

COURSE PROSPECTUS

Name of the Group:	EPDPT
Name of the Course:	Certificate course on Embedded Linux
Course Code:	ED101
Duration:	80 Hrs
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Preamble:

Linux by itself is a kernel and Embedded Linux is Open-Source and generally refers to a complete system to a Linux distribution targeted at embedded devices. There is no Linux kernel specifically targeted at embedded devices, the same Linux kernel source code can be built for a wide range of devices, workstations, embedded systems, and desktops though it allows the configuration of a variety of optional features in the kernel itself.

In the process of embedded development context, there can be an embedded Linux system which uses the Linux kernel and other software or an embedded Linux distribution which is a pre-packaged set of applications meant for embedded systems and is accompanied by development tools to build the system.

Embedded Linux, though utilizing the same Linux kernel, is quite different from the standard Linux OS and is specifically customized for embedded systems. Therefore it is has a much smaller size, requires less processing power and has minimal features. Based on the requirements of the underlying embedded system, the Linux kernel is modified and optimized as an embedded Linux version. Such an instance of Linux can only run device-specific purpose-built applications. Usage of Linux OS in embedded systems continues to grow because of high-performance, scalable, stable alternative to traditional proprietary embedded operating systems and supports a new hardware architectures, Platforms and variety of applications and networking protocols.

In the today marketplace, many companies still build their own embedded Linux distributions in their embedded products and the present available academic curriculum is not much enough to fulfil the requirement of Skills needed to build embedded Linux based systems. Because of lack of hands-on experience among professionals, there is a huge demand in providing skill-based training in Embedded Linux which will bridge the skill-gap among engineering graduates.

Objective of the Course:

To Skill the engineering graduates in Deploying and Debugging the Linux OS onto a Target Board to build a complete Embedded Product using Linux Kernel.

Outcome of the Course: After successful completion of this Course, Students can:

1. Equipped in Setting Linux environment for ARM based Target Boards.
2. Gained Hands on Experience to Configure Tool-Chain for ARM Platforms.
3. Exposed to Linux Booting Process and learned to configure Linux Kernels on ARM based Embedded Boards.
4. Develop ARM based Embedded Applications with Linux OS.

Course Structure:

S.No	Topics	Duration (in Hrs.)
1	Introduction	5
2	Architecture of Embedded Linux	10
3	Commands in Linux	5
4	Configuring the Linux Environment	5
5	Tool-chain: Configuration and Cross-Compilation	10
6	Linux Boot loader& U-Boot	10
7	Embedded Linux Kernel	15
8	Building Root File System	10
9	Porting OS in ARM Board	5
10	Debugging	5
	Total	80

Other Details:

Course Fees:

For General Candidates: Course fee is **Rs.4,500/-(Including GST)**

For SC/ST Candidates: No Fee

However they are required to remit an amount of **Rs.1,000/-** as advance security deposit. This amount will be considered as security deposit and will be refunded after completion of the course. If the student fails to complete the course successfully this amount along with any other security deposits will be forfeited.

Registration Fee: (Non-refundable)

SC/ST: No registration fee

Others: **Rs.500/- (Including GST)**

However the above registration fee shall be refunded on few special cases as given below:

1. If course postponed and new date is not convenient for the student.
2. If course cancelled.



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Payment schedule: The Fee is to be paid in one instalment as given below.

Instalment No.	Amount (in Rs.)
1.	5000/-

Eligibility: Students and Graduates of B.E/B.Tech/M.sc(Electronics)

Number of Seats: 30

How to apply:

Candidates are advised to download the Registration from our website www.nielit.gov.in/chennai. After filling the form with all documents and fees, it can be submitted to NIELIT Chennai office in person or through post before starting of the course. Payment towards non-refundable Registration and Course fee can be paid through any one of the following modes:

- ✓ DD drawn from a nationalized bank (preferably SBI) in favour of “NIELIT Chennai” payable at Chennai.
 - ✓ Online transaction: Account No: 32558810978 Branch: Kottur (Chennai), IFS Code: SBIN0001669.
 - ✓ Pay through Nationalized Bank Debit Card (Service charges applicable)
- Note:* The Institute will not be responsible for any mistakes done by either the bank concerned or by the depositor while remitting the amount into our account.

Selection of candidates: First Come First Serve basis

Admission Procedure:

All interested candidates are required to fill the Registration form with the fees (Registration and Course fees) with all the necessary following documents.

- Original and self-attested Copies of Proof of Age, Qualifications, etc.
- One passport size photograph and one stamp size photograph for identity card.
- Self-attested copy of Govt. issued photo ID card (AADHAR is mandatory for SC/ST Candidates).
- Self-attested copy of community certificate (if availing SC/ST fee concession)

Note: Working days are from Monday to Friday. Admission timings are from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm.

Discontinuing the course: No fees under any circumstances shall be refunded in case of a student discontinuing the course. No certificate shall be issued if discontinued.

Course Timings: 9:00 Pm to 5:30Pm (Monday to Friday)

Location: NIELIT Chennai is located at Gandhi Mandapam Raod, Kotturpuram, Chennai (Landmark: Opp. To Anna Centenary Library)



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Course enquiries: Students can enquire about the various courses either on telephone or by personal contact between 9.15 A.M. to 5.15 P.M. (Lunch time 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm) Monday to Friday.

Annexure

Detailed Syllabus of the Course

1. Introduction:

- ✓ Basic Operating System Concepts
- ✓ History & Benefits of Linux
- ✓ Fundamentals of Embedded Linux OS
- ✓ Comparison of Embedded OS
- ✓ Embedded OS Tools and IDE
- ✓ Embedded Linux Applications and Products.

2. Architecture of Embedded Linux:

- ✓ What is Kernel?
- ✓ Task of kernels
- ✓ Types of kernels
- ✓ Kernel Architecture Overview
 - User Space
 - Kernel Space
- ✓ Kernel Functional Overview
 - File System
 - Process Management
 - Address Spaces and Privilege Levels
 - Memory Management
 - System Calls

- Inter Process Communication (IPC) – Pipes, FIFO & Shared Memory
- Device Drivers
- Network

3. Commands in Linux:

- ✓ Log In Linux system and Log in Remote Linux Systems- Getting Help
- ✓ Accessing & Working with the Command Line and Shell
- ✓ System Access, Entering Commands
- ✓ Boot Methods-Creating User Accounts & Managing Users
- ✓ Creating Groups & Managing Groups
- ✓ Directory Management
- ✓ File Permissions and Ownership
- ✓ vi Text Editor

4. Configuring the Linux Environment:

- ✓ Linux environment
- ✓ Types of Hosts
- ✓ Types of Host/Target Development Setups
- ✓ Types of Host/Target Debug Setups
- ✓ Embedded Environment Tools
- ✓ GNU Tool-chain Cross Compilers

5. Tool-chain: Configuration and Cross-Compilation:

- ✓ What is a tool-chain?
- ✓ Native vs. cross-compilation
- ✓ Toolchain Components
- ✓ Toolchain choices
- ✓ Using buildroot to build the toolchain
- ✓ Configuration options
- ✓ Adding path variables to startup scripts (.bashrc)
- ✓ The CROSS_COMPILE variable
- ✓ Validating the cross-compiler

6. Linux Bootloader & U-Boot:

- ✓ Boot-loader Phases
- ✓ U-boot – Embedded boot loader
- ✓ What does u-boot do?
- ✓ Navigating the u-boot sources
- ✓ Configuring and Cross-compiling u-boot
- ✓ Installing u-boot on the target
- ✓ Understanding u-boot commands
- ✓ Changing environment variables to setup kernel booting
- ✓ Transferring files to the target using tftp

7. Embedded Linux Kernel:

- ✓ Kernel Features
- ✓ Kernel Subsystems
 - Memory Manager
 - Scheduler
 - Embedded Storage
 - I/O Subsystem
 - Network Subsystem
- ✓ Navigating the kernel sources
- ✓ Kernel Configuration
- ✓ Kernel Compilation
- ✓ Booting the kernel using u-boot
- ✓ Module compilation and Installation to RootFS
- ✓ Procedure for adding a new driver to the kernel
- ✓ Applying patches

8. Building Root File System:

- ✓ Introduction to File system
- ✓ Linux directory structure
 - Organization and Important directories
 - /dev file system
- ✓ What next after kernel booting
 - init and startup scripts
- ✓ Creating the RootFS
 - Busybox
 - Adding additional packages
- ✓ RootFS Storage choices
 - Option 1: initramfs: RootFS in memory
 - Re-building the kernel with initramfs
 - Option 2: RootFS in Flash/SD Card storage
 - Creating Partitions
 - Filesystem choices
 - Formatting Partitions
 - Copying RootFS to partition
 - Updating kernel boot params from u-boot

9. Porting OS in ARM Board:

- ✓ Kernel Compilation
- ✓ Booting the kernel using u-boot
- ✓ Porting Linux in ARM Board

10. Debugging:

- ✓ Target Setup
- ✓ Gdb
- ✓ Local Debugging
- ✓ Remote Debugging