



Reducing Time-to-Market
with COTS, SBCs and Linux

FEABHAS

Why are you here?

You can't afford to
ignore it

Good enough
is
good enough.

An SBC is quicker and cheaper than building your own hardware.



Linux has a stronger
ecosystem than any
other platform

Atom is x86

What do you need?

Bottom up

Top down

Middle out

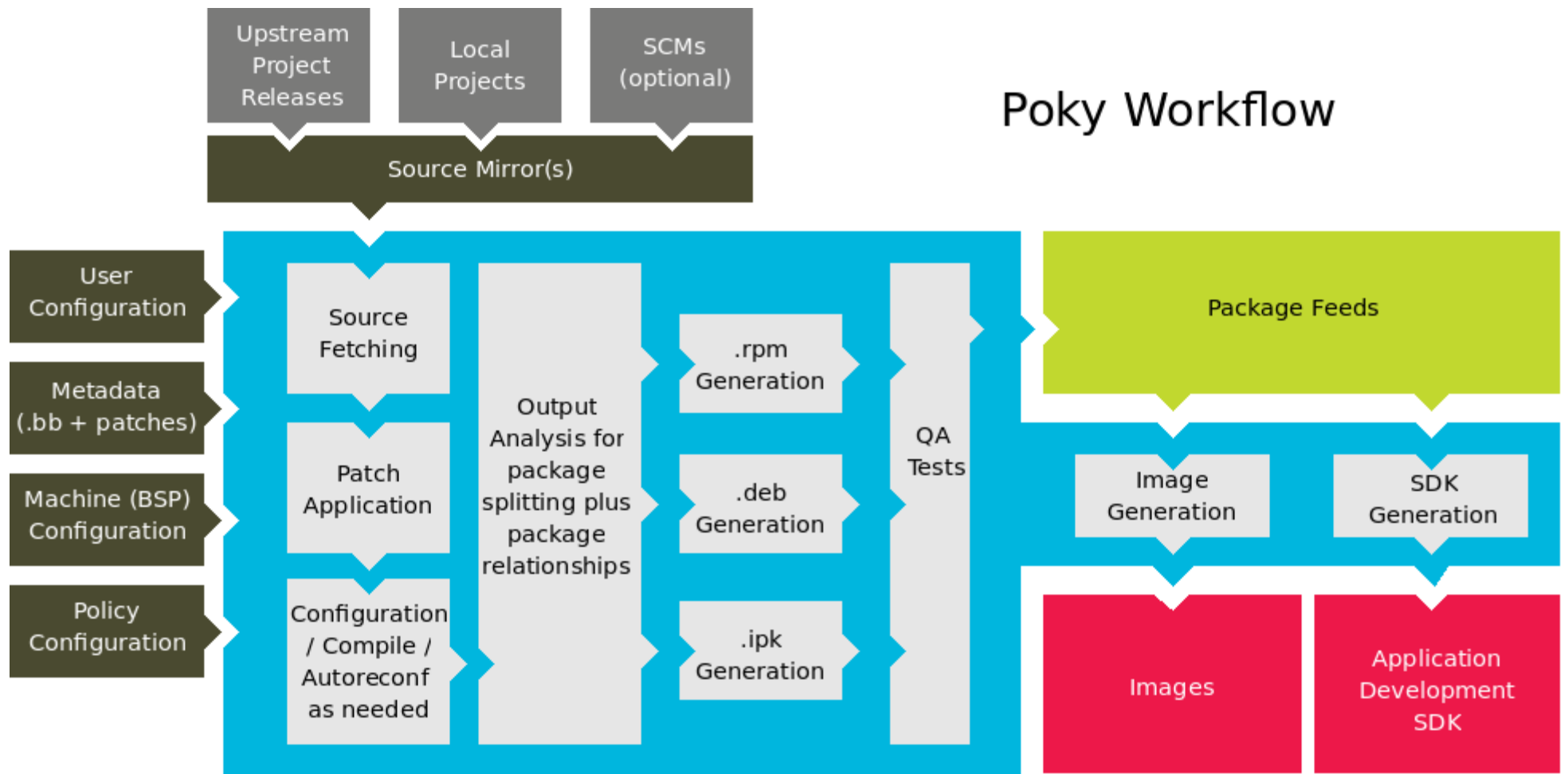
A full desktop
distribution is NOT a
good basis for your
product

Bottom up is
painstaking work

Yocto isn't a Linux
distribution - it builds
one for you.

<https://wiki.yoctoproject.org/wiki/FAQ>

Poky | The Yocto Build System



So how do we use
this?

You will need to install the following packages:

```
sudo apt-get install sed wget subversion git-core coreutils \  
unzip texi2html texinfo libsdl1.2-dev docbook-utils fop gawk \  
python-pysqlite2 diffstat make gcc build-essential xsltproc \  
g++ desktop-file-utils chrpath libgl1-mesa-dev \  
libglu1-mesa-dev autoconf automake groff libtool xterm \  
libxml-parser-perl
```

<http://www.yoctoproject.org/docs/current/yocto-project-qs/yocto-project-qs.html>

Get the release tarball

```
wget http://downloads.yoctoproject.org/releases/yocto/ ↵  
yocto-1.2/poky-denzil-7.0.tar.bz2
```

Untar it

```
tar xjf poky-denzil-7.0.tar.bz2
```

Source and setup the environment

```
source poky-denzil-7.0/oe-init-build-env <my-project>
```

Set the machine type so that bitbake knows what to build by editing `conf/local.conf`

```
...  
MACHINE=? "atom-pc"  
...
```

And set the build going:

```
[nick@slimtop myatomsbc]$ bitbake -k core-image-minimal
```


Some Time Later...

Kernel Image

`bzImage-atom-pc.bin`

Root FS

`core-image-minimal-atom-pc.ext3` (and `.iso`)

NFS is the simplest way to deploy your root filesystem

NFS? Simple?



Server exports root FS
over NFS



Kernel parameters tell
Linux to mount root FS
over NFS

Deployment | NFS

You will need:

```
sudo apt-get install nfs-kernel-server libgssglue1 \
libnfsidmap2 libtirpc1 nfs-common nfs-kernel-server \
rpcbind
```

And do the following:

```
mkdir /nfsroot
```

Add it to your `/etc/exports`

```
/nfsroot *(rw,sync,no_subtree_check,no_root_squash)
```

Mount the ext3 FS into your exported root

```
mount -t ext3 -o loop core-image-minimal-atom-pc.ext3 ↵
/nfsroot
```

PXEBoot allows you to boot your image over the network.

Deployment | PXEBoot



DHCP Discover with
PXE extensions



DHCP Offer with PXE
extensions



DHCP Request with
PXE extensions &
system info



DHCP Acknowledge
with PXE
extensions and
NBP location



TFTP Request for
Network Bootstrap
Program



File served



Boot

Deployment | PXEBoot

You will need:

```
sudo apt-get install dhcp3-server tftpd-hpa libgssglue1  
syslinux initramfs-tools isc-dhcp-server libtirpc1
```

And set `/etc/dhcp/dhcpd.conf` to the following:

```
allow booting;  
allow bootp;  
  
subnet 192.168.2.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 {  
    range 192.168.2.xxx 192.168.2.xxx;  
    option broadcast-address 192.168.2.255;  
    option routers 192.168.2.xxx;  
    option domain-name-servers 192.168.2.xxx;  
  
    filename "/pxelinux.0";  
}
```


Setup the Initial RAM Disk

`/etc/initramfs-tools/initramfs.conf`

```
...  
# BOOT : [ local | nfs ]  
BOOT=nfs  
  
...  
# MODULES: [ most | netboot | dep | list ]  
MODULES=netboot  
  
...
```

Create the RAM disk

```
mkinitramfs -o ~/initrd_nfs
```

Getting Your Files Straight

```
mkdir -p /tftpboot/pxelinux.cfg
```

```
cp /usr/lib/syslinux/pxelinux.0 /tftpboot
```

```
cp ~/initrd_nfs /tftpboot
```

```
cp /path/to/vmlinux-3.0.24-yocto-standard ↵  
    /tftpboot
```

Deployment (Nearly there) | PXEBoot

Create the configuration file

```
/tftpboot/pxelinux.cfg/default
```

Edit as follows

```
DEFAULT linux

LABEL linux
KERNEL vmlinux-3.0.24-yocto-standard
APPEND root=/dev/nfs initrd=initrd_nfs ↵
        nfsroot=192.168.2.1:/nfsroot,rw ip=dhcp rw
```

Ready? Set. Go!

Reboot and Go!

Thanks for Listening