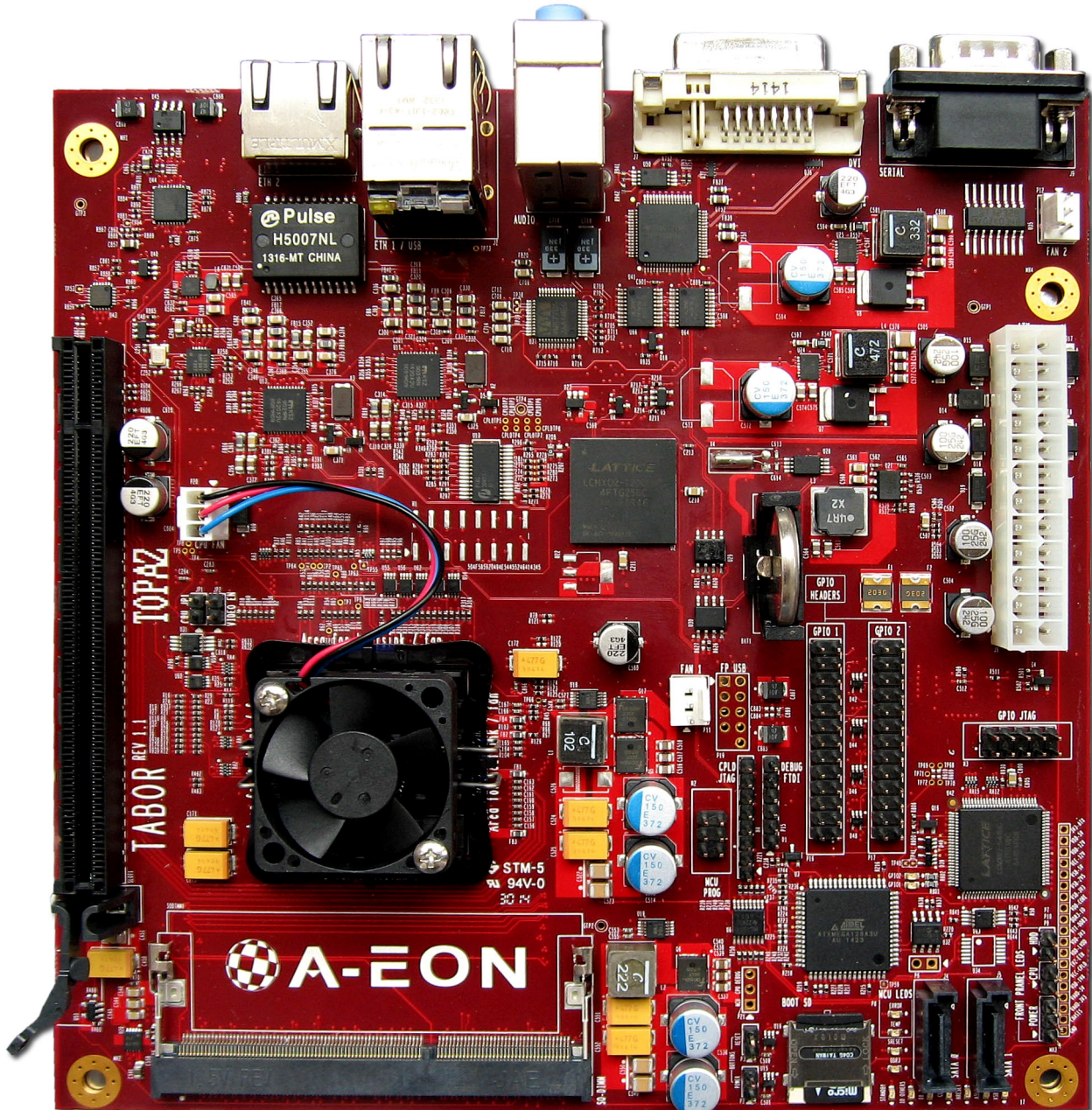




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## Installing Linux on the A1222 (Tabor)

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## Installing Lubuntu 12.04.5 LTS

Quote Wikipedia:

**Lubuntu** (/lʊˈbʊntuː/ *loo-**buun**-too*) is a [lightweight Linux operating system](#) based on [Ubuntu](#) but using the [LXDE desktop environment](#) in place of Ubuntu's [Unity shell](#) and [GNOME](#) desktop. LXDE is touted as being "lighter, less resource hungry and more energy-efficient".<sup>[1][2][3][4][5]</sup>

Like [Xubuntu](#), Lubuntu is intended to be a low-system-requirement, low-RAM environment for [netbooks](#), [mobile devices](#), and older PCs. Tests show it can use half as much RAM as Xubuntu, making it an attractive choice for installing on older hardware being refurbished for charitable distribution.<sup>[1][6][7]</sup>

The name *Lubuntu* is a [portmanteau](#) of *LXDE* and *Ubuntu*.<sup>[2]</sup> LXDE stands for *Lightweight X11 Desktop Environment*.<sup>[8]</sup> while the word *Ubuntu* means "humanity towards others" in the [Zulu](#) and [Xhosa](#) languages.<sup>[9]</sup>

Lubuntu received official recognition as a formal member of the Ubuntu family on 11 May 2011, commencing with Lubuntu 11.10, which was released on 13 October 2011.

Quote end

Lubuntu website link:

<http://lubuntu.net/>

Lubuntu 12.04 LTS Installation Instructions (based on Pat Wall's installation instructions)

The installation instructions cover installing Lubuntu 12.04.5 LTS from a "netboot over the internet" installation from a single install image. For the purpose of these instructions it is assumed you will be installing Lubuntu 12.04.5 with the LXDE Desktop Environment. The installation process is very similar to the Debian installation.

1. Download the kernel ulmage 3.18.23-JM-2 or 3.12.19-rt30 (SDK17) with your AmigaONE X1000 for example:

<http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/ulmage.sdk17.2> (With Tabor sound device support)

<http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Tabor-3.18.23-JM-2.tar.gz> (With Radeon HD HDMI sound device support)

User: tabor

Password: amigaone

2. Download the U-Boot installation initial ramdisk for Lubuntu 12.04.5 with your AmigaONE X1000 for example:

[http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Lubuntu\\_12.04.5\\_LTS\\_ulnitrd\\_Tabor.tar.gz](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Lubuntu_12.04.5_LTS_ulnitrd_Tabor.tar.gz) or  
[http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/uRamdisk\\_Ubuntu\\_12.04\\_Tabor\\_net-2](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/uRamdisk_Ubuntu_12.04_Tabor_net-2)

User: tabor

Password: amigaone

3. Download the flattened device tree blob file version 2:

<http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/tabor2.dtb>

User: tabor

Password: amigaone

4. Copy them to a USB stick with your AmigaONE X1000 for example.
5. Please connect a null modem RS-232 serial cable between the Tabor and another computer for example the AmigaONE X1000. You could use PuTTY to access the serial interface (Speed: 115200).
6. Turn on the Tabor board. (U-Boot appears)



A1222>

7. You can boot the installer using the commands below (For example with the kernel 3.12.19-rt30)

```
A1222> setenv bootargs "console=ttyS0,115200 root=/dev/ram rw"
```

```
A1222> fatload usb 0:1 1000000 ulmage.sdk17.2
```

```
A1222> fatload usb 0:1 5000000 uinitrd_12.04.5
```

```
A1222> fatload usb 0:1 2000000 tabor2.dtb
```

```
A1222> bootm 1000000 5000000 2000000
```

8. Select Language
9. Select Your Location
10. Detect Keyboard Layout. Select No and Pick from the list
11. Configure Network
12. Enter Hostname
13. Select the Ubuntu Archive Mirror Country - *[it is configured for the UK]*
14. Leave the HTTP Proxy parameter blank and press return - *[there will now be a long delay]*
15. When prompted that no kernel modules were found select Yes to continue without loading them.
16. The installer components will be retrieved from the Ubuntu mirror - *[this will take a long time]*
17. Enter your Full Name
18. Enter your username for your account
19. Enter your password and confirm
20. Select No to Encrypt your home directory
21. Confirm your time zone
22. When prompted for module dm-mod leave the parameter blank and select continue
23. Click Continue at the warning of "Software RAID not available"
24. Click Continue at the warning of "Logical Volume Manager not available"
25. You can now partition your disk.

**⚠ You must exercise caution when modifying your partition tables! ⚠**

26. The base system will now be retrieved from the mirror site and installed
27. Select "Install security updates automatically"
28. At the software selection screen you will be asked to select which \*buntu flavour(s) you would like to install. You can install as many as you like. To install the standard Lubuntu LXDE Desktop Environment arrow down to the "Ubuntu with LXDE Desktop" option and press the space bar to mark the option. Additionally there is an option "Lubuntu minimal installation". Please arrow down to this option and mark it too. Now press return to continue.
29. The additional packages required to install the full Lubuntu desktop will be retrieved and installed. - *[this will take some time to complete depending on the speed of your internet connection]*
30. At "Continue without boot loader" take note of your root partition.
31. Select Yes to set confirm the system clock is set as UTC.
32. Select Continue to finish the installation and reboot!

### Booting Lubuntu 12.04.5 LTS LXDE Desktop

Enter the following commands replacing the root partition (sda2) with the ID of the partition where you installed Lubuntu.

```
A1222> setenv bootargs "console=ttyS0,115200 root=/dev/sda2"
```

```
A1222> fatload usb 0:1 1000000 ulmage.sdk17.2
```

```
A1222> fatload usb 0:1 2000000 tabor2.dtb
```

```
A1222> bootm 1000000 - 2000000
```

### Enabling Sound and 2D/3D Graphics hardware acceleration under Lubuntu 12.04.5

The "user" created during the installation process is not part of the audio or video group by default. This is a "bug" in the Lubuntu PowerPC installation procedure. However, it is quite easy to fix. In a terminal window type: `sudo usermod -a -G audio, video username` replacing username with your own user name. You will have to enter your Admin password. Then type: `groups` (and check that audio and video are there)

### Setting the Lubuntu boot environment variable in U-Boot

```
A1222> setenv lubuntuppc 'setenv bootargs console=ttyS0,115200 root=/dev/sda2 ; fatload  
usb 0:1 1000000 ulmage.sdk17.2 ; fatload usb 0:1 2000000 tabor2.dtb ; bootm 1000000 -  
2000000'
```

```
A1222> saveenv
```

After that you can simple start Lubuntu with:

```
A1222> run lubuntuppc
```

### 3D acceleration with old ATi Radeon graphics cards

There is Mesa 7.11.2 classic (DRI 1) for old graphics cards to use 3D acceleration on your Tabor board.

Installation instructions:

1. Download: [http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Mesa-7.11\\_Debian7.7\\_classic\\_dri.tar.gz](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Mesa-7.11_Debian7.7_classic_dri.tar.gz)

User: tabor

Password: amigaone

2. Copy the unpacked Mesa directory to /usr/local:

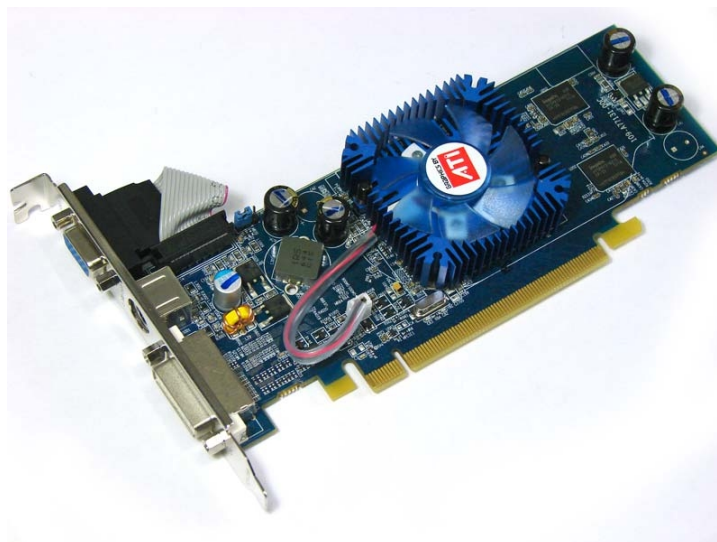
```
cp -R Mesa7.11.2-without-gallium /usr/local
```

3. `mv /usr/lib/powerpc-linux-gnu/dri/r300_dri.so /usr/lib/powerpc-linux-gnu/dri/r300_dri.so.bak`

4. `cp /usr/local/Mesa7.11.2-without-gallium/lib/dri/r300_dri.so /usr/lib/powerpc-linux-gnu/dri`

You could also use the faster PowerPCSPE version of Mesa 7.11.2 classic (DRI 1):

[http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Mesa-7.11\\_Debian7.7\\_classic-powerpcspe.tar.gz](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Mesa-7.11_Debian7.7_classic-powerpcspe.tar.gz)



## Using fast PowerPC SPE programs with Debian 8.0 PowerPC SPE in a chroot environment

Just for info (quote Kyle Moffett):

The 'powerpcspe' architecture is a binary-incompatible variant of PowerPC/POWER designed and supported by FreeScale and IBM. It is also known under the trade names "e500"/"MPC8500" and "e200"/"MPC5xx".

This architecture was added to dpkg in commit feb5792 on 2010/04/30:

<http://git.debian.org/?p=dpkg/dpkg.git;a=commitdiff;h=feb5792>

Additional information can be found at:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PowerPC\\_e500](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PowerPC_e500)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PowerPC\\_e200](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PowerPC_e200)

In particular, the 'powerpcspe' architecture lacks the classic FPU with dedicated FPRs found on most other PowerPC systems. It is replaced with a set of "SPE" instructions which perform floating-point operations on the integer registers.

In an unfortunate choice of architecture design, the instructions used for the "SPE" operations overlap with those for the AltiVec unit on most other modern PowerPC cores.

The "e500v2"-series chips have 64-bit GPRs, where the high 32-bits are accessible only via the special "SPE" instructions, allowing them to make efficient use of the "double" datatype.

The relative rare "e500v1"-series chips have only 32-bit GPRs, and require software traps and emulation to support native "double".

The "e200z3" and "e200z6" chips have no support for floating point at all, but with software traps and emulation are binary-compatible with the "e500"-series chips.

The Debian port to this architecture specifically chooses to optimize for the higher-end chips (e500v2), as most of the others are targeted at automotive applications or no longer in production.

GCC by default builds correctly with full support for the e500v2 as long as the following options are passed to "configure":

--with-cpu=8548

--enable-e500\_double

--with-long-double-128

The only changes needed are to extend a few matches on "powerpc ppc64" to also match "powerpcspe" to ensure that we include essential headers. One of those headers in particular (spe.h) is necessary to successfully build EGLIBC's floating-point support.

At this time the 'powerpcspe' architecture port is still very much an unofficial port. While we hope that will change in the future, it is entirely possible that the embedded niche of the processor will make such an official Debian port problematic.

Quote end

You can install Debian 8.0 PowerPC SPE in a chroot environment on Ubuntu 12.04.5 LTS on your Tabor board to use the fast PowerPC SPE programs on Ubuntu. There isn't a PowerPC SPE distribution of Ubuntu available.

## Installation instructions:

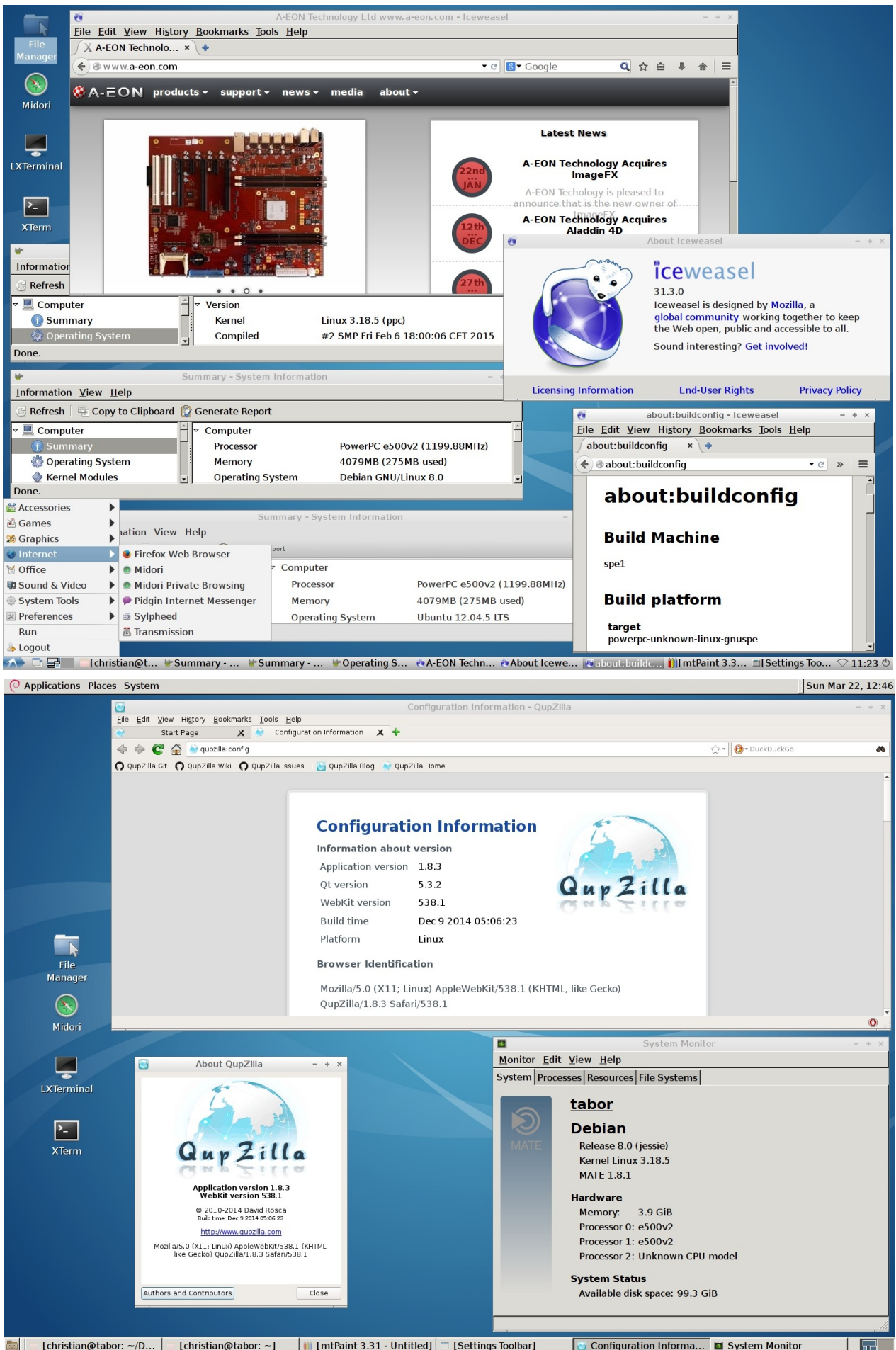
1. Download a Debian 8.0 PowerPCSPE archive from <http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/lxtest.html>  
User: tabor  
Password: amigaone
2. Create a directory for the chroot environment: `'mkdir Debian_powerpcspe'`
3. Move the tarball to the directory 'Debian\_powerpcspe':  
`'mv debian-8.0-3_powerpcspe.tar.gz Debian_powerpcspe'`
4. Change to user root: `'sudo su'`
5. Change to the directory Debian\_powerpcspe: `'cd Debian_powerpcspe'`
6. Extract the archive with: `'tar zxvf debian-8.0-3_powerpcspe.tar.gz'`  
(This takes a long time)
7. Mount proc: `'mount -t proc none ./proc'`
8. Chroot to Debian 8.0 PowerPCSPE with: `'chroot ./bin/bash'`
9. Upgrade Debian 8.0 PowerPCSPE with:  
`'apt-get update', 'apt-get upgrade', and 'apt-get dist-upgrade'`
10. Exit the chroot environment with `'exit'`
11. You can also work with PowerPCSPE X11 programs if you like. For this you have to use the X11 unix socket from the Lubuntu host system.
  1. Mount the X11 unix socket from Lubuntu in the chroot environment:  
`mount --bind /tmp/.X11-unix ./tmp/.X11-unix`
  2. You have to allow the access from the PowerPCSPE X11 programs:  
`'xhost + local:'`  
  
Output: `'non-network local connections being added to access control list'`
  3. Chroot to Debian 8.0 PowerPCSPE again with: `'chroot ./bin/bash'`
  4. Set up the DISPLAY variable to ':0': `'export DISPLAY=:0'`
  5. Yeah, you can start the PowerPCSPE version of iceweasel: `'iceweasel'`

This is really amazing! We can use the very fast PowerPCSPE programs on Lubuntu 12.04.5. Iceweasel PowerPCSPE is faster than Firefox PowerPC.

If you want to have a simple access to all installed PowerPCSPE programs then you can start a panel for example the 'mate-panel'.

The MATE panel is part of the MATE Desktop Environment and features program launchers, panel menus, a clock and more.





## Playing fast 3D PowerPCSPE games with Debian 8.0 PowerPCSPE in a chroot environment

If you want to play 3D games on your Tabor board, then you have to install a special SPE version of Mesa for the Debian 8.0 PowerPCSPE chroot environment.

1. Download classic Mesa 7.5 for old ATi Radeon graphics cards (chroot version):

[http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Mesa-7.5-Debian\\_8\\_powerpcspe.tar.gz](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Mesa-7.5-Debian_8_powerpcspe.tar.gz)

Download Mesa 8.0 Gallium version for new AMD Radeon HD graphics cards (chroot version):

<http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Mesa-8.0-gallium-chroot-powerpcspe.tar.gz>

Website login:

User: tabor

Password: amigaone

2. Extract it and copy the directory 'Mesa-7.5-chroot' or 'Mesa-8.0-chroot-powerpcspe' to '/usr/local/' within the chroot environment.
3. Start your Debian 8.0 PowerPCSPE chroot environment with the following commands:

```
cd Debian_powerpcspe
```

```
sudo mount -t proc none ./proc
```

```
sudo mkdir ./tmp/X11-unix
```

```
sudo mount --bind ./tmp/X11-unix ./tmp/X11-unix
```

```
sudo mount -o bind /dev ./dev
```

```
sudo mount -t sysfs sys ./sys
```

```
sudo xhost + local:
```

```
sudo chroot ./bin/bash
```

4. In the chroot environment you have to export your DISPLAY to the Ubuntu host X11 display with the following command:

```
export DISPLAY=:0
```

5. If you want to use the Mesa 7.5 or Mesa 8.0 chroot version then you have to set up the environment variable 'LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH' with the following command:

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/local/Mesa-7.5-chroot/lib/
```

or

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/local/Mesa-8.0-chroot-powerpcspe/lib
```

I can recommend you, to try out the powerpcspe version of SuperTuxKart 0.7.3, to test the 3D acceleration in the Debian 8.0 powerpcspe chroot.

Download:

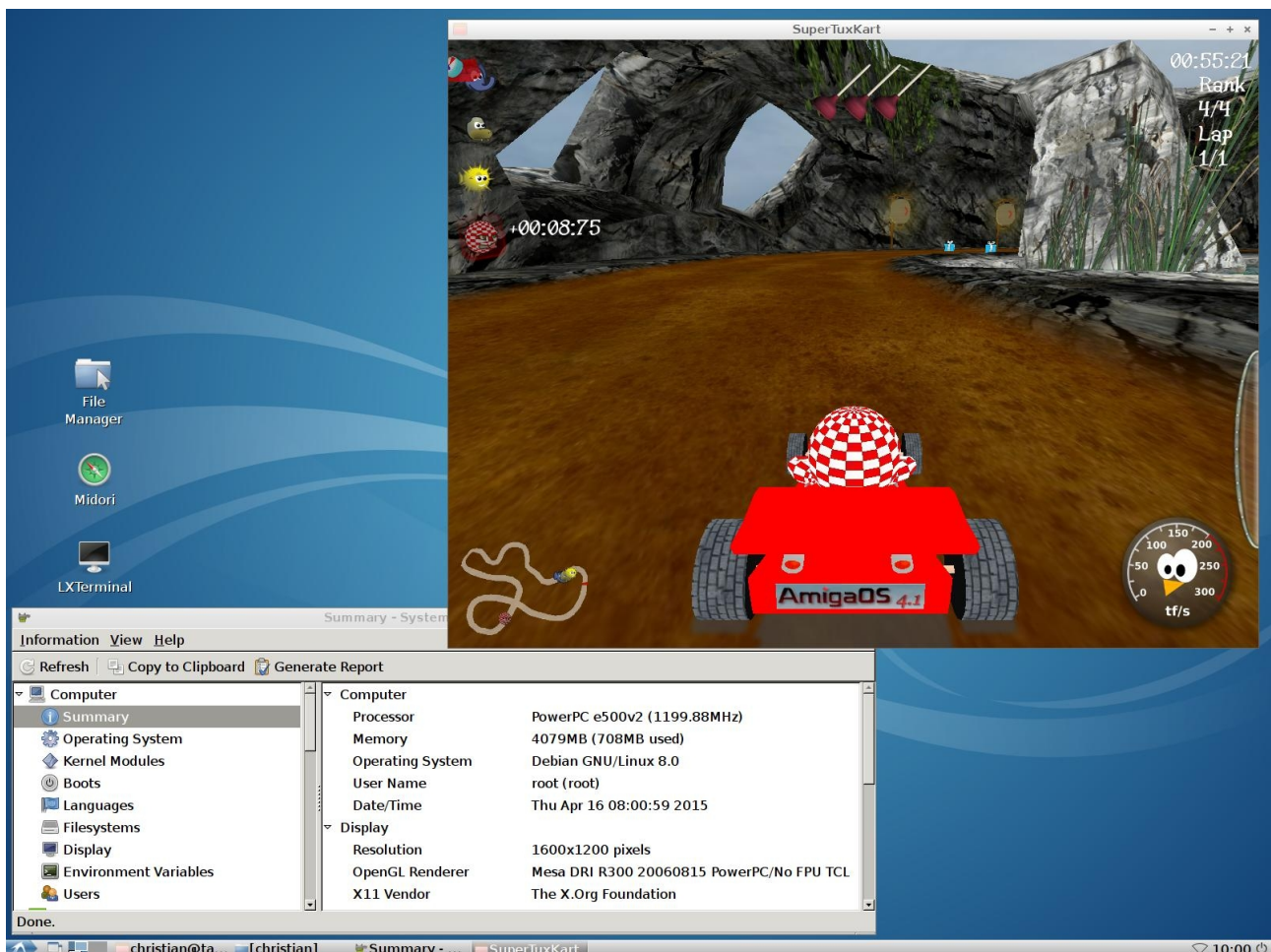
[http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/supertuxkart\\_0.7.3-2\\_powerpcspe.tar.bz2](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/supertuxkart_0.7.3-2_powerpcspe.tar.bz2)

Website login:

User: tabor

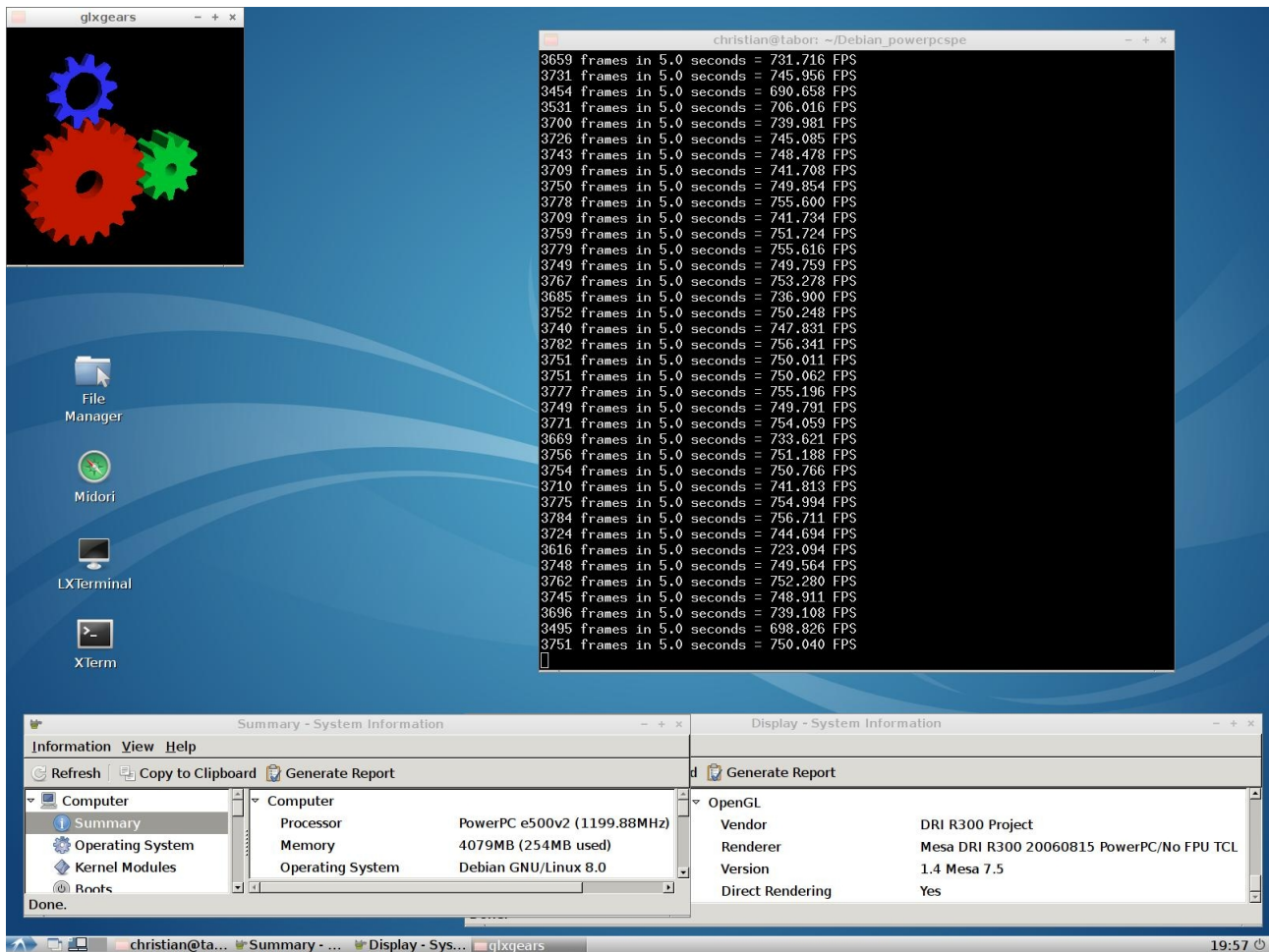
Password: amigaone

You can install all Debian packages for SuperTuxKart with 'dpkg -i' in the Debian powerpcspe chroot environment.

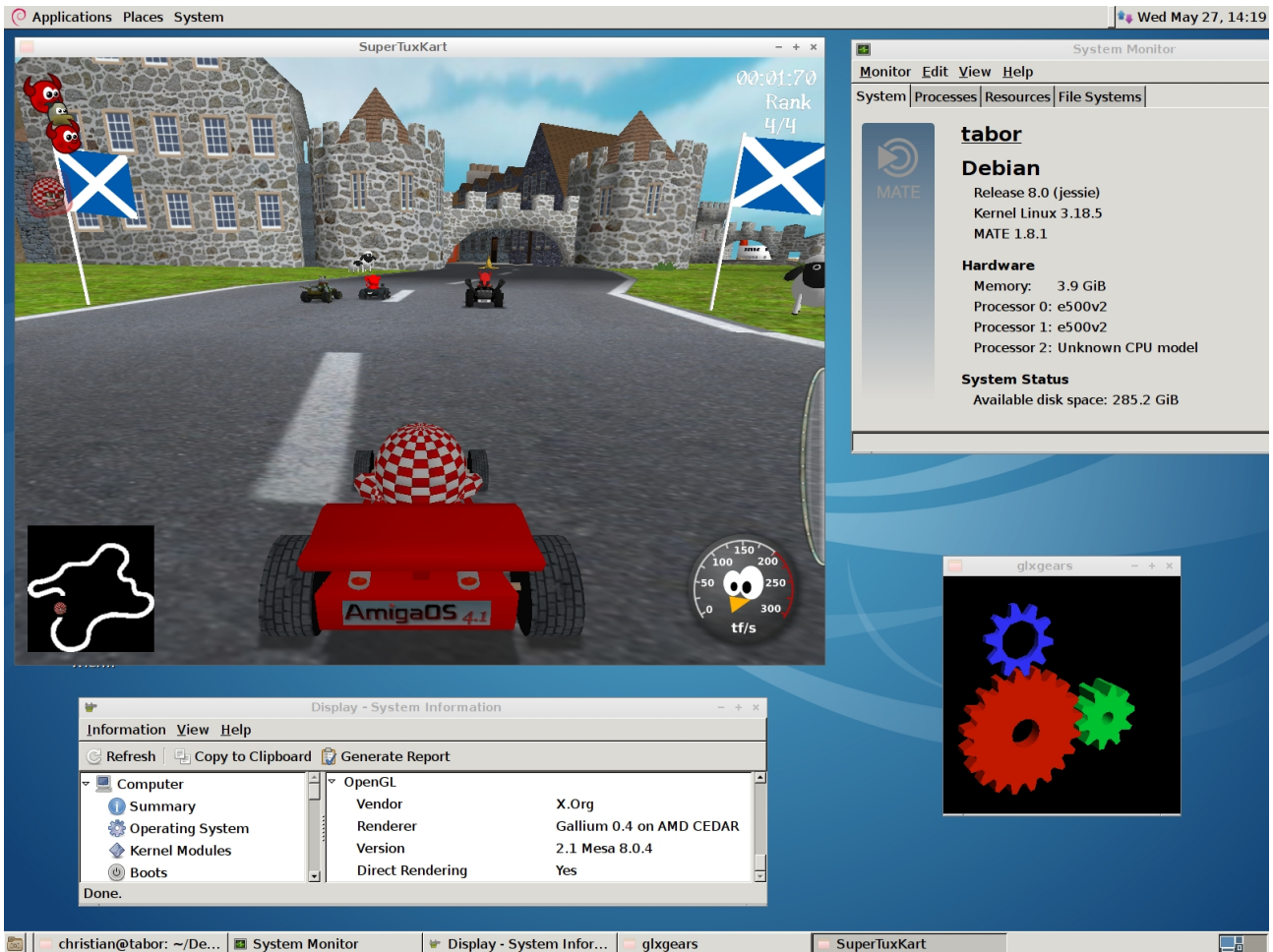


You can also test the 3D acceleration with 'glxgears'.

For example with an old ATi Radeon X1650 SE (Mesa 7.5 classic PowerPCSPPE version):



Screenshot with a new AMD Radeon HD5450 (Mesa 8.0 Gallium PowerPC SPE version):



Have a lot of fun with playing 3D games on your Tabor board!

## Booting SliTaz PPC Linux

SliTaz GNU/Linux is a free operating system working completely in memory from removable media such as a cdrom or CF card or USB key. It is light and speedy. SliTaz is distributed in the form of a **initrd.gz** that you can easily burn to a cdrom or copy to a CF card or USB key and boot from. When the system is running you can eject the LiveCD or USB key and use your CD drive or USB socket for other tasks. SliTaz PPC is in development yet.

### SliTaz 25 Installation Instructions

1. Download SliTaz 25: <http://www.xenosoft.de/slitaz25.gz>
2. You have to create a SliTaz uRamdisk for the Tabor board with the following command:

```
mkimage -T ramdisk -C gzip -n 'SliTaz 25 PPC Linux' -d slitaz25.gz uSliTaz25
```

Output:

```
Image Name: SliTaz 25 PPC Linux
Created: Sat Dec 27 14:45:37 2014
Image Type: PowerPC Linux RAMDisk Image (gzip compressed)
Data Size: 61531389 Bytes = 60089.25 kB = 58.68 MB
Load Address: 00000000
Entry Point: 00000000
```

3. You need a kernel with support for the Freescale Display Interface Unit DIU. For example the kernel 3.12.19-rt30 version 2 (SDK17).

**Note: It's not possible to use the DIU with an installed Radeon graphics card.**

Download: <http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/ulmage.sdk17.2>

User: tabor  
Password: amigaone

4. Download the flattened device tree blob file version 2:

<http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/tabor2.dtb>

User: tabor  
Password: amigaone

5. Copy them to a USB stick with your AmigaONE X1000 for example.
6. Please connect a null modem RS-232 serial cable between the Tabor and another computer for example the AmigaONE X1000. You could use PuTTY to access the serial interface (Speed: 115200).
7. Turn on the Tabor board. (U-Boot appears)
8. You can boot SliTaz using the commands below

```
A1222> setenv bootargs "console=ttyS0,115200 root=/dev/ram rw"
```

```
A1222> fatload usb 0:1 1000000 ulmage.sdk17.2
```

```
A1222> fatload usb 0:1 5000000 uSlitaz25
```

```
A1222> fatload usb 0:1 2000000 tabor.dtb
```

```
A1222> bootm 1000000 5000000 2000000
```

9. You can start X11 with the following command:

```
Xfbdev -retro -mouse mouse,device=/dev/input/mice -keybd  
evdev,,device=/dev/input/event1 | xterm -e amiwwm
```

Here you are. :-)

Workbench Screen

The screenshot shows a desktop environment with the following windows and content:

- Web Browser:** Displays the Slitaz PPC logo and system information: "Slitaz GNU/Linux for the AmigaOne X1000 Kernel 3.10.15-1X1000\_PM-1.3f Temporary Autonomous Zone".
- Settings Toolbar:** Shows system settings for A [1] = {255,0,0} and B [0] = {0,0,0}, with controls for Size, Flow, and Opacity.
- xeyes:** A window showing a pair of eyes following the mouse cursor.
- xclock:** A window showing a clock face.
- xosview@slitaz:** A window displaying system performance metrics:
  - LOAD: 0.2
  - CPU0: 100% (USR/SYS/MIO/IDLE)
  - CPU1: 0% (USR/SYS/MIO/IDLE)
  - MEM: 195M (USED/BUFF / /MAP/CACHE/FREE)
  - DISK: 0 (READ/WRITE/IDLE)
  - SWAP: 0 (USED/FREE)
  - PAGE: 0 (IN/OUT/IDLE)
  - NET: 0 (IN/OUT/IDLE)
- xterm:** A terminal window showing system information:

```
root@slitaz:/usr/bin# cat /proc/cpuinfo
processor       : 0
cpu            : e500v2
clock          : 1199.880000MHz
revision       : 5.1 (pvr 8021 1151)
bogomips       : 99.99

processor       : 1
cpu            : e500v2
clock          : 1199.880000MHz
revision       : 5.1 (pvr 8021 1151)
bogomips       : 99.99

total bogomips : 199.98
timebase       : 49995000
platform       : Tabor
model          : varisus.TABOR
Memory         : 4096 MB

root@slitaz:/usr/bin# uname -a
Linux slitaz 3.8.13-rt9Tabor_daz-g0cb6dd4-dirty #29 SMP Sun Dec 21 16:16:24 UTC 201
ppc GNU/Linux

root@slitaz:/usr/bin# free -m
              total        used         free   shared    buffers
Mem:           3987         185         3801        0          0
-/+ buffers:    185         185         3801        0          0
Swap:            0          0          0          0          0

root@slitaz:/usr/bin# df -h
Filesystem      Size  Used Available Use% Mounted on
tmpfs            1.9G   0    1.9G   0% /dev/shm
```

## Booting SliTaz using just the onboard microsd card by Darren Stevens

1. Do this, then copy ulmage, Tabor.dtb and uSlitaz25 to a USB stick
2. Boot to uboot on the Tabor, and enter the following commands: (I am assuming only 1 usb disk)

```
A1222> usb start
```

```
A1222> load usb 0 1000000 ulmage
```

```
A1222> mmc write 1000000 5000 2b16
```

Change this to match the number of 512 byte blocks in your ulmage (as a hex number)

```
A1222> load usb 0 1c00000 tabor.dtb
```

```
A1222> mmc write 1c00000 4c00 40
```

```
A1222> load usb 0 5000000 uSlitaz25
```

```
A1222> mmc write 5000000 8000 1d572
```

3. Once done the following commands will boot Slitaz:

```
A1222> usb start
```

```
A1222> mmc read 1000000 5000 2b16
```

```
A1222> mmc read 1c00000 4c00 40
```

```
A1222> mmc read 5000000 8000 1d672
```

```
A1222> setenv bootargs 'root=/dev/ram rw'
```

```
A1222> bootm 1000000 5000000 1c00000
```

The mmc read/write command use the following template:

```
mmc read/write <mem address> <block start> <# of blocks>
```

The 1d572 is the number of blocks, as long as it is bigger than the Ramdisk size / 512 then it will work.

You can of course put these all in a script file to make things even easier.



## Virtualization with KVM HV

The Linux kernel supports KVM HV for the e500v2 CPU. KVM (for Kernel-based Virtual Machine) is a full virtualization solution for Linux. You can boot an e500v2 virtual machine for example with SliTaz and it works with full CPU speed. You can use a modern Linux kernel for example the 3.19.3 with the e500v2 CPU directly.

Quote Wikipedia:

**KVM (Kernel-based Virtual Machine)** is a [virtualization](#) infrastructure for the [Linux kernel](#) that turns it into a [hypervisor](#), which was merged into the [Linux kernel mainline](#) in February 2007.<sup>[1]</sup> KVM requires a processor with [hardware virtualization extension](#).<sup>[2]</sup> KVM originally supported [x86](#) processors and has been [ported](#) to [S/390](#),<sup>[5]</sup> [PowerPC](#),<sup>[6]</sup> and [IA-64](#). An [ARM](#) port was merged during the 3.9 kernel merge window.<sup>[7]</sup>

We created a KVM package for you with all things you need to test KVM on your Tabor board.

Package content:

1. Kernel 3.18.5 KVM for the Tabor board (CONFIG\_KVM\_E500V2=y)

Support running unmodified E500 guest kernels in virtual machines on E500v2 host processors.

2. Kernel 3.19.3 for the virtual QEMU e500v2 board (CONFIG\_KVM\_GUEST=y)

This kernel has various optimizations for running under the KVM hypervisor. Overhead for the kernel when not running inside KVM should be minimal.

3. Kernel configs
4. QEMU 2.0.2 PPC binary
5. U-Boot
6. SliTaz25

Download KVM package for the Tabor board: [http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/KVM\\_guest\\_and\\_host\\_kernels\\_Tabor.tar.gz](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/KVM_guest_and_host_kernels_Tabor.tar.gz)

You need the flattened device tree blob file version 2 for the kernel 3.18.5. Download: <http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/tabor2.dtb>

User: tabor

Password: amigaone

If you use a new AMD Radeon HD graphics card then you have to download the kernel 3.18.5-3.

<http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/ulmage-3.18.5-3>

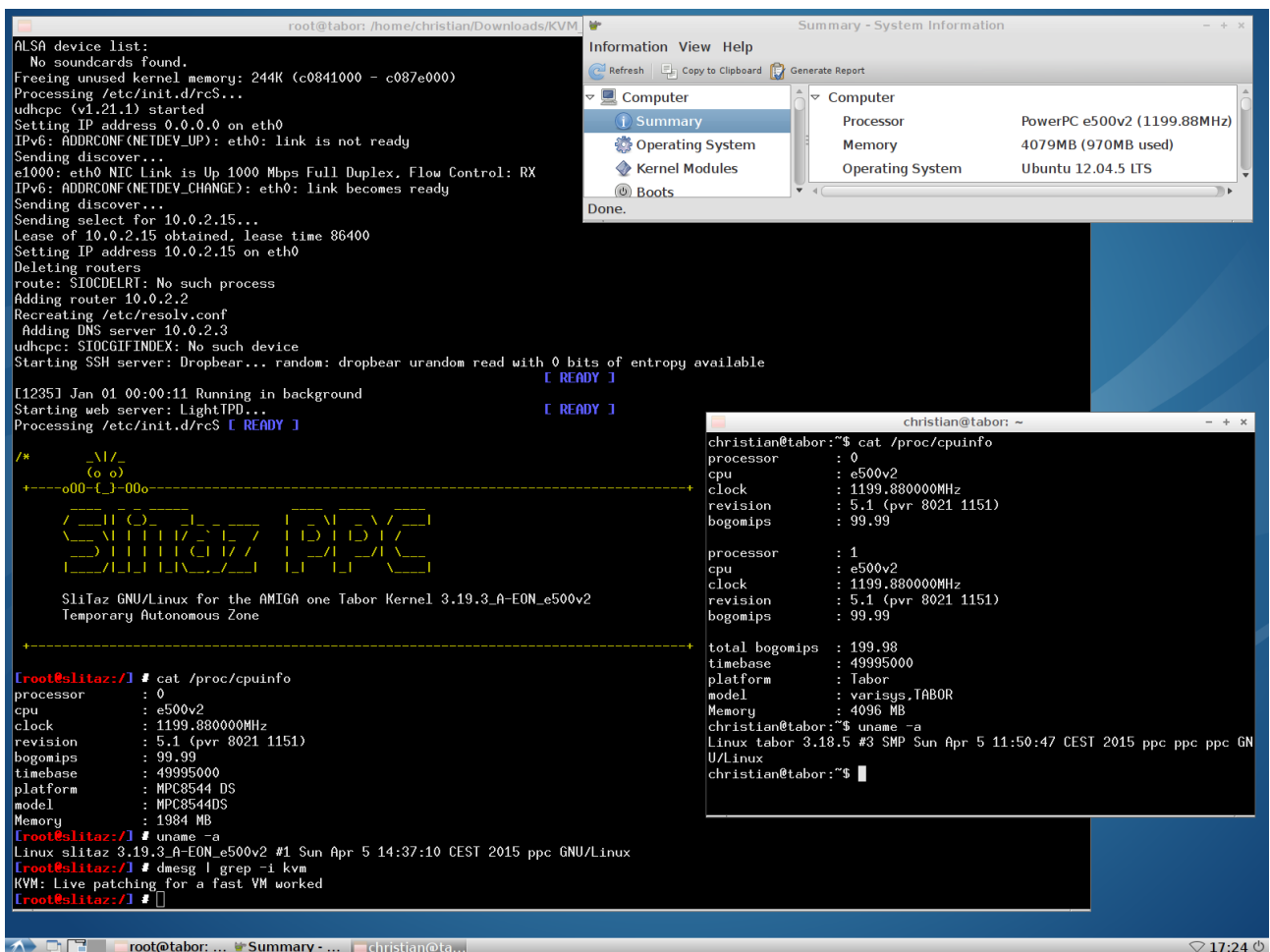
User: tabor

Password: amigaone

Command to start the virtual QEMU e500v2 board on your Tabor board:

```
qemu-system-ppc -cpu e500v2 -M mpc8544ds -enable-kvm -m 2047 -bios u-boot.e500 -nographic -kernel ulmage-kvm-guest -initrd slitaz25.gz -net nic,vlan=0,model=e1000 -net user,vlan=0
```

Screenshot SLiTaz in a virtual QEMU KVM e500v2 machine on the Tabor board:



You can also copy the chroot powerpcspe version of Debian into a mounted raw image and boot it with QEMU/KVM.

## Instructions

1. Create a raw image for QEMU with 'dd':

```
dd if=/dev/null of=debian_ppcspe.img bs=1M seek=10240
```

(Using seek creates a sparse file, which saves space.)

2. Format it with ext4 as root:

```
mkfs.ext4 -F debian_ppcspe.img
```

3. Mount it via loop device:

```
mount -t ext4 -o loop debian_ppcspe.img /mnt
```

4. Change to the directory '/mnt' and extract the Debian powerpcspe tar.gz file:

```
cd /mnt
```

```
tar zxvf /home/christian/Downloads/debian-8.0-1_powerpcspe.tar.gz
```

5. Umount the raw image:

```
umount /mnt
```

6. You can start Debian 8.0 powerpcspe in a virtual e500v2 QEMU machine with the following command:

```
qemu-system-ppc -cpu e500v2 -M mpc8544ds -enable-kvm -m 2047  
-bios ./u-boot.e500 -nographic -kernel ./ulmage-kvm-guest -drive  
file=debian_ppcspe.img,index=0,if=virtio -net  
nic,vlan=0,model=e1000 -net user,vlan=0 -append "rw  
root=/dev/vda 1"
```

## Audio and video support

There is a WM8776 audio chip on the Tabor board. You can only use it with the kernel 3.12.19-rt30.

Download:

<http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/ulmage.sdk17.2>

User: tabor

Password: amigaone

The SSI interface runs in slave mode, so sample rates are controlled from the codec. Freescale simply program the SSI to report it supports all rates, and allow the codec to deal with missing rates, the wm8776.c file deals with missing rates by printing an error. The following rates are supported by the WM8776 codec:

16000Hz, 24000Hz, 32000Hz, 48000Hz, 64000Hz and 96000Hz.

Notes: I recommend you to use audio and video inside the Debian 8 PowerPCSPE chroot. You have to activate Mesa for playing videos with the following command:

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/local/Mesa-8.0-chroot-powerpcspe/lib
```

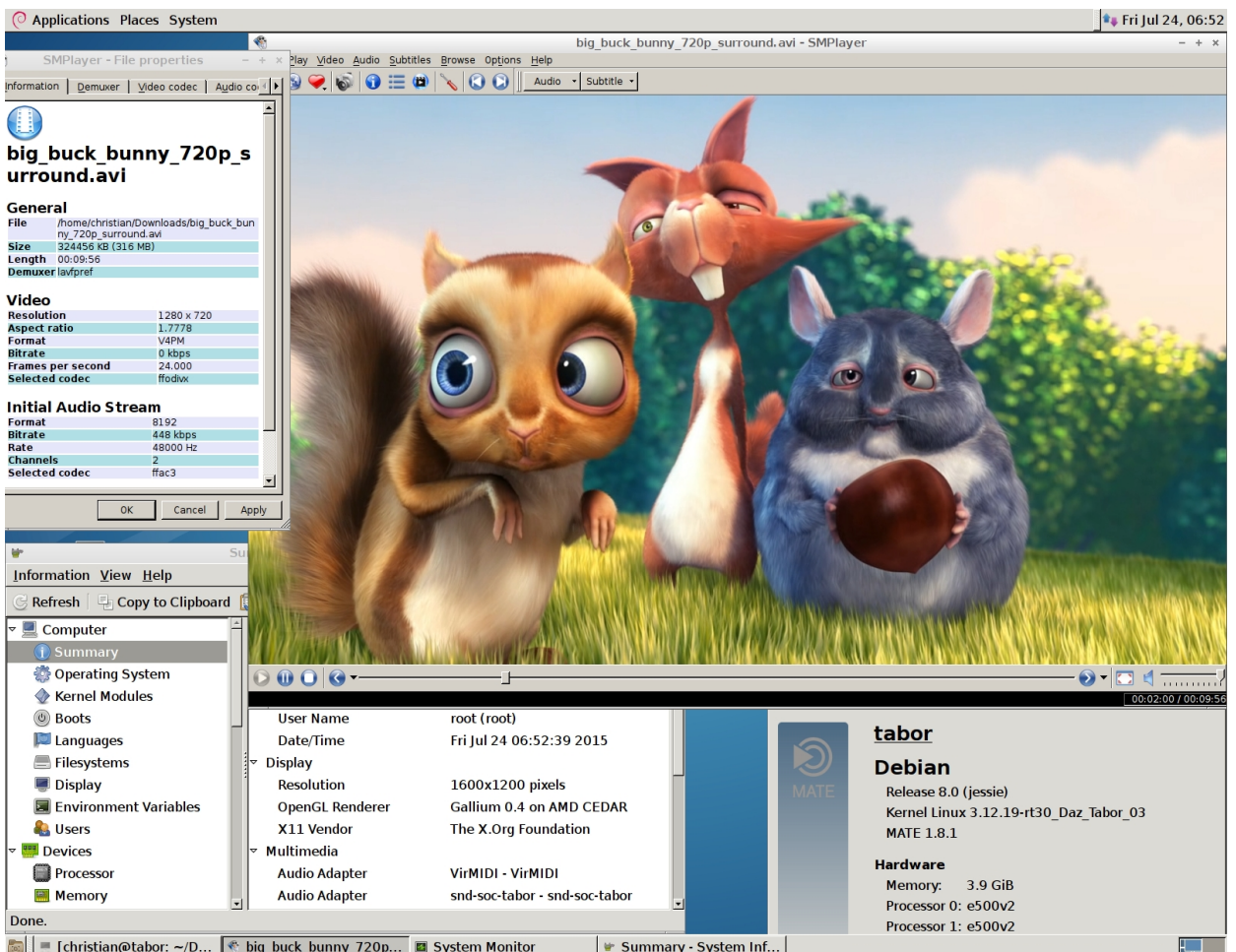
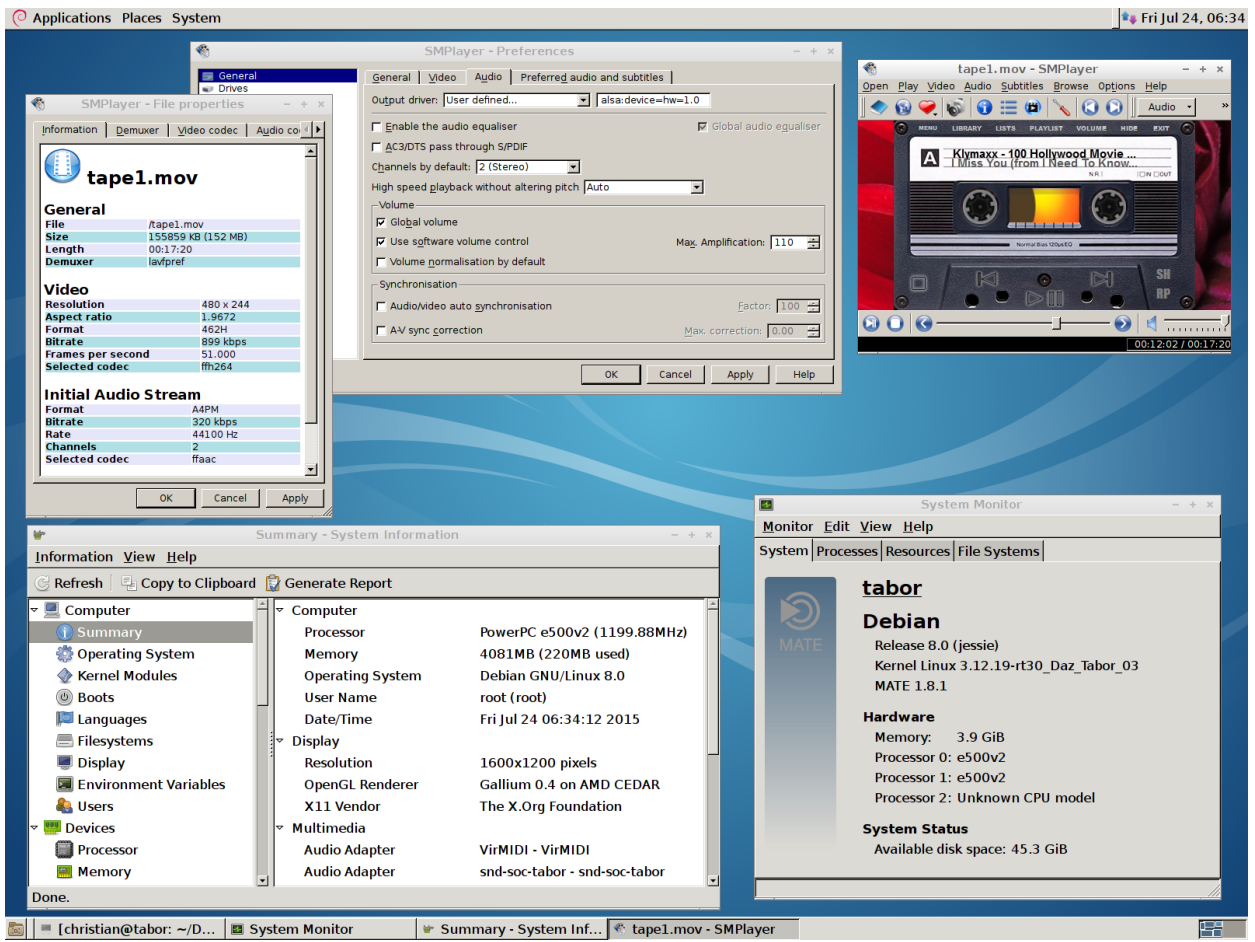
If you want to use the SMPlayer in the Debian 8 PowerPCSPE chroot with the Tabor sound device then you'll have to configure the output driver in the preferences of SMPlayer to "**alsa:device=hw=1.0**" for example.

OpenAL is configured for the Tabor sound device in the Debian 8 PowerPCSPE chroot. Thereby you can play SuperTuxKart with the Tabor sound device.

I added "**device = default:CARD=sndsoctabor**" to the configuration file of OpenAL "**/etc/openal/alsoft.conf**" in the Debian 8 PowerPCSPE chroot.

It is also possible to use the Radeon HD HDMI audio sound device. If you want to use it then you'll have to use Julian's kernels.

Downloads: <http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/lxtest.html>



## Installing Debian 8 PowerPC SPE on a partition on a hard disk or on a USB flash drive

It is possible to boot Debian 8 PowerPC SPE from a partition directly. You don't need a chroot anymore.

Here are the installation instructions for Debian 8 PowerPC SPE (based on the Fedora installation instructions by Pat Wall. Thanks to Pat).

Login to your current Linux distribution, e.g. Debian or Lubuntu and create an **ext4** partition of at least 20GB using **GParted** or similar tool of your choice. If you want to install Debian 8 PowerPC SPE on a USB flash drive I recommend you to create first a small **fat16** partition for the Linux kernels and the dtb files and then an **ext4** partition for the Debian 8 PowerPC SPE system.

Login to your current Linux distribution, e.g. Debian or Ubuntu, and open a terminal to complete the following steps.

Become the root user by entering

```
su (for Ubuntu: sudo su)
```

**<return>**

Enter your root password **<return>**

Create a mount point on which to mount the new Debian 8 PowerPC SPE partition:

```
mkdir /mnt/debian8powerpcspe
```

**<return>**

Mount the partition where you want to install Debian8 PowerPC SPE:

```
mount -t ext4 /dev/sdXX /mnt/debian8powerpcspe
```

**<return>**

Download the Debian 8 PowerPC SPE tarball from the following URL:

[http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/debian-8.0-6\\_usb\\_flash\\_drive\\_backup\\_powerpcspe.tar.gz](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/debian-8.0-6_usb_flash_drive_backup_powerpcspe.tar.gz)

User: tabor

Password: amigaone

*(The compressed image is 2.4GB in size and will expand to 5.2GB)*

Copy the tar.gz file to the partition where you want to install Debian 8 PowerPC SPE.

```
cp debian-8.0-6_usb_flash_drive_backup_powerpcspe.tar.gz /mnt/debian8powerpcspe
```

**<return>**

Change to /mnt/debian8powerpcspe.

```
cd /mnt/debian8powerpcspe
```

**<return>**

Unpack the tarball.

```
tar xzvf debian-8.0-6_usb_flash_drive_backup_powerpcspe.tar.gz
```

**<return>**

You could also decompress a Debian 8 PowerPCSPE 7-Zip file to the USB pen drive.

Download:

[http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Tabor\\_debian\\_8\\_powerpcspe\\_5.7z](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Tabor_debian_8_powerpcspe_5.7z)

After the decompressing the img with 7-Zip you can copy it with "dd" to a USB pen drive.

**dd if="Tabor\_debian\_8\_powerpcspe\_5" of="disk drive ID"**

After that you have to edit Debian 8 PowerPCSPE's **/etc/fstab** with the right partition data.

### Booting Debian 8 PowerPCSPE

To boot Debian 8 PowerPCSPE at the u-boot prompt you will need to do the following:  
Remember to substitute the root partition (/dev/sdb2 in this example) that you installed Debian 8 PowerPCSPE on.

(Note this is typed as a single line at the u-boot prompt)

```
A1222> setenv bootargs root=/dev/sdb2
```

**Note:** You need **rootdelay=5** or higher as an additional boot argument for USB pen drives.

For example: 

```
A1222> setenv bootargs root=/dev/sdb2 rootdelay=5
```

Load a Linux kernel for example the kernel 3.12.19-rt30 version 2 from a usb flash drive:

```
A1222> fatload usb 0:1 1000000 ulmage.sdk17.2
```

Load the flattened device tree blob file version 2:

```
A1222> fatload usb 0:1 2000000 tabor2.dtb
```

Boot the kernel with the dtb file:

```
A1222> bootm 1000000 - 2000000
```

Debian 8 PowerPCSPE will now boot to the "Login" Screen.

Users:

**root** with password **amigaone**

**amigaone** with password **amigaone**





# LibreOffice and E-UAE JIT for the A1222 (PowerPC SPE version)

There are PowerPC SPE versions of LibreOffice and E-UAE JIT available. You can easily install LibreOffice via `dpkg -i *` on your installed Debian 8 PowerPC SPE. For E-UAE you just need to decompress the tarball. You can also use them inside a Debian 8 PowerPC SPE chroot.

Download LibreOffice 4.1.4 for Debian 8.0 PowerPC SPE:

[http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/LibreOffice\\_4.1.4\\_powerpcspe.tar.bz2](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/LibreOffice_4.1.4_powerpcspe.tar.bz2)

Download E-UAE JIT 1.0.1 for Debian 8.0 PowerPC SPE:

[http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/E-UAE\\_JIT\\_1.0.1\\_powerpcspe.tar.bz2](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/E-UAE_JIT_1.0.1_powerpcspe.tar.bz2)

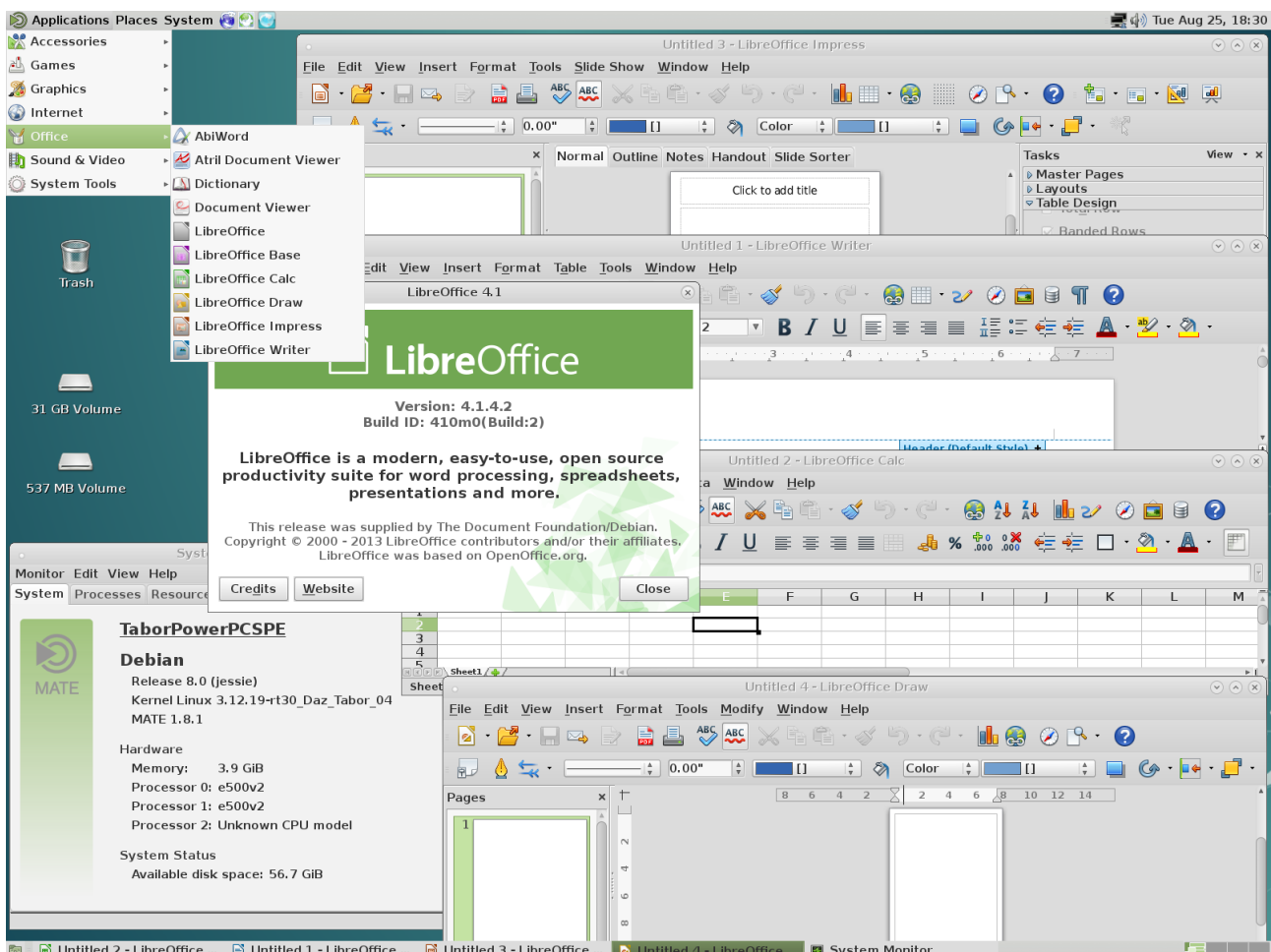
Config files for E-UAE JIT:

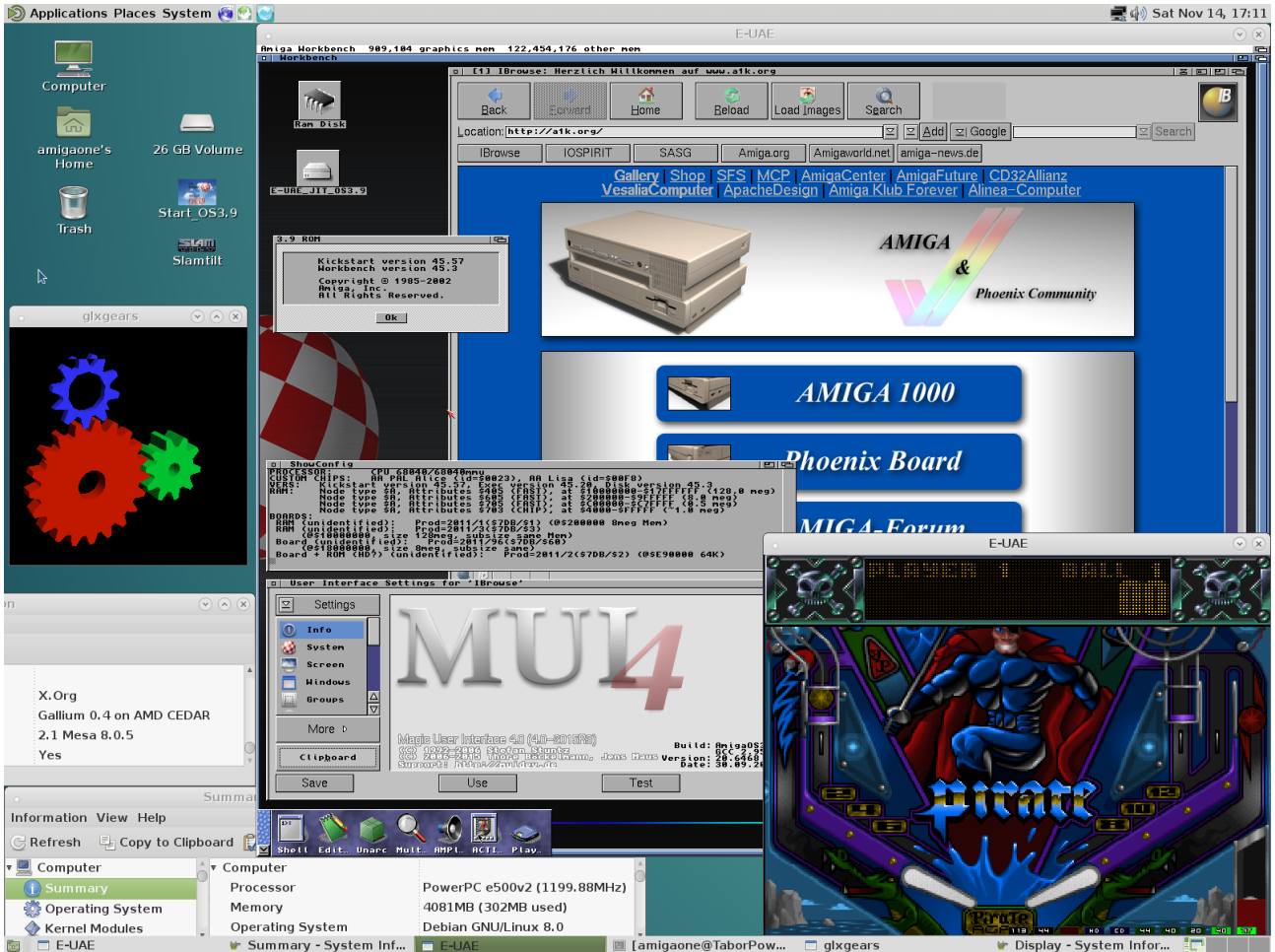
[http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/uaerc\\_OS3.9\\_OS3.5\\_AmiKit8\\_E-UAE\\_JIT\\_PowerPC SPE](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/uaerc_OS3.9_OS3.5_AmiKit8_E-UAE_JIT_PowerPC SPE)

[http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/uaerc\\_AGA\\_games\\_E-UAE\\_JIT\\_PowerPC SPE](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/uaerc_AGA_games_E-UAE_JIT_PowerPC SPE)

The img **Tabor\_debian\_8\_powerpcspe\_5** includes LibreOffice and E-UAE JIT.

Screenshots of LibreOffice 4.1.4 and E-UAE JIT on Debian 8 PowerPC SPE:





## Some hints about the img Tabor\_debian\_8\_powerpcspe\_5:

The automatic network setup extended the boot time. If you comment out the network interface which doesn't connect to the network then you can get a faster Linux boot.

```
vi /etc/network/interfaces
```

```
#auto eth1
#allow-hotplug eth1
#iface eth1 inet dhcp
auto eth2
allow-hotplug eth2
iface eth2 inet dhcp
```

I have commented out the network interface eth1.

It is also possible to boot the Linux kernel and the dtb file directly from the Linux partition without a FAT partition with the following commands (For example with Debian 8 PowerPCSPE copied on /dev/sda2):

```
A1222> load sata 1:2 1000000 /boot/ulmage.sdk17.2
A1222> load sata 1:2 2000000 /boot/tabor2.dtb
A1222> setenv bootargs root=/dev/sda2
A1222> bootm 1000000 - 2000000
```

## Tabor U-boot firmware

Download: [http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Tabor\\_Uboot.7z](http://www.fun-kart-racer.de/2bb57b2bbf87b668a94c/Tabor_Uboot.7z)

Installation: Just decompress and copy it with "dd" to a microSD card.