Gphoto on OpenWRT

Panoramic photography on linuxbased embedded devices



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Introduction of Gphoto

Gphoto project page on gphoto.org

Software is open souce based on LGPL

It supports more then 1000 cameras

It runs on linux, BSD, Mac and OpenWRT

Gphoto library and Gphoto tools Version 2.4.7

First goal was to transfer files from the cameras

But some cameras support remote capture

Introduction of Gphoto

PTP (Picture Transfer Protocol)

Using USB port (older cameras use serial port)

Compiling and installing

first libgphoto (./configure make sudo make install)

then gphoto tools (./configure make sudo make install)

Thanks to Marcus Meissner from Suse

Remote capture

Only some cameras support remote capture

Best Cameras to use is Canon PowerShot G-Series

some models from A-Series and SX110

List of supported cameras is provided from Canon Canon Digital Camera Software Developers Kit

Reverse engineering of PTP Library (USB Sniffing)
Some Nikon Cameras and old Kodak cams work as well

Gphoto on OpenWRT

- Mips and X86 Hardware
 - Soekris and Alix Boards
 - Asus WL500GP
 - Fonera 2 and Meshcube
- libgphoto needs

libusb, libexif, libjpeg, libpthread, libltdl, libiconv

- Some change is needed on the Makefile
 - --with-drivers=ptp2



How to use Gphoto

- 1. Detection of camera
- 2. Setup capture target and settings
- 3. Testcapture to read
 - apperture value
 - exposure value
 - capture mode
- 4. Start capture and download

Command line tools

gphoto --summary for information

gphoto --list-ports (for more then one cam)

gphoto2 –list-config shows config options

Example:

gphoto --get-config=capturetarget

Label: Capture Target

Type: RADIO

Current: Internal RAM

Choice: 0 Internal RAM

Choice: 1 Memory card

Things to know

Gphoto on OpenWRT devices only support PTP mode Setup of Camera in ptp mode (not mass stor.)

The Camera need external Power and

The Camera has to turn on automatically

and for sure the Firmware has to support the capture-image feature

Making a Panoramic Photo

Camera system with rotor

- + only one camera
- + one setup for all pictures
- not realtime in the picture
- shaking images in timelaps videos

Multicamera system

- + realtime in motion
- + stil images in timelaps videos
- more expensive more maintenance
- one of the cams fail = no panotamic picture

Panoramic Software

Opensource tools line nona (hugin) and enblend automatic processing for long term documentation

very complex to generate a stitching configuration PTO file when camera setup is moving reconfiguration is needed

fast cpu is needed for stitching process and blending











Thanks

Any questions?