# Building examples applications

MutekH comes with some examples applications available in trunk/mutekh/examples. This page briefly explains how to build these examples.

## Required tools

Building MutekH requires the following software packages:

- A GNU compiler or cross-compiler. You can use the trunk/mutekh/tools/crossgen.mk script to compile and install a tool chain easily.
- GNU make (>=3.81) and a perl interpreter (>=5.8), available in most GNU/Linux and BSD operating system.

Some builds may require the following additional tools

- The flattened device tree compiler (dtc): ?http://git.jdl.com/gitweb/
- The heterogeneous linker found in trunk/mutekh/tools/hlink

You may need real hardware or a simulator to run MutekH:

- ?Qemu to run native x86 binaries
- ?SoCLib to experiment with various multiprocessor platforms (see ?soclib:InstallationNotes)

You may need extra tools to deals with kernel images for some targets:

- GNU mtools or mkisofs to create a x86 bootable disk images.
- GNU grub or etherboot to boot compiled kernel images.

The trunk/mutekh/tools/x86_cdrom.sh and trunk/mutekh/tools/x86_floppy.sh scripts are available to easily create boot disk images.

## Building cross-compilers

MutekH comes with a tool to build a complete cross-compilation toolchain:

The script is tools/crossgen.mk.

There is an inline help:

```
$ tools/crossgen.mk
[prints some help]
```

You can try a line like this one to get a Mips cross-compiler installed under ~/gnu:

```
$ tools/crossgen.mk all TARGET=mipsel-unknown-elf PREFIX=$HOME/gnu
```

## Building examples

Each example comes with its own config file which is used to configure the MutekH kernel build. This file contains application specific configuration to enable kernel features.

Some other configuration options are related to target architecture. Some ready to use configuration sets for specific targets are factored in the trunk/mutekh/examples/common directory. These configuration files are organized in sections that can be enabled from the build command line. Look at the chosen example config file to determine if it contains custom standalone configuration or if it relies on common configuration sets by including files from trunk/mutekh/examples/common.

Please refer to the BuildSystem page for in depth description of the build system.

Some working examples are listed in trunk/mutekh/examples/README file.

You are encouraged to read platform specific tutorials and subscribe to the ?mutekh-users mailing list to get help or report issues.

## Using standalone and specific configuration file

Here is a make invocation for the hello example using a custom and standalone config file which targets x86 Linux process (see QuickStartUnix):

```
$ make CONF=examples/hello/config_emu
```

## Relying on common configuration files

Here are make invocations for various target architectures to build examples which are using common configuration files:

- As unix process (see QuickStartUnix), on x86_64 machine running Linux:

    ```
    $ make CONF=examples/hello/config BUILD=emu-linux-x86_64
    ```

- Pc, x86 machine boot image

    ```
    $ make CONF=examples/hello/config BUILD=ibmpc-x86
    ```

- For SoCLib simulator (see MutekH/SoCLib tutorial), Mips32 Little endian, for caba-vgmn-mutekh_soclib_tutorial or caba-vgmn-mutekh_kernel_tutorial platforms:

    ```
    $ make CONF=examples/hello/config BUILD=soclib-mips32el:pf-tutorial
    ```

- Heterogeneous builds for SoCLib simulator, Mips32 and Arm processors for caba-vgmn-mutekh_kernel_tutorial platform:

    ```
    $ make kernel-het CONF=examples/hello_het/config BUILD=pf-het EACH=soclib-mips32el:soclib
    ```