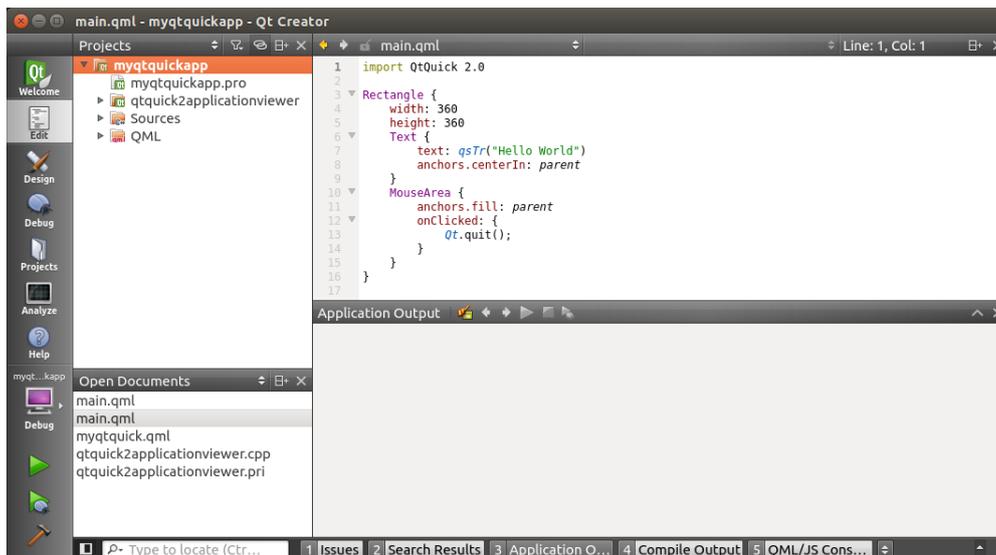


Figure 9: The first Qt Quick application in Qt Creator

You can now build and deploy the application by clicking the **Run** button (the play button in the left bottom corner) or using the shortcut **Ctrl-R**. Now the Qt Creator builds your application and automatically deploys it to the device. On the device, you should see an application showing **Hello World** now.

For further information on how to use Qt Creator and how to program Qt applications see the online Qt documentation:

- ▶ <http://qt-project.org/doc/qtcreator-3.0/index.html>
- ▶ <http://qt-project.org/doc/>

7.5 Autostart mechanism for user applications

In order to make the target system start your application automatically during the boot process you have to create a start/stop script in the `/etc/init.d` directory. As described in chapter [▶ 4.1 Services](#), this directory contains a number of scripts for various services on your system. Each script will be run as a command of the following form:

```
root@santaro:~# /etc/init.d/<COMMAND> <OPTION>
```

Where **COMMAND** is the actual command to run and **OPTION** can be one of the following:

- ◆ start
- ◆ stop

The command can be called by hand to start or stop a specific service. In order to start a service automatically during system boot, a link to the script has to be created in the `/etc/rc.d` directory. In this directory, the filename of each link starts with an **S**, followed by a two-digit number representing the execution order.

For your demo application, create a new script at `/etc/init.d/myapp` on the target system:

```
root@santaro:~# nano /etc/init.d/myapp
```

Change the contents of this file as follows:

```
#!/bin/sh

[ -f /etc/profile.d/tslib.sh ] && . /etc/profile.d/tslib.sh
[ -f /etc/profile.d/qt5-touch-config.sh ] && . /etc/profile.d/qt5-touch-config.sh

case "$1" in
```

```

start)
    start-stop-daemon -m -p /var/run/myapp.pid -b -a /usr/bin/myapp -S
    ;;
stop)
    start-stop-daemon -p /var/run/myapp.pid -K
    ;;
*)
    echo "Usage: /etc/init.d/myapp {start|stop}" >&2
    exit 1
;;
esac

```

Save the changes by pressing **Ctrl+O** and accept the target file name as suggested by pressing **[RETURN]**. Leave the nano editor by pressing **Ctrl+X**.

Make `/etc/init.d/myapp` executable:

```
root@santaro:~# chmod a+x /etc/init.d/myapp
```

Create startlinks in `/etc/rc*.d/`:

```
root@santaro:~# update-rc.d myapp defaults 95 5
```

If the Garz & Fricke demo application is installed on your device, its startlink should be deleted so that your application is the only application automatically started:

```
root@santaro:~# update-rc.d -f qt4-guf-demo remove
```

After system reboot your application will start automatically.

7.6 Configuring the Qt Webkit demo

The Linux BSP for SANTARO/SANTOKA contains a small Qt Webkit demo application, which simply displays a website over the whole screen. You can start this demo using its start/stop script in `/etc/init.d`:

```
root@santaro:~# /etc/init.d/qt4-guf-webdemo start
```

Without any modifications, the demo displays the local HTML page `/home/guf/site/index.htm`, as configured in the script itself:

```

#!/bin/sh

case "$1" in
start)
    start-stop-daemon -m -p /var/run/qt4-guf-webdemo.pid -b -a \
        /usr/bin/qt4-guf-webdemo -S -- --no-scrollbars file:///usr/share/website/
        ↪ index.htm
    ;;
stop)
    start-stop-daemon -p /var/run/qt4-guf-webdemo.pid -K
    ;;
*)
    echo "Usage: /etc/init.d/qt4-guf-webdemo {start|stop}" >&2
    exit 1
;;
esac

```

For displaying your own HTML page, either load your page into the local default path (and overwrite the file `index.html`), or change the path in line 6 of the script, e.g. using nano:

```
root@santaro:~# nano /etc/init.d/qt4-guf-webdemo
```

Per default, scrollbars are disabled in the Webkit browser. If you want to enable scrollbars, remove the **--no-scrollbars** parameter preceding the webpage path.

For having the webdemo automatically started on system startup, use the autostart mechanism described in the precedent chapter [[▶ 7.5 Autostart mechanism for user applications](#)].

8 Building a Garz & Fricke Yocto Linux system from source

This chapter describes how to build a Yocto based Linux BSP for a Garz & Fricke platform from source. All steps, including the installation of the build system and the required toolchains, are covered here.

8.1 General information about Garz & Fricke Yocto Linux systems

Garz & Fricke uses the **Yocto Project** build system for building embedded Linux systems for their platforms by providing a Board Support Package (BSP). The Yocto Project is lead by the Linux foundation with the aim to produce tools and processes to create embedded Linux distributions.

The Yocto project includes a configurable build system specializing in building embedded Linux systems. This chapter contains information about the handling of Linux with **Yocto** and Yocto based toolchains for Garz & Fricke systems. For further information regarding the **Yocto Project** please refer to the official **Yocto website**:

▶ <https://www.yoctoproject.org>

Documentation regarding several Yocto topics can be found at:

▶ <https://www.yoctoproject.org/documentation/current>

In order to build a Yocto based Linux system, the following list of packages should be installed (Debian and Ubuntu package names):

- autoconf
- automake
- build-essential
- dblatex
- docbook-utils
- fop
- libglib2.0-dev
- libstdl1.2-dev
- libtool
- make
- xmlto
- xsltproc
- xterm
- git
- texinfo
- chrpath
- python-dev
- python3-dev

See also:

▶ <https://www.yoctoproject.org/docs/1.6/ref-manual/ref-manual.html#required-packages-for-the-host-development-system>

On Debian based Linux distributions packages can be installed using the **apt-get** command:

```
$ sudo apt-get install <package_Name>
```

To install all the above packages, type:

```
$ sudo apt-get install autoconf automake dblatex docbook-utils fop libglib2.0-dev
↳ libstdl1.2-dev libtool make xmlto xsltproc xterm git texinfo chrpath python-dev
↳ python3-dev
```

In contrast to a desktop Linux system, which is completely built with a native GNU toolchain, an embedded Linux system is built with a GNU cross toolchain. A cross toolchain must have the ability to produce target specific opcode while running on a different host system. When building a BSP with Yocto the toolchain will be supplied and built alongside with the target system. There is no need to install a GNU Compiler Collection (GCC) host and cross toolchain separately.

To distinguish between the native GNU toolchain and the GNU cross toolchain, the GNU cross tools are prefixed with a triplet. E.g. if the toolchain produces opcode for an **ARMv5TE** core having library routines that can deal with Linux system calls satisfying the **GNU EABI**, the compiler is named **arm-v5te-linux-gnueabi-gcc**, the assembler is named **arm-v5te-linux-gnueabi-as**, and so on. Sometimes a toolchain prefix is only named **arm-linux-** or something else. This depends on the toolchain vendor. Garz & Fricke uses the naming convention stated before.

The build of the embedded Linux system is divided into two steps, covered in the following chapters:

- ◆ Downloading and Installing a Yocto BSP ► [8.2 Download and install the Garz & Fricke Yocto BSP](#)
- ◆ Building the BSP for the target platform ► [8.3 Building the BSP for the target platform with Yocto](#)

8.2 Download and install the Garz & Fricke Yocto BSP

Yocto supports Linux as a host system only. To install a Garz & Fricke Yocto BSP the following files from the CD / USB stick shipped with the starter kit for SANTARO/SANTOKA have to be extracted:

- ◆ **GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0.tar.bz2**

This archive can also be found on the Garz & Fricke support website:

- <http://support.garz-fricke.com/projects/Santaro/Linux-Yocto/Releases/>

This archive contains the necessary files to build a cross toolchain and a Yocto based target image. To install the Garz & Fricke BSP, simply extract the file.

For example:

```
$ cd ~
$ mkdir yocto
$ cd yocto
$ cp /media/sda1/Tools/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0.tar.bz2 .
$ tar -xvf GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0.tar.bz2
```

If everything went right, we have a **GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0** directory now, so we can change into it:

```
$ cd GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0
```

8.3 Building the BSP for the target platform with Yocto

In the Yocto directory, the following command selects the platform to be built:

```
$ MACHINE=santaro-santoka source setup-environment build-santaro-santoka
```

After that the shell should have changed the current working directory to the platform specific build directory **build-santaro-santoka**. To build packages and complete images, the Yocto build tool **bitbake** is used. It is documented in the official Yocto documentation and online in the **OpenEmbedded Bitbake Manual**:

- <http://www.yoctoproject.org/docs/1.6.1/bitbake-user-manual/bitbake-user-manual.html>

Yocto builds the images from build descriptions called **recipes**. The recipe to build the Garz & Fricke Linux image is called **guf-image**. To build this image, call:

```
$ bitbake guf-image
```

This step automatically downloads all necessary parts from the web, builds the native toolchains as well as the target binaries. As this step is fairly complex, and many packages will be created and compiled, it takes quite some time. On our development machines, a complete build takes approximately 60 minutes.

After the build has finished, the images will be located in your build directory under **tmp/deploy/images/santaro-santoka**. In this directory, several files should be located. The most important ones are the last kernel build (**ulmage-santaro-santoka.bin**), the devicetree files (**ulmage-imx6-santaro-q.dtb**, **ulmage-imx6-santaro-dl.dtb**,

`ulmage-imx6-santoka-dl.dtb`) and the last target root file system (`guf-image-santaro-santoka.tar.bz2`). The latter is also often called `rootfs`.

Rather than files itself, these are symbolic links to the former build artifacts in the same directory. Every successive build of the image creates new artifacts with a recent timestamp in its name.

9 Deploying the Linux system to the target

A Garz & Fricke Yocto image can be installed on the system's internal eMMC flash memory using the Garz & Fricke **Flash-N-Go System**. This is a small RAM-disk-based Linux which is installed on your **SANTARO/SANTOKA** in parallel to the regular operating system. This chapter describes how to boot your device into **Flash-N-Go System** and how to use it to install your Yocto image.

9.1 Booting Flash-N-Go System

There are two ways of booting your device into **Flash-N-Go System**. If the device already has a working Yocto image installed, you can switch to **Flash-N-Go System** by issuing the following commands on the device console:

```
root@santaro:~# bootselect alternative
root@santaro:~# reboot
```

The device will reboot and show the **Flash-N-Go System** splash screen on the display. On the serial console (see [▶ 3.1 Serial console](#)), the command prompt should appear:

```
-----
Garz & Fricke Flash-N-Go System
-----

FLASH-N-GO: /
```

The change of the bootmode using the `bootmode` command is permanent, i.e. the next boot of the device will start **Flash-N-Go System** again, until the bootmode is set back to regular operation:

```
FLASH-N-GO: / bootselect regular
```

Alternatively, the bootmode can be switched temporarily by pressing down and holding the bootmode switch **SW2** while the device is powered on. The location of **SW2** is shown in [▶ Figure 10](#).



Figure 10: Location of the SW2 switch

This method changes the bootmode only for a single boot. The next boot of the device (without **SW2** pressed) will boot the regular operating system again.

For more detailed information concerning the Garz & Fricke **Flash-N-Go System** please consult the **Flash-N-Go System Manual**.

9.2 Installing a Yocto image on the device

Garz & Fricke provides a shell script for installing a Yocto image on the device, called `fng-install.sh`. The files can be installed either locally on the device (e.g. a USB drive or an SD card) or remotely via TFTP. Regardless which solution you prefer, you will need the following files from your `deploy` folder (see [▶ 8.3 Building the BSP for the target platform with Yocto](#)):

- `fng-install.sh`
- `ulmage-santaro-santoka.bin`
- `guf-image-santaro-santoka.tar.bz2`
- `ulmage-imx6-santaro-q.dtb`, `ulmage-imx6-santaro-dl.dtb`, `ulmage-imx6-santoka-dl.dtb`

● boot-santaro-santoka.cfg

If you have not built the image yourself but rather want to install a Garz & Fricke prebuilt Yocto image, the filenames will differ slightly. The file extensions should be equal, though, so it should not be difficult to determine the correct files.



Note: The installation via `fng-install.sh` removes any previously installed regular operating system. If the installation fails for some reason, the device will always boot into **Flash-N-Go System** afterwards.

9.2.1 Over the network via TFTP

During development, the most comfortable way of installing the images on the device is by loading them over the network via TFTP. For this purpose, a TFTP server is needed on your development host machine (please see [▶ 3.4 Uploading files with TFTP] on how to install and configure it). The TFTP server directory has to be set to your **deploy** folder, e.g. `/home/user/yocto/GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0/build-santaro-santoka/tmp/deploy/images/santaro-santoka/`. The ethernet connection on the device has to be configured as described in [▶ 4.1.7 Garz & Fricke system configuration], so that it can access the TFTP server.

The script can be loaded to the device and executed there via the **Flash-N-Go System** shell. Assuming, that your TFTP host has the IP address 192.168.1.100, type:

```
FLASH-N-GO:/ export TFTP=192.168.1.100; curl tftp://$TFTP/fng-install.sh > /tmp/a.sh;
↵ sh /tmp/a.sh
```

The above command loads the `fng-install.sh` script from your TFTP server to the `/tmp` directory of the **Flash-N-Go System** and executes it from there. During execution of the script, the Yocto image files will be loaded from the TFTP server and written directly to the eMMC flash memory.

The installation procedure will take some minutes. You can observe the output messages of the process on the terminal console. After successful installation the script returns to the Flash-N-Go prompt:

```
Update successful
FLASH-N-GO:/
```

9.2.2 From a local folder using an external storage device

If you do not have a network connection to your device, the `fng-install.sh` can be copied to an external storage device, e.g. a USB driver or an SD card, along with the Yocto images. Simply put all files into the same folder and insert the storage device into your SANTARO/SANTOKA.

The TFTP environment variable must not be set. Usually the variable is not set, so you do not have to worry about this. If you have tried using TFTP before, though, it probably contains your TFTP server IP address and has to be unset explicitly:

```
FLASH-N-GO:/ unset TFTP
```

To start the installation, simply call the script from the shell:

```
FLASH-N-GO:/ sh /mnt/mstick1/fng-install.sh
```

The installation procedure will take some minutes. You can observe the output messages of the process on the terminal console. After successful installation the script returns to the Flash-N-Go prompt:

```
Update successful
FLASH-N-GO:/
```



Note: The installation from a local folder requires Flash-N-Go System 4.0 or higher.

10 Securing the device

The meaning of security for embedded systems is often underestimated. This chapter should sensitize customers to the needs of security and disclose some of the typical security holes. It also provides some tips and hints for the implementation of well chosen security mechanisms. Since we cannot cover the big amount of security issues in this manual we strongly recommend to read further secondary lecture regarding this topic.



Note: For the following list of security risks, no claim of completeness can be made. There may arise other risks or - on the opposite - limitations in the design of your application by following the instructions provided in this chapter.

10.1 Services

The default configuration of a Garz & Fricke device can be described as "developer friendly". This means, all services are available and activated. Depending on the final application, this might be either helpful or a security risk. Once the development has been finalized, we recommend a review of the required services and to disable all services and features which are not used.

10.2 Root password

Since Garz & Fricke is an OEM manufacturer and we are delivering serial-produced devices to several customers a default root password would lead to a form of pseudo security. Moreover a default password for all devices is highly vulnerable. For this purpose our devices usually have no root password set. It is essential that a password will be set by customers before the devices are deployed. This is the minimum security measure to be done. Our yocto distribution supports standard linux tools like adduser, deluser, addgroup, passwd, groups, chmod and others.

10.2.1 What does it mean if no root password is set?

Without root password attackers might connect to the device via serial console, Telnet or FTP and have full system control since the root user usually have all permissions.

10.2.2 Blocking root access

Linux offers the opportunity to disable the root-login for specific services like ssh, or the serial console. Since the root login is always a popular target for attackers this easy mechanism will decrease the risk for those kinds of brute force attacks.



Note: Ensure that another user account with the possibility to gain super user (su) rights is created before the root access is disabled. Otherwise, you might completely lose accessibility to the device.

10.3 User permissions concept

Customers should follow the principle of minimal privilege for user rights on the devices. Please note that Garz & Fricke tools are usually assigned with access rights for all users so far since it is, as mentioned above, more developer friendly. However for some tools this might lead to a security risk, e.g.

```
bootselect alternative
```

This tool might force the device to start Flash-N-Go System on next boot. Within Flash-N-Go the user has full control of the device's configuration and the partitions on the flash disk respectively eMMC.

10.4 Networking

10.4.1 Firewall - netfilter/iptables

By default, all network communication is allowed. Linux can be configured to block certain IP packets depending on its header (e.g. by port or by protocol) using **iptables**, which is basically a firewall. As this mechanism is

very powerful and complex it is not documented here in detail. Please take a look at the following link for a basic introduction:

▶ <http://help.ubuntu.com/community/IptablesHowTo>

10.4.2 Using secure network protocols

We strongly recommend the usage of secure network protocols. E.g HTTPS instead of HTTP, FTPS instead of FTP or SSH instead of telnet.

Further mechanisms regarding the security for network connected linux systems are described here:

▶ <http://embedded-computing.com/articles/improving-security-for-network-connected-linux-based-systems>

10.5 Restrict physical access

Each physical interface like USB, SD-Card or ethernet socket can serve as an entrance gate for hackers. If you limit the number of easily accessible interfaces you in turn decrease the possibility for attackers to connect with the target device. You need less concern about security mechanism for those interfaces which are not accessible or not equipped at all.

10.6 Application security

Application security is seldom a high priority for embedded devices. But it is, of course, essential to take account of identifying risks in embedded applications. Since application development is a very complex subject and it is out of scope for Garz & Fricke development we will refer to secondary lecture at this point.

11 Related documents and online support

This document contains product and OS specific information. Additional documentation is available for the use of the bootloader.

Title	File Name	Description
GUF Yocto Release Notes	GUF-Yocto-23.0-r5250-0-SANTARO-release-notes.html	Contains details about the Yocto release: change history, known restrictions, performed tests, etc.
Flash-N-Go System User Manual	GF_Flash-N-Go_Manual-<version>.pdf	Contains relevant information about the BIOS, boot logo, display settings, etc. in the case that Flash-N-Go Boot is used as the bootloader.
RedBoot User Manual	GF_RedBoot_User_Manual_<revision>.pdf	Contains relevant information about the BIOS, boot logo, display settings, etc. in the case that RedBoot is used as the bootloader.

Support for your Garz & Fricke embedded device is available on the Garz & Fricke website. You can find a list of the available documents, as well as their latest revision and updates for your system under the following link:

► <http://www.garz-fricke.com/santaro-download>

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