

An introduction to cubieboard

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About cubietech

- The company behind cubieboard
- Founded in 2013.3.25
- Based in Zhuhai
- Embedded devices manufacture
- Community driven
- Global small company

Hardware Specifications

- CPU dynamically frequency scaling (60MHz~1GHz)
- 1 or 2 cores CPU optional
- 1GB DDR3
- 4GB Nand Flash
- 2D/3D GPU
- 2160p HD Video Processor
- I2C, 96 GPIOs, TWM, 2.5' SATA, Ethernet, ...

Software Specifications

- Preinstall android 4.x
- Support lubunut 12.04 destkop, ubuntu 13.03 server

http://linux-sunxi.org/Install_Ubuntu_Linux_for_Cubieboard

- Support Fedora 18
- Support Kali Linux
- Support Debian Linux





Quick overview - top



Quick overview - HDMI



Quick overview - HDMI



Quick overview - USB host



Quick overview - SATA



What needed

- Power adapter
- Power cable





- HDMI cable
- HDMI monitor/TV





• USB mouse & keyboard



Prepare the uSD card

- 1. Download the tool
 - Window Win32DiskImager

http://sourceforge.net/projects/win32diskimager/

Linux – dd

• 2. Download the image Lubuntu – ubuntu with lxde desktop

http://dl.cubieboard.org/software/ubuntu/cb-sdcard-1.1-linaro-quantal-alip-20130227-290.img.tgz

Prepare the uSD card

- Insert the uSD card to card reader and connect to PC
- Run Image Writer
- Choose the image and disk and click Write
- Done

Prepare the uSD card

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Version: 0.7	Cancel Read Write	Exit

Power on

- Insert the uSD card to the cubie
- Connect HDMI/Ethernet cable
- Connect USB mouse/keyboard
- Plug in the power cable
 Power red led on, cubie starts booting...

Power on



Status leds

Default configuration of two leds

- Blue: heart beat
- Green: uSD card reading/writing More information:

http://linux-sunxi.org/Cubieboard/Programming/StatusLEDs

connect to PC



Lubuntu Desktop





Applications

- Internet browsing Chromium
- File manager Pacman FM
- Office Libreoffice
- PDF reader Evince
- Terminal Lxterminal

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What's else?

- Use cubie as web server
- Use cubie as android tv
- Use cubie as NAS
- Use cubie as...

Example 1 – GPIO

- sudo apt-get install python-dev
- wget http://dl.linuxsunxi.org/users/tom/pySUNXI-0.1.12.tar.gz
- tar zxf pySUNXI-0.1.12.tar.gz
- sudo python setup.py install

Wrap the breadboard

U14 (Next to SATA connector)				
LCD				
1	PD0 (LCDD0/LVDSP0)	2	Ground	
3	PD2 (LCDD2/LVDS0P1)	4	PD1 (LCDD1/LVDS0N0)	
5	PD4 (LCDD4/LNVS0P2)	6	PD3 (LCDD3/LVDS0N1)	
7	PD6 (LCDD6/LVDS0PC)	8	PD5 (LCDD5/LVDS0N2)	
9	Ground	10	PD7 (LCDD7/LVDS0NC)	

41	SPDIF	42	Ground
43	VCC-5V	44	3.3V (<i>nc</i> in 2012-08-08)



Code – blink leds

#!/usr/bin/env python

import SUNXI_GPIO as GPIO
import time

 $RED_LED = GPIO.PDO$

GPIO.init()
Cubieboard.org
GPIO.setcfg(RED_LED, GPIO.OUT)

Gmail notifier

- sudo apt-get install python-pip
- sudo pip install feedparser

Code - Gmail notifier

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#!/usr/bin/env python
import SUNXI_GPIO as GPIO, feedparser, time
DEBUG = 1
USERNAME = "tomcubie" # just the part before the @ sign,
add yours here
PASSWORD = "cubieboard"
GREEN LED = GPIO.PD0
RED LED = GPIO.PD2
GPIO.init()
GPIO.setcfg(GREEN LED, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setcfg(RED_LED, GPIO.OUT)
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while True:

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newmails = int(feedparser.parse("https://" + USERNAME +
"." + PASSWOPD +"@mail google com/gmail/feed/atom")["feed"]
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Example 2 – Owncloud on cubie

- sudo apt-get install apache2 php5 php5-gd php-xml-parser php5-intl
- sudo apt-get install php5-sqlite php5-mysql smbclient curl libcurl3 php5-curl
- wget http://download.owncloud.org/community/ow ncloud-5.0.6.tar.bz2

Install owncloud

- tar jxf owncloud-5.0.6.tar.bz2
- sudo rm /var/www/index.html
- sudo mv owncloud/* /var/www/
- sudo chown -R www-data:www-data /var/www
- Open web browser, point to cubie IP

Owncloud

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1 1	Keine Karten		0.8	18 hours ago
Calendar				
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Owncloud and roid client

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Example 3 – 5min install ubuntu 12.04 on Cubieboard

• Download ubunu images

http://linux-sunxi.org/Install_Ubuntu_Linux_for_Cubieboard

• Start Livesuit, and select the image

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🛛 🚱 Image	Select img f	ile (*.img)		
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 Click the "Image" button to select the suitable image file. Long press the power key at least 10 seconds to power off the device. Press one key except the power key and do not release. Connect the device to the PC computer. Click power key for about 10 times. Release all key pressed and device will be auto upgraded. Do not detach the device during the upgrade process. If device do not enter upgrade process, try repeating the steps 1 to 7. 				
				Exit

Example 3 – 5min install ubuntu 12.04 on Cubieboard



Community

- Chinese Forum: cn.cubieboard.org
- QQ group: 92017963
- Google group: cubieboard
- IRC channel: #cubieboard
- G+ community: cubieboard

Documents

- http://linux-sunxi.org/Cubieboard
- https://github.com/cubiebook/cubiebook

New more powerful board is coming!!

Hardware Features :

- 1、AllWinnerTech SOC A20 , ARM® Cortex[™]-A7 **Dual-Core** , ARM® Mali400 MP2 Complies with OpenGL ES 2.0/1.1
- 2、1GB/**2GB** DDR3@480MHz
- 3、 HDMI&VGA 1080P display output on-board
- 4 (10M/100M/1000Mbps Ethernet
- 5 Wifi+BT wireless connection with antenna on-board
- 6 SATA 2.0 interface support 2.5' HDD , (for 3.5' HDD, only need another 12V power input)
- 7 、 Memery solution : NAND+MicroSD or TSD+ MicroSD or 2*MicroSD
- $8 \ \ 2 \ x \ USB \ HOST$, $1 \ x \ OTG$, $1 \ x \ SPDIF$, $1 \ x \ IR$, $4 \ x \ LEDs$, $1 \ Headphone$, $3 \ x \ Keys$
- 9、Power: DC5V@2.5A with HDD, Support Li-battery & RTC

10 54 extended pins including I2S, I2C, SPI, CVBS, LRADC x2,UART, PS2, PWMx2, TS/CSI, IRDA, LINEIN&FMIN&MICIN, TVINx4 with 2.0 pitch connectors

11 、 PCB size : 11cm *8cm*1.4mm , very suite for installing a 2.5' HDD

CubieTruck(is coming)



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CubieTruck



CubieTruck as PC



How to get one pieces?

- Www.taobao.com
- Www.miniand.com
- Www.cubiestore.com
- Www.aliexpress.com and many others countries' distributor

You only need to pay for

- Cubieboard (a10) ~299RMB, 46USD
- Cubieboard (a20) ~365RMB,

to get such interesting platform!!

Thank you

Questions?