

WRS v4 OS Follow-up



Agenda

- **Update status of WRSv3**
- **Pros and cons of each option**
 - Buildroot vs FEC-OS / Debian rootfs
 - Buildroot vs OpenWRT

Update status of WRSv3

- **WRSv3**

- Is the only WRS commercially available yet
- Will be installed and used during LS3
- Will be used for at least 10 more years
- Will be updated in line with WRSv4
 - Can't give up on support and updates

- **WRSv4**

- WRSv4 OS should be compatible with WRSv3
- 2 different OSES: higher effort/cost to maintain and deploy new features
- 1 OS: minimizes effort to maintain and deploy new features

Pros and cons of each option

- See Excel sheet “openwrt_pros_cons.odt”

Buildroot vs FEC-OS / Debian rootfs

- **Buildroot:**

- Already used on WRSv3
- Simple: set of Makefile and Kconfig
- Very light, more adapted to embedded
- No public repositories for packages

- **Debian rootfs**

- More familiar to use (apt, lot of packages available)
- Can't be used on WRSv3 (performance issues, lack of memory)
- Hard to fit in WRSv4 internal flash
- Not adapted for typical embedded systems

Buildroot vs OpenWRT

- **Buildroot:**

- Already used on WRSv3
- No public repositories for packages
- Easy to use external kernel (able to use Xilinx kernel directly)

- **OpenWRT:**

- Heavily modified Buildroot
- Package manager (opkg) with public repositories
- Could be used on WRSv3
- Good support and security
- Widely tested as OS for small networking devices
- UCI / LUCI for configuration (can be used to replace current web interface)
- More difficult to implement support for latest Xilinx kernel (currently hacked to work, needs to be upstreamed properly)

Costs & Risks

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Comments / questions



Thank you for listening