ARM Ports BoF

Where are we now, what's coming?

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Agenda

- Current ports status
- Buildds and hardware
- Discussion
- Take notes in gobby please!
  - `gobby.debian.org`
  - `Debconf19/bof/arm-ports`

arm64

- Current port, first released with Jessie

- Working well

- More devices available now, more coming

- Real server hardware!

- Simple choice of kernel with DTB and/or ACPI

armhf

- Current port, first released with Wheezy

- Hard-float ABI, v7, VFPv3-D16
    - Standard for 32-bit Arm Linux distros

- armmp kernel & DTBs
    - Potentially massive set of supported devices

- UEFI...

armel

- Current port, first released with Lenny
- Soft-float ABI, ~~v4t~~ v5te
- Still supported upstream for most languages?
- Was initially planning to drop for Buster
    - Others have stepped up!

Buildds and hardware

- Mostly relying on dev boards still for 32-bit **for now**:
    - Marvell Armada XP (v7)
    - Freescale imx53 (v7) porter box
- Wider arm64 machine options
    - Seattle, X-Gene, ThunderX, Macchiato, Centriq, Synquacer, TaiShan, …

Let's build A32 on arm64!

- Some arm64 machine won't run A32
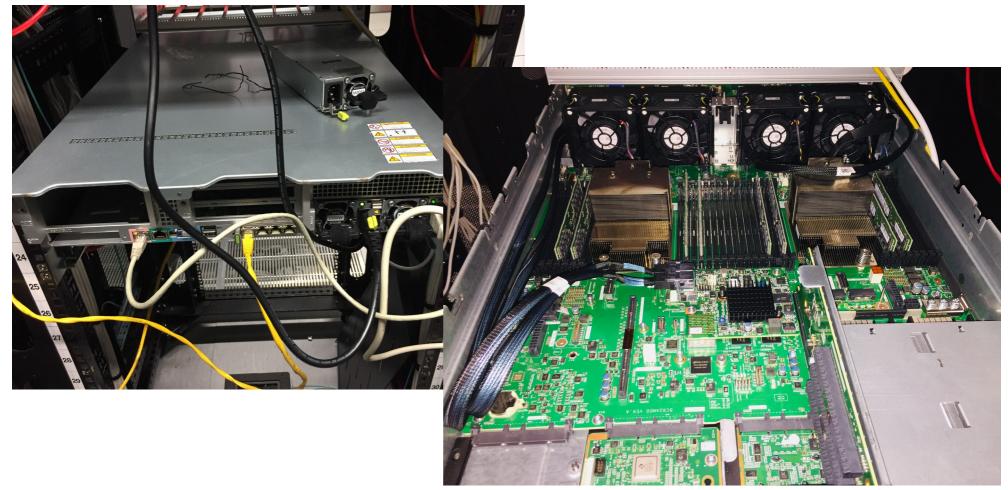   - Some will, but only userland
- Some issues found:
    - Alignment
    - #define mixups
    - ...
- Choices to make
    - Performance vs. fixups

Real servers!

Discussion

- What else can we be doing?
- What else should we be doing?

What else?

- More porters always welcome
- #debian-arm on irc.debian.org
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Thanks

And all the community!