

Speedy Distro Porting via the `cpu` Command

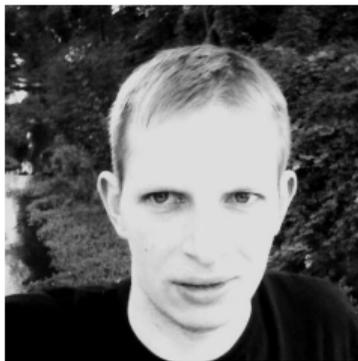
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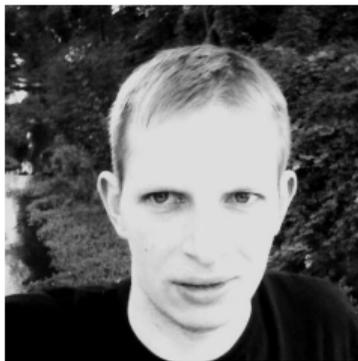
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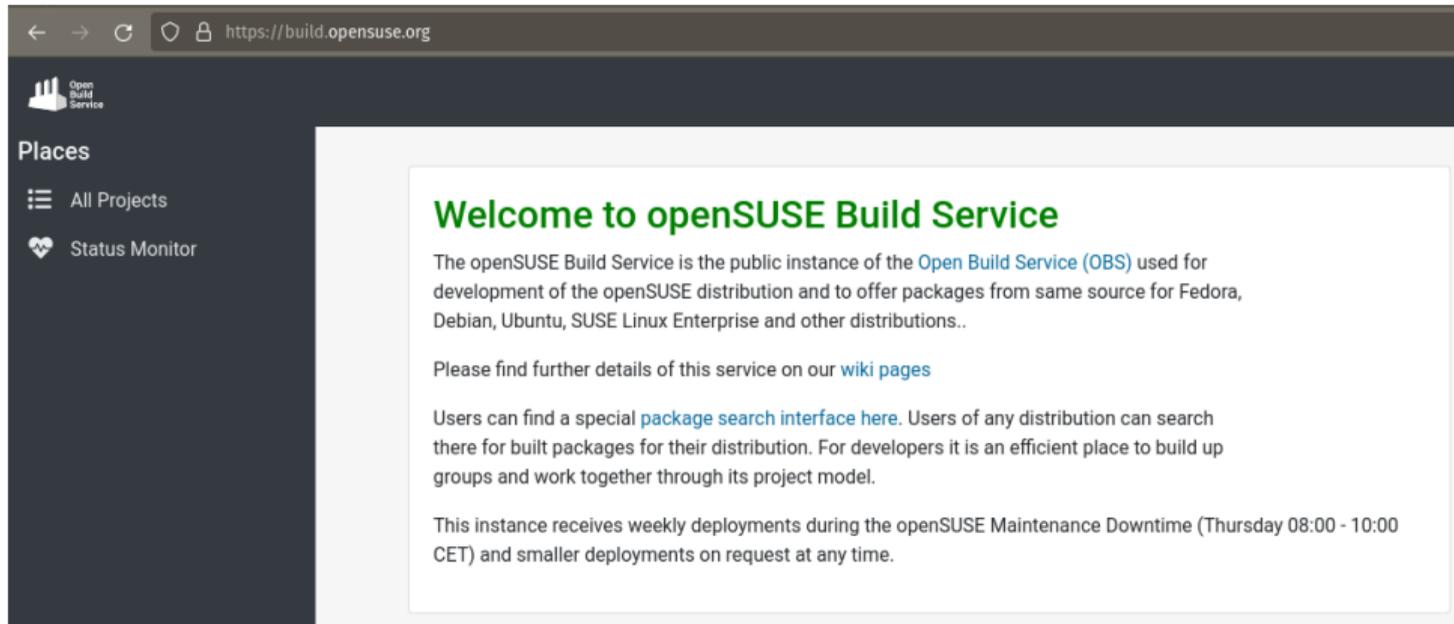
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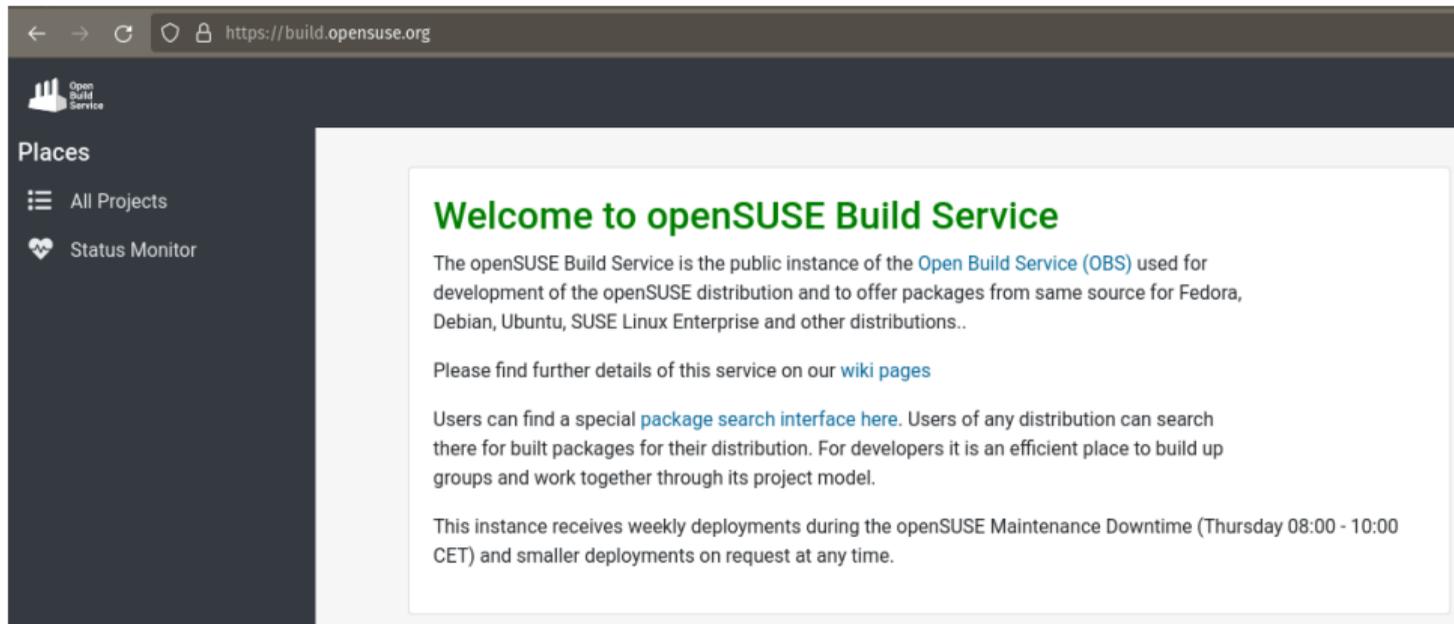
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Building as a Service - BaaS



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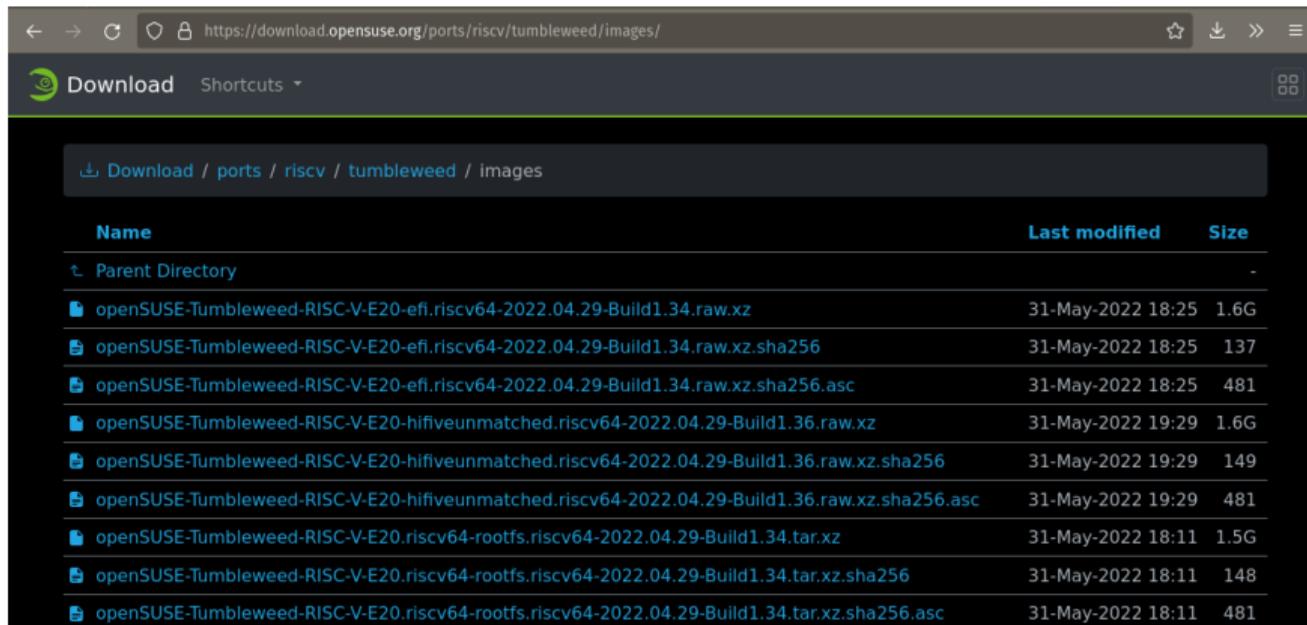
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Wait, what happened?



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What may an OS safely assume? (our core question)



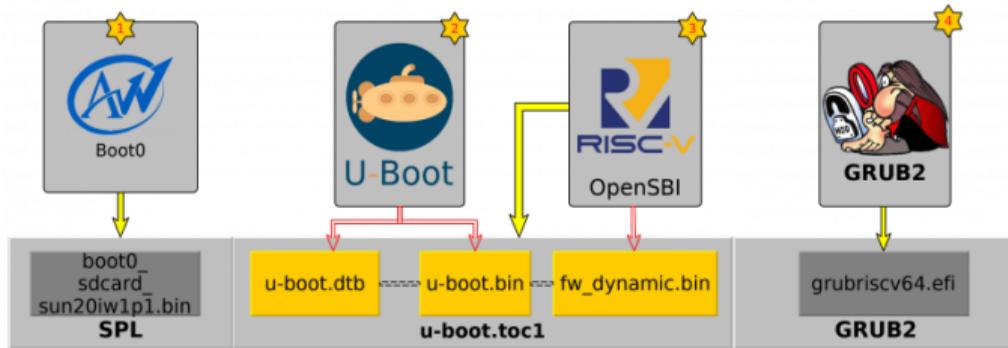
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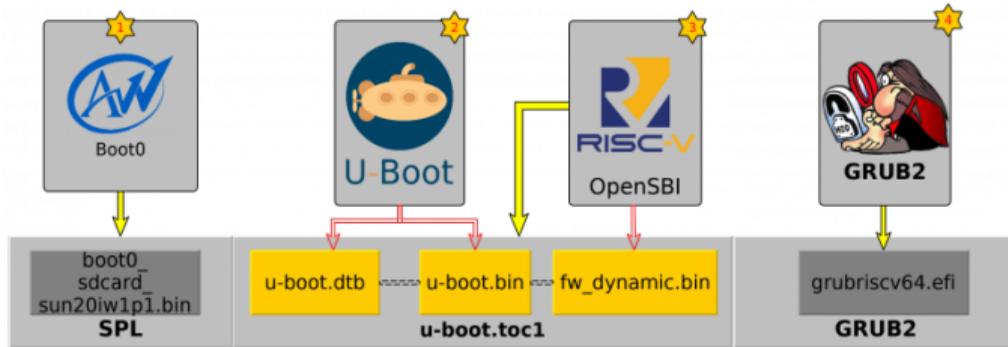
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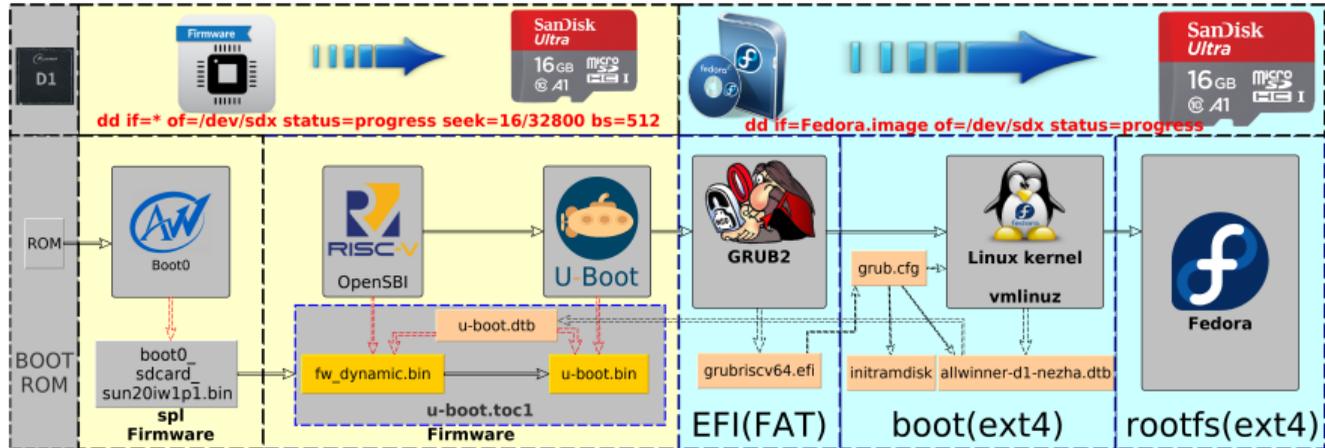


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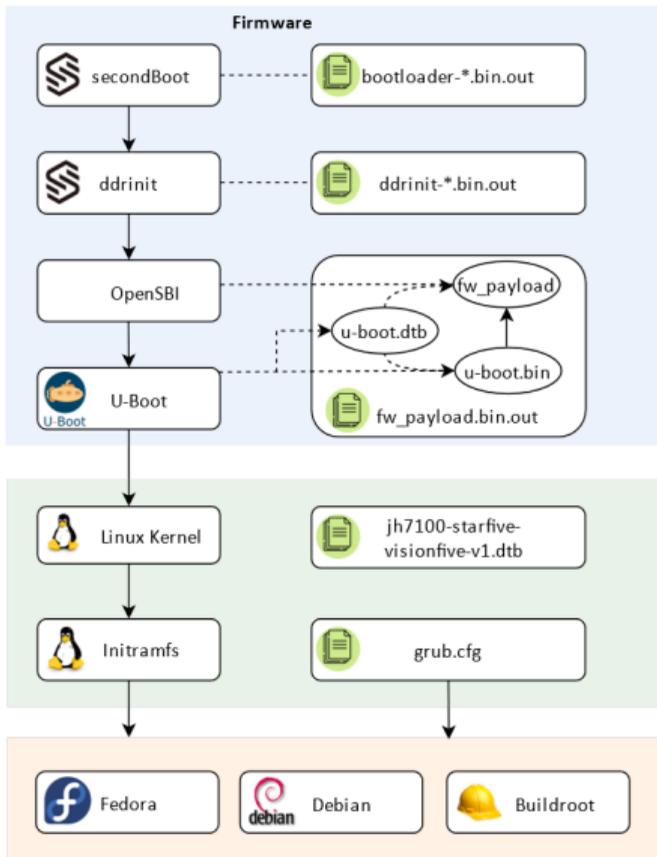
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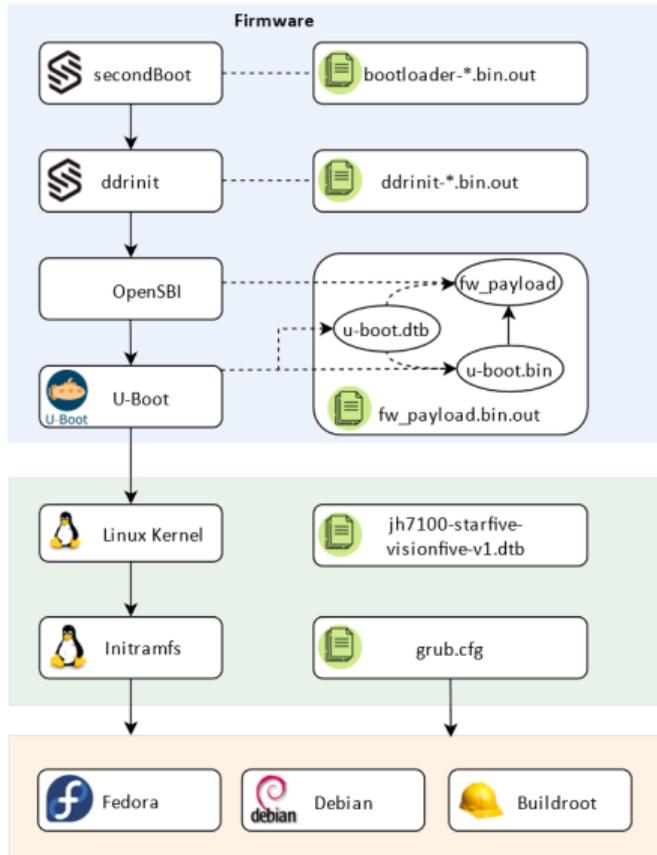
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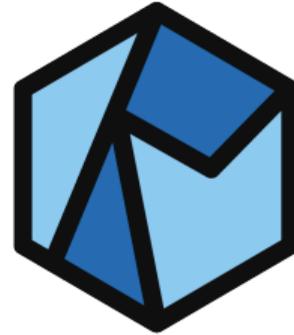
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OREBOOT

We are working on a simpler oreboot port for the JH7100 / VisionFive. :)



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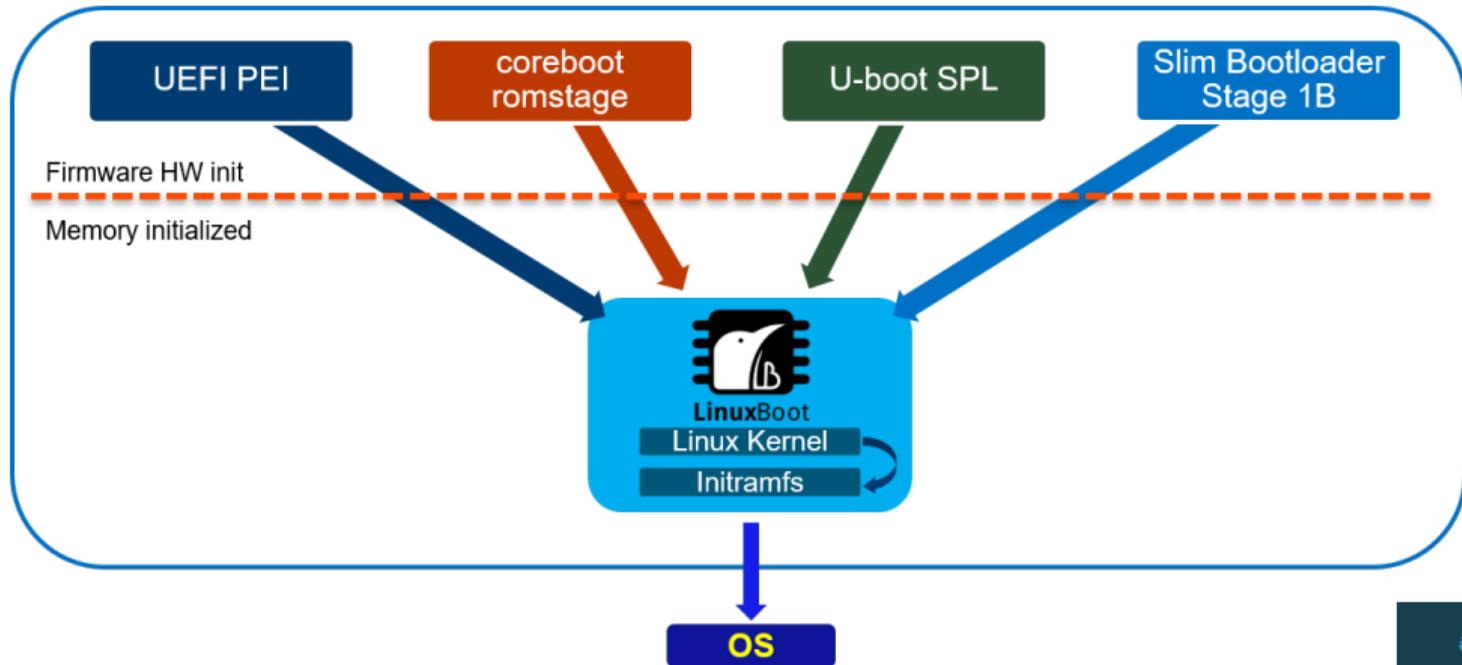
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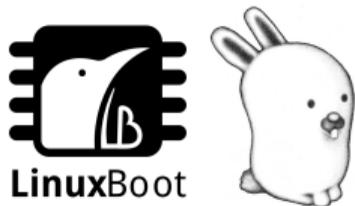
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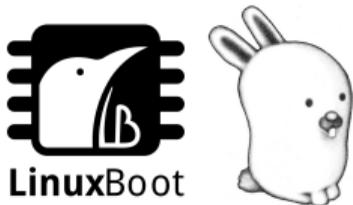
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Does it boot? Yes -> yay! Nope -> you found a bug!



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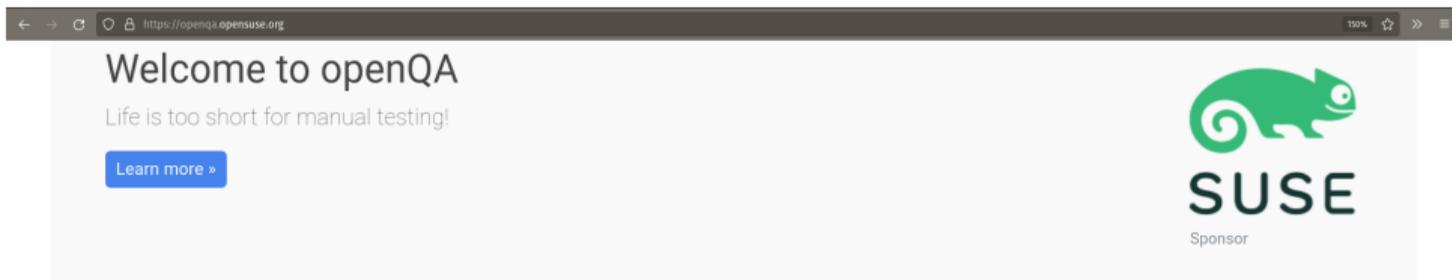
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Requirements

- ▶ second piece of hardware for monitoring, reset, instrumentation
 - ▶ HDMI capture, USB-HDMI, VNC etc
 - ▶ connect to UART
 - ▶ hook up GPIO to reset
 - ▶ e.g., Raspberry Pi, 3mdeb RTE, DIY...
- ▶ some glue logic in build service (CI)



Try it out!

Join our workshop at 17:00 in Seminarraum 2

Preparation: Install either Docker or QEMU plus (optionally) Go 1.18.

```
dama@orangelemp ~/P/L/L/m/i/generic (main)> ~/firmware/ipc/arm-cpu/bin/cpu -sp 23 -key ~/ssh/cpu_rsa
-timeout9p 3s 192.168.11.245 cat /proc/cpuinfo
processor          : 0
vendor_id         : GenuineIntel
cpu family        : 6
model             : 122
model name        : Intel(R) Celeron(R) J4125 CPU @ 2.00GHz
stepping          : 8
microcode         : 0x1a
cpu MHz           : 1996.800
cache size        : 4096 KB
physical id       : 0
siblings          : 4
core id           : 0
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