

The Mer Project

What is it and why should you care?
- Mer introduction in 5+ minutes

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Brief History Lesson

- In the beginning there was Maemo
- Mer project was started to get an completely open alternative for Maemo
- The project was buried after the MeeGo announcement by Nokia & Intel
- Mer was resurrected after MeeGo was buried
- Mer continues the work gone into MeeGo
 - With a bit different focus
 - Trimmed the fat

Mobile Linux Core

- Mobile optimised core distribution
 - No GUI or hardware adaption layers
 - Something to build on (vendors, etc.)
- Qt, html5, js as application building blocks
 - wiki.merproject.org/wiki/Architecture
- Truly openly developed project
 - Inclusive and meritocratically governed
 - Open to all contributors

But I want an UI :/

- Nemo mobile
 - Ex MeeGo community edition
 - wiki.merproject.org/wiki/Nemo
- Plasma Active
 - UX based on KDE technologies
 - plasma-active.org
- Cordia
 - Hildon desktop on top of Mer
 - cordiahd.org

Contributing to Mer

- Code
 - Remember upstream
- Testing
- Filing / fixing bugs
- Documentation
 - Wiki always needs improvements
- Applications
 - Something new for Nemo?
 - helps in testing the core distribution as well
- Something completely different?

Tools of the Trade

- OBS
 - Building packages and the distribution
- Platform SDK
 - Distribution independent (chroot)
 - Cross compilers, image building, osc, ...
- Git / Gerrit
 - Reviews
- wiki.merproject.org/wiki/Contribution

Where You At?

- #mer @ freenode IRC
 - Don't be scared of Sts keeps welcoming you and asking questions upon arrival
- Mer-general mailing list
 - wiki.merproject.org/wiki/Mailing_lists
- wiki.merproject.org
 - This is **the** place to look for more information
- bugs.merproject.org

Questions?

- This Q&A will be a bit different...
 - #mer-meeting @ freenode irc
 - Ask directly in irc or here and we'll pass the questions there
 - We have the project's architect Carsten Munk (Stskeep) and some other people answering your questions there
- Lets see if we ever do this again :)
- If you can't come up with a question now, don't worry. You can always ask in #mer



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