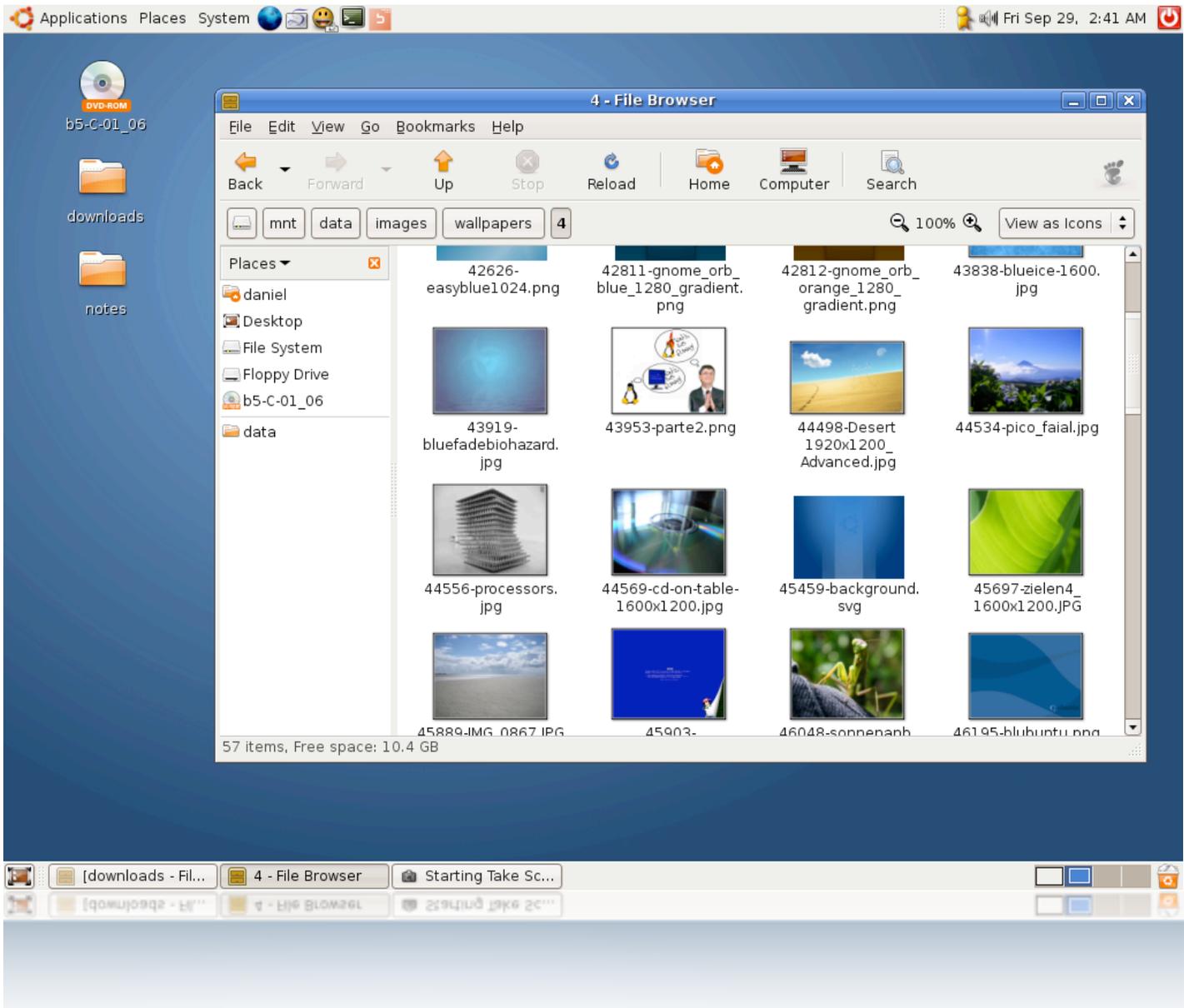
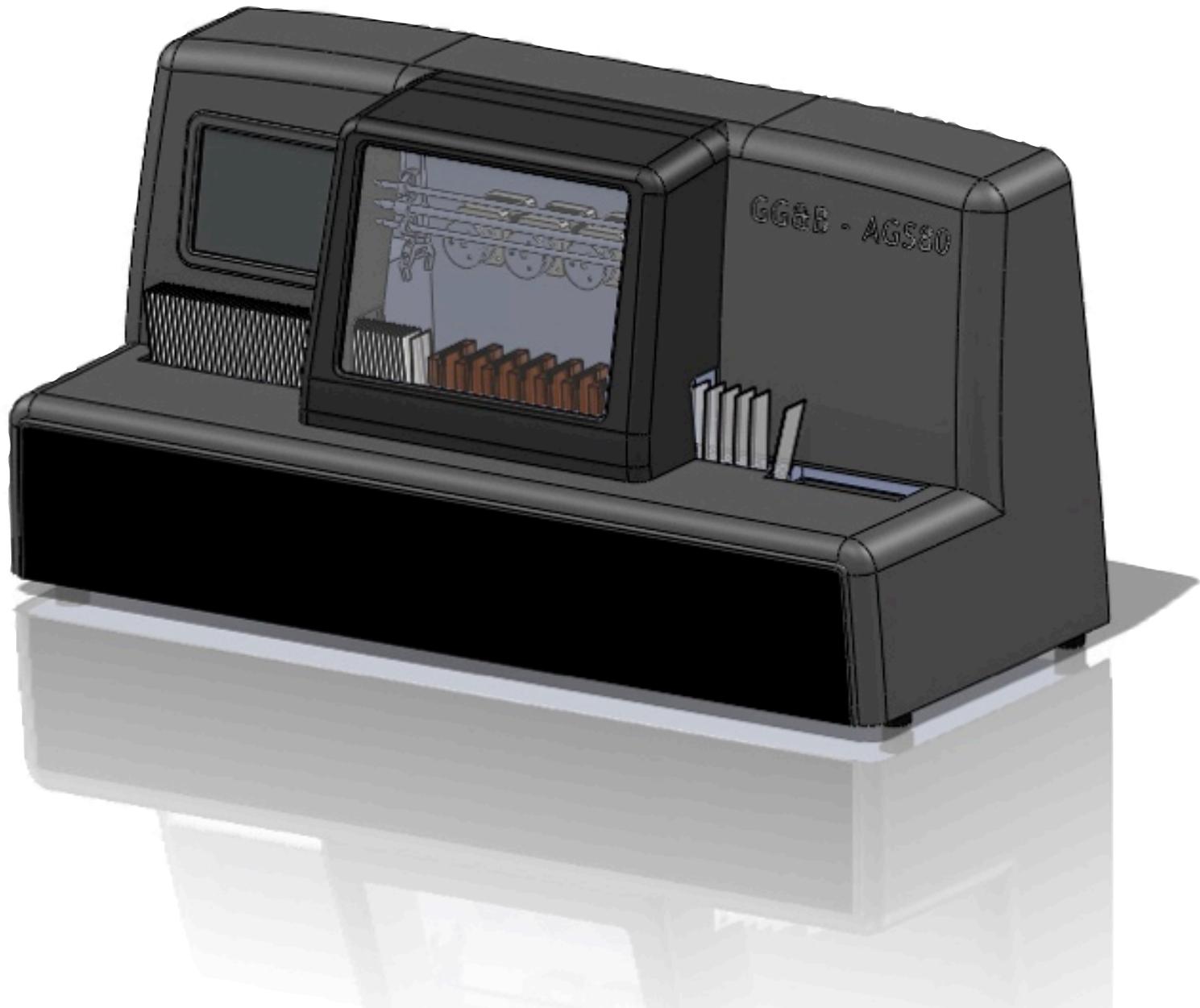


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Isn't Debian a desktop  
operating system?

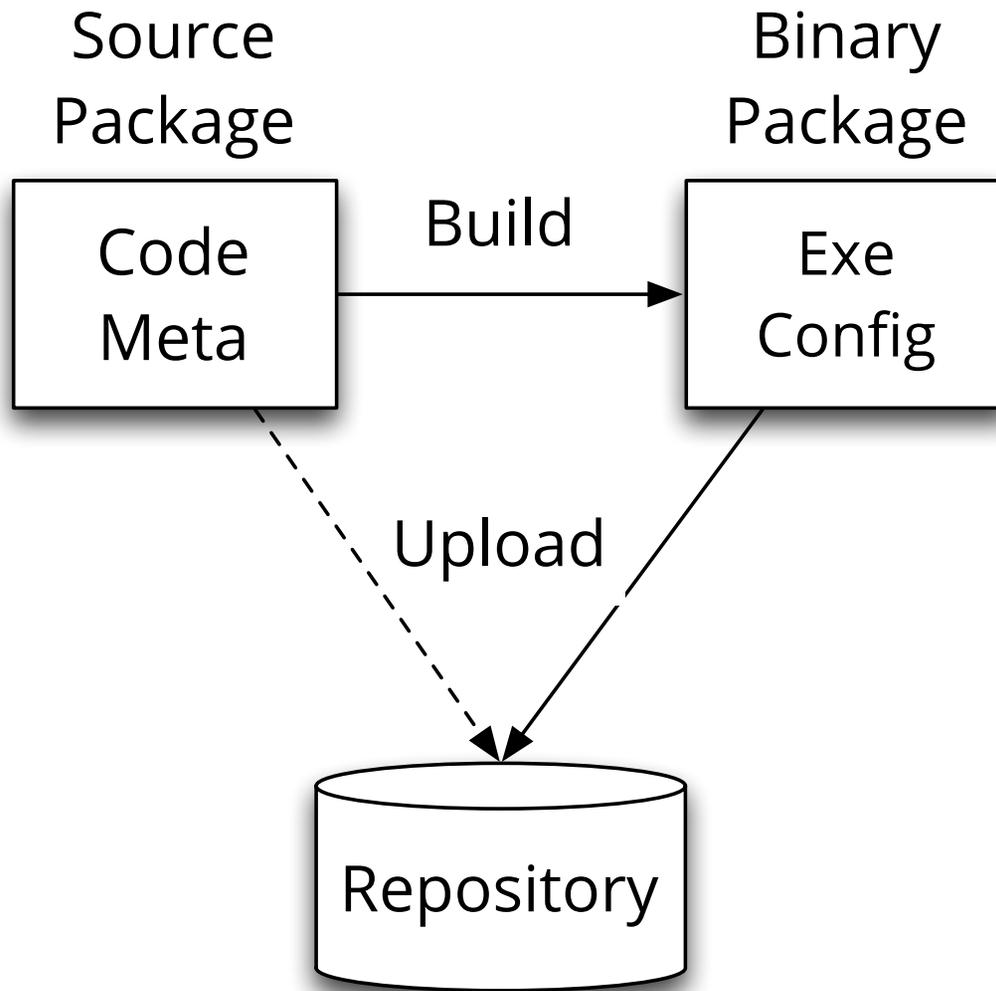
Yes, but not so different  
from your embedded OS

# A way of organizing and deploying software

Take a universe of available software

Configure the subset you want

Compose it into a filesystem



# Demonstration

Look at a package

Look at a repository

# What if instead...

Build packages with an ARM toolchain

Install into a directory

Post-process that directory into a flash image

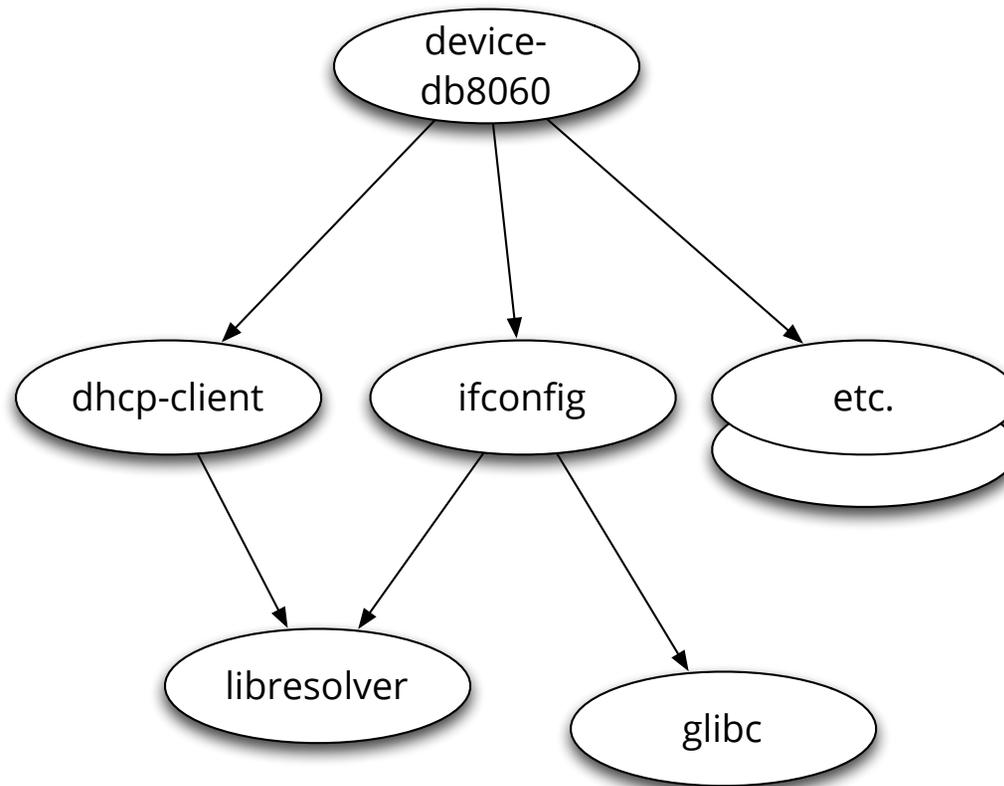
# Choose our packages

Could list them...

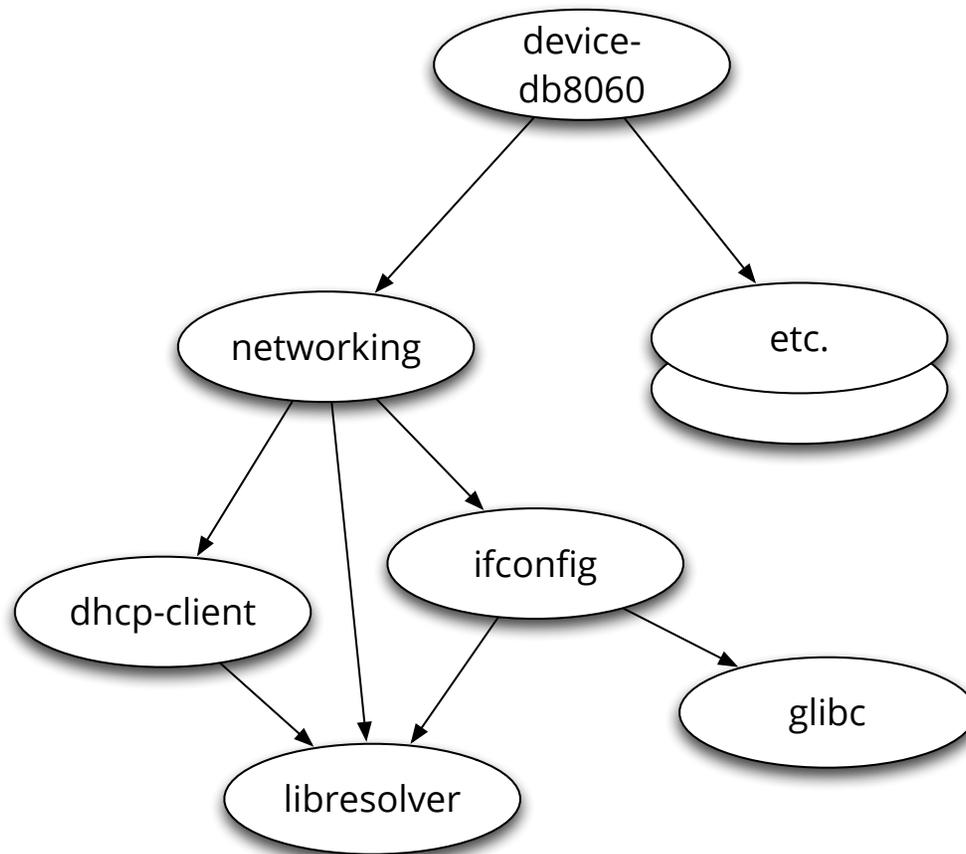
Something smarter: utilize dependency system

Create an empty package with dependencies

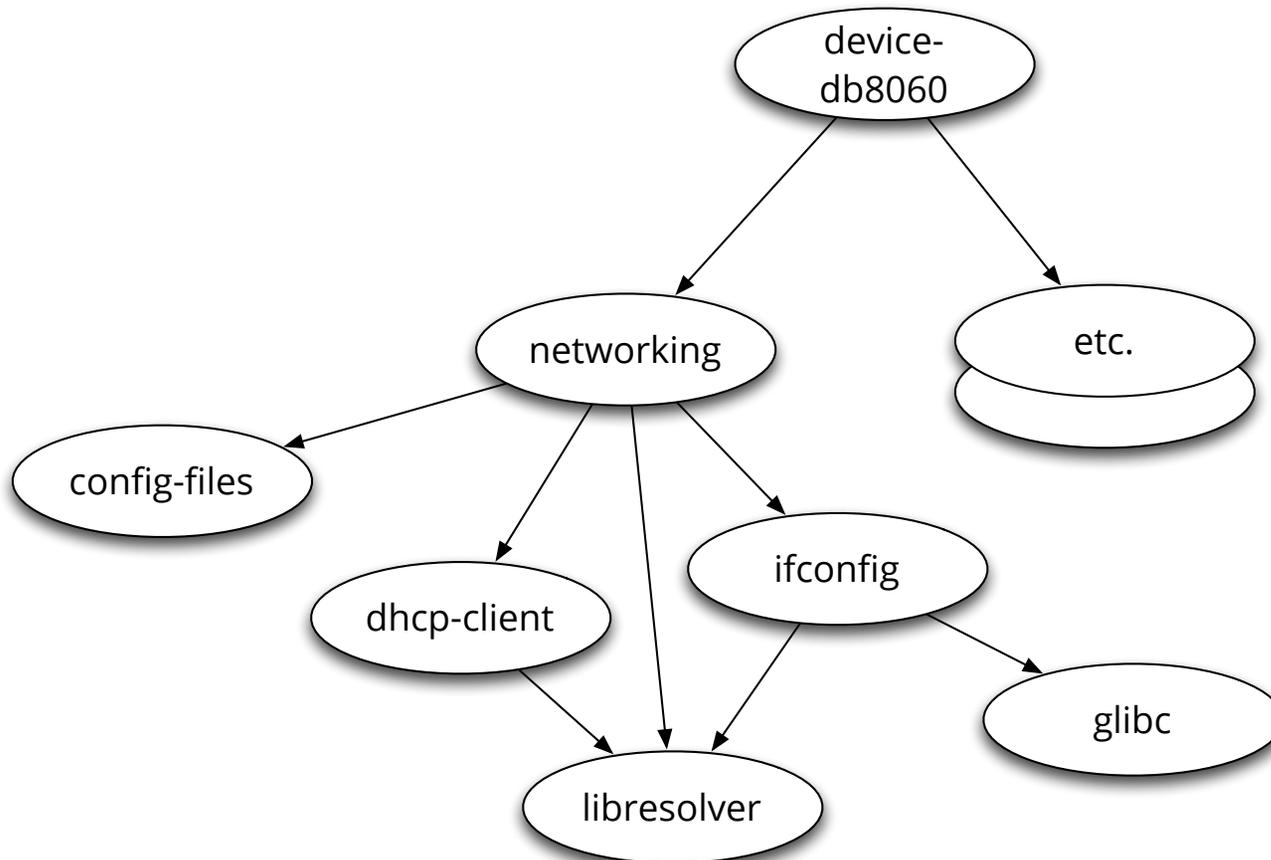
# Utilize the dependency system



# Utilize the dependency system



# Use for configuration too



# Demonstration

Look at composition tools

Build for DragonBoard

# **Problem Solved #1**

## **Software availability**

Debian builds for x86, amd64, armel,  
powerpc, mips, etc.

Over 20,000 packages

# **Problem Solved #2**

## **Incremental field updates**

Target runs the same tools

Works with same set of transport mechanisms as our workstation: http, ftp, file, https + certificates

# Demonstration

Add a package on the target

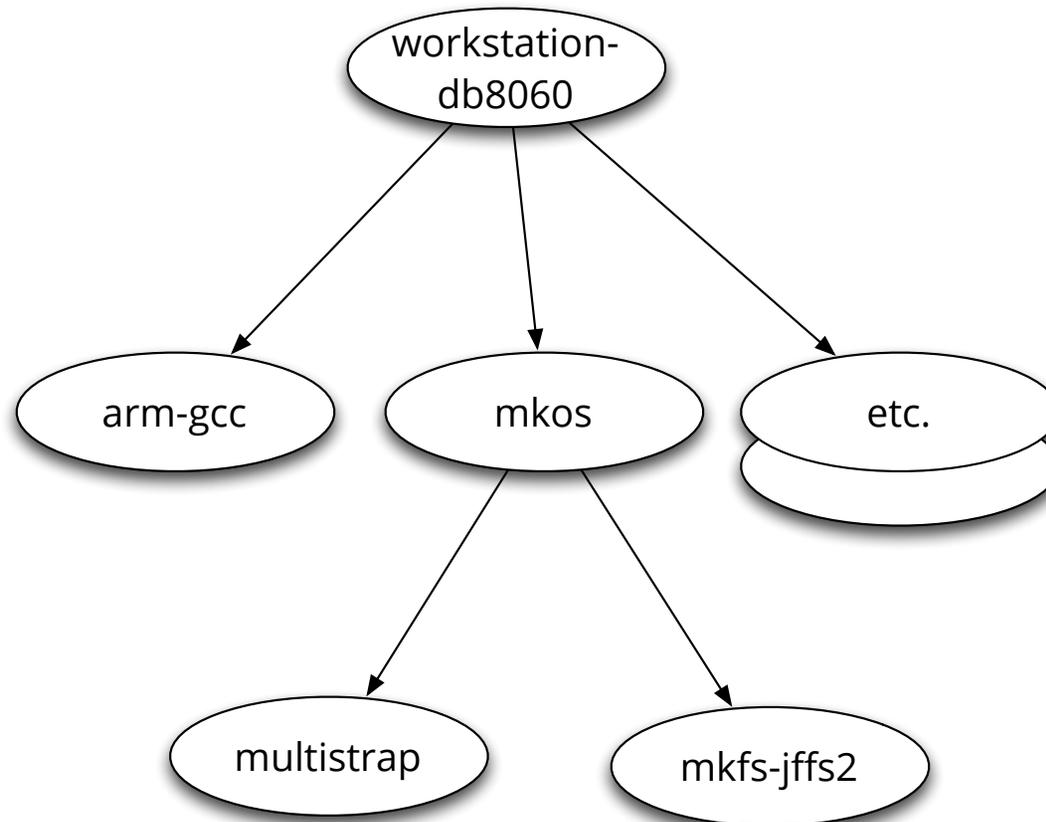
# **Problem Solved #3**

## **Workstation configuration**

Take dependency tree idea back to workstation

Use empty package to list tools

# Tree on workstation



# We're getting a lot for `free'...

Problem solved #1: software availability

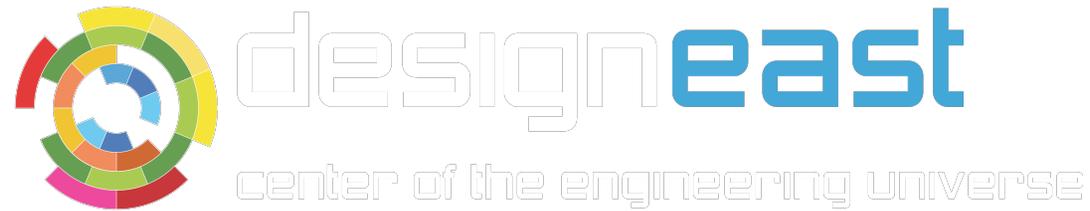
Problem solved #2: incremental field updates

Problem solved #3: workstation configuration

# Requirements

Base system is ~40 MiB on compressed storage

Requires at least 32 MiB of RAM



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