



# Yocto Project® devtool Overview and Hands-On Demo Replay

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# devtool – what we are going to do today

- Introduce devtool
- Import an external package
  - Create a local recipe
  - Develop, Deploy, and Test
  - Export to a layer
- Upgrade a package and modify it
- Clone an existing package and modify it

# Devtool - Introduction

- Collection of tools for working on *recipes*:
  - `devtool add`
  - `devtool edit-recipe`
  - `devtool upgrade`
  - `devtool finish`
  - *etc...*

# devtool

- *...and more!*
  - `devtool modify`
  - `devtool deploy-target`
  - `devtool undeploy-target`
  - `devtool build`
  - `devtool build-image`
  - *etc...*

## devtool – why it exists

- Our build system is great for repeatable builds from source
- Working with the source itself was hard
  - Tempting to just edit sources under `tmp/work/...`
  - But the workflow is painful after that (forced builds, manual patch generation, lost work...)
- Help newer users add new software (within regular builds and within eSDKs)
- Devtool helps with the bitbake and target “paperwork”

# devtool – past presentations

- YPS 2023 – An earlier version of this presentation – David Reyna  
Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TP\\_9ZbgNcaw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TP_9ZbgNcaw)  
Slides: <https://s.42l.fr/vyr-eJLs>
- YPDD 2018 – “Session 3, Devtool 1” - Tim Orling  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-usM6gFVSY>
- YPDD 2018 – “Session 7, Devtool 2” - Tim Orling & Henry Bruce  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYsqlP\\_Qt\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYsqlP_Qt_Q)
- ELC 2017: “Using Devtool To Streamline Your Yocto Project Workflow” - Tim Orling  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiD7rB35CRE>
- ELC 2017: Yocto Project Extensible SDK: Simplifying the Workflow for Application Developers - Henry Bruce  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3xanDJuXRA>

# devtool – official documentation

- Yocto Project Reference Manual

- Chapter 7 - *devtool* Quick Reference

- <https://docs.yoctoproject.org/current/ref-manual/devtool-reference.html>

- Yocto Project Application Development and the Extensible Software Development Kit (eSDK)

- Chapter 2 - Using the Extensible SDK

- <https://docs.yoctoproject.org/current/sdk-manual/>

**7 devtool Quick Reference**

The `devtool` command-line tool provides a number of features that help you build, test, and package software. This command is available alongside the `bitbake` command. Additionally, the `devtool` command is a key part of the extensible SDK.

This chapter provides a Quick Reference for the `devtool` command. For more information on how to apply the command when using the extensible SDK, see the "Using the Extensible SDK" chapter in the Yocto Project Application Development and the Extensible Software Development Kit (eSDK) manual.

### 7.1 Getting Help

The `devtool` command line is organized similarly to Git in that it has a number of sub-commands for each function. You can run `devtool --help` to see all the commands:

```
$ devtool --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool [-basepath BASEPATH] [-c] [-c] [-color COLOR] [-h] <subcommand> ...

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options:
  -basepath BASEPATH  Base directory of SDK / build directory
  -help BMAPN        Explicitly specify the BMAPN, rather than getting it from the metadata
  -c <config>        Fetch only a specific
  -color COLOR        Colorize output (where COLOR is one of, always, never)
  -h, --help          Show this help message and exit

subcommands:
Beginning work on a recipe
add                    Add a new recipe
modify                Modify the source for an existing recipe
upgrade              Upgrade an existing recipe

Getting information:
latest-version        Show workspace status
latest-version        Report the latest version of an existing recipe
check-update-status  Report appropriateness for multiple (or all) recipes
search               Search available recipes

Working on a recipe in the workspace:
build                Build a recipe
lib-cab              Setup the SDK and configure the IDE
lib-cab              Remove a recipe file in the workspace
lib-cab              Build a recipe file
lib-cab              Get help on configure script options
lib-cab              Apply changes from external source tree to recipe
lib-cab              Remove a recipe from your workspace
lib-cab              Finish working on a recipe in your workspace

Handling changes on target:
deploy-target        Deploy recipe output files to live target machine
unpack-target        Unpack recipe output files to live target machine
full-image          Build full image including workspace recipe packages
abort-workspace     Set up workspace in an alternative location
import              Import exported tar archive into workspace
export              Export workspace into a tar archive
extract             Extract the source for an existing recipe
sync               Synchronize the source tree for an existing recipe
reconfigure         Alter build-time configuration for a recipe
devtool <subcommand> --help to get help for a specific command
```

As directed in the general help output, you can get more syntax on a specific command by providing the command name and using `--help`:

```
$ devtool add --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool add [N] [-name-dir] [-no-name-dir] [-recipe URI] [-no-uri] [-no-pypi] [-version VERSION]
[recipeName] [path to external source tree, if not specified, a subdirectory of meta-hosted-pypi]
[recipeName] [directory] [directory]

Add a new recipe to the workspace to build a specified source tree. Can optionally fetch a remote URL and use
arguments:
recipeName      Name for new recipe to add (just name - no version, path or extension). If not specified,
               Path to external source tree. If not specified, a subdirectory of meta-hosted-pypi
recipeUri      Fetch the specified URI and extract it to create the source tree

% --help          Show this help message and exit
--name-dir <N>  Build in name directory as source
--no-name-dir   Force build in a separate build directory
--fetch URI, -f URI  Fetch the specified URI and extract it to create the source tree (deprecated - pass as
--no-pypi       Do not inherit pypi class
--version VERSION, -v VERSION  Version to use within recipe (PVP)
--no-git, -g     If fetching source, do not set up source tree as a git repository
--recipe SOURCE, -s SOURCE  Source revision to fetch if fetching from an SDK used as a git (default latest)
--update, -u     When fetching from a git repository, set SOURCE in the recipe to a floating revision 1
--inherit SRCNAME, -i SRCNAME  Branch to inherit
--library, -b    Fetch the source tree as something that should be installable verbatim (no compilation,
--lib-no-fetch  Also add fetching option (e.g. --no-fetch) to the recipe to build the host as well as in
--src-subdir SUBDIR  Specify subdirectory within source tree to use
--no-recipe      Enable PROPERTIES and SHORNER for source tree fetching (callable by default).
```



# devtool – official documentation

- Yocto Project Linux Kernel Development Manual

- Section 2.4 - Using *devtool* to Patch the Kernel

- <https://docs.yoctoproject.org/current/kernel-dev/comm.on.html#using-devtool-to-patch-the-kernel>

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## 2.4 Using *devtool* to Patch the Kernel

The steps in this procedure show you how you can patch the kernel using *devtool*.

**Note**

Before attempting this procedure, be sure you have performed the steps to get ready for updating the kernel as described in the "Setting Ready to Develop Using *devtool*" section.

Patching the kernel involves changing or adding configurations to an existing kernel, changing or adding recipes to the kernel that are needed to support specific hardware features, or even altering the source code itself.

This example creates a simple patch by adding some QEMU emulator console output at boot time through `printk` statements in the kernel's `call_init.c` source code file. Applying the patch and booting the modified image causes the added messages to appear on the emulator's console. The example is a continuation of the setup procedure found in the "Setting Ready to Develop Using *devtool*" Section.

1. **Check Out the Kernel Source Files:** First you must use *devtool* to checkout the kernel source code in its workspace.

**Note**

See this step in the "Setting Ready to Develop Using *devtool*" section for more information.

Use the following *devtool* command to check out the code:

```
$ devtool modify linux-yocto
```

**Note**

During the checkout operation, there is a bug that could cause errors such as the following:

```
ERROR: Taskhash mismatch: 2b70383b20f936870f7b023074 version hash3027647228880a7b203d484 For yocto-kernel-cache/recipes/kernel/linux/linux-yocto_4.10.bb do_unpack
```

You can safely ignore these messages. The source code is correctly checked out.

2. **Edit the Source Files:** Follow these steps to make some simple changes to the source files:
  1. **Change the working directory:** In the previous step, the output noted where you can find the source files (e.g. `yocto-kernel-cache/yocto-kernel/linux-yocto`). Change to where the kernel source code is before making your edits to the `call_init.c` file:

```
$ cd yocto-kernel-cache/sources/linux-yocto
```
  2. **Edit the source file:** Edit the `init/calibrate.c` file to have the following changes:

```
void calibrate_delay(void)
{
    unsigned long t;
    while (loop_perbyte;
           !!(this_cpu == smp_processor_id());
           printk("*****\n"));
    printk("***** HELLO YOCTO KERNEL *****\n");
    printk("*****\n");
    printk("*****\n");
}

if (!!(this_cpu == smp_processor_id())) {
    .
    .
    .
}
```

3. **Build the Updated Kernel Source:** To build the updated kernel source, use *devtool*:

```
$ devtool build linux-yocto
```
4. **Create the Image With the New Kernel:** Use the *devtool* `build-image` command to create a new image that has the new kernel:

```
$ cd -
$ devtool build-image core-image-minimal
```

**Note**

If the image you originally created resulted in a Wic file, you can use an alternate method to create the new image with the updated kernel. For an example, see the steps in the [TipsAndTricks/KernelDevelopmentWithWic](#) Wiki Page.

# devtool – command information

```
$ devtool --help
usage: devtool [--basepath BASEPATH] [--bbpath BBPATH] [-d] [-q]
             [--color COLOR] [-h]
             <subcommand> ...

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options:
  --basepath BASEPATH  Base directory of SDK / build directory
  --bbpath BBPATH      Explicitly specify the BBPATH, rather than getting it
                       from the metadata
  -d, --debug          Enable debug output
  -q, --quiet          Print only errors
  --color COLOR        Colorize output (where COLOR is auto, always, never)
  -h, --help           show this help message and exit

subcommands:
  Beginning work on a recipe:
    add                Add a new recipe

  ...
```

# devtool – subcommand help

```
$ devtool add --help
usage: devtool add [-h] [--same-dir | --no-same-dir] [--fetch URI]
                  [--fetch-dev] [--version VERSION] [--no-git]
                  [--srcrev SRCREV | --autorev] [--srcbranch SRCBRANCH]
                  [--binary] [--also-native] [--src-subdir SUBDIR]
                  [--mirrors] [--provides PROVIDES]
                  [recipeName] [srctree] [fetchuri]
```

Adds a new recipe to the workspace to build a specified source tree. Can optionally fetch a remote URI and unpack it to create the source tree.

## arguments:

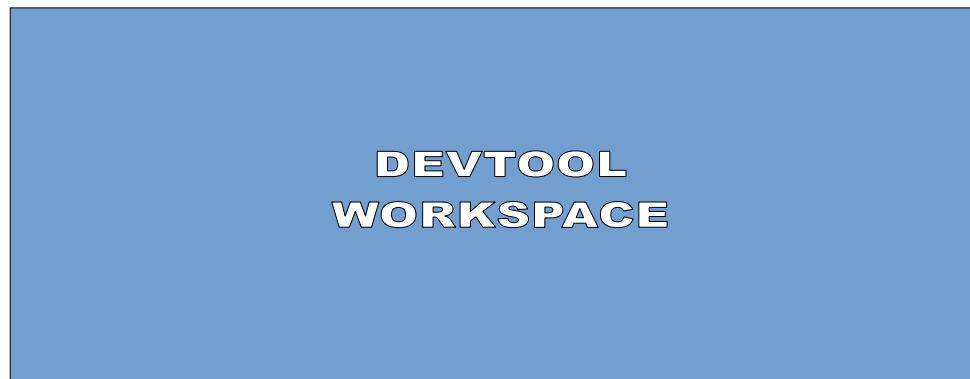
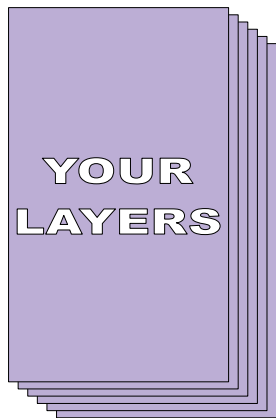
|            |   |
|------------|---|
| recipeName | Name for new recipe to add (just name - no version, path or extension). If not specified, will attempt to auto-detect it.                     |
| srctree    | Path to external source tree. If not specified, a subdirectory of /z/ypdd/2018-10-devtool/my-class/poky/build/workspace/sources will be used. |
| fetchuri   | Fetch the specified URI and extract it to create the source tree  |

## options:

|            |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| -h, --help | show this help message and exit |
| ...        |                                 |

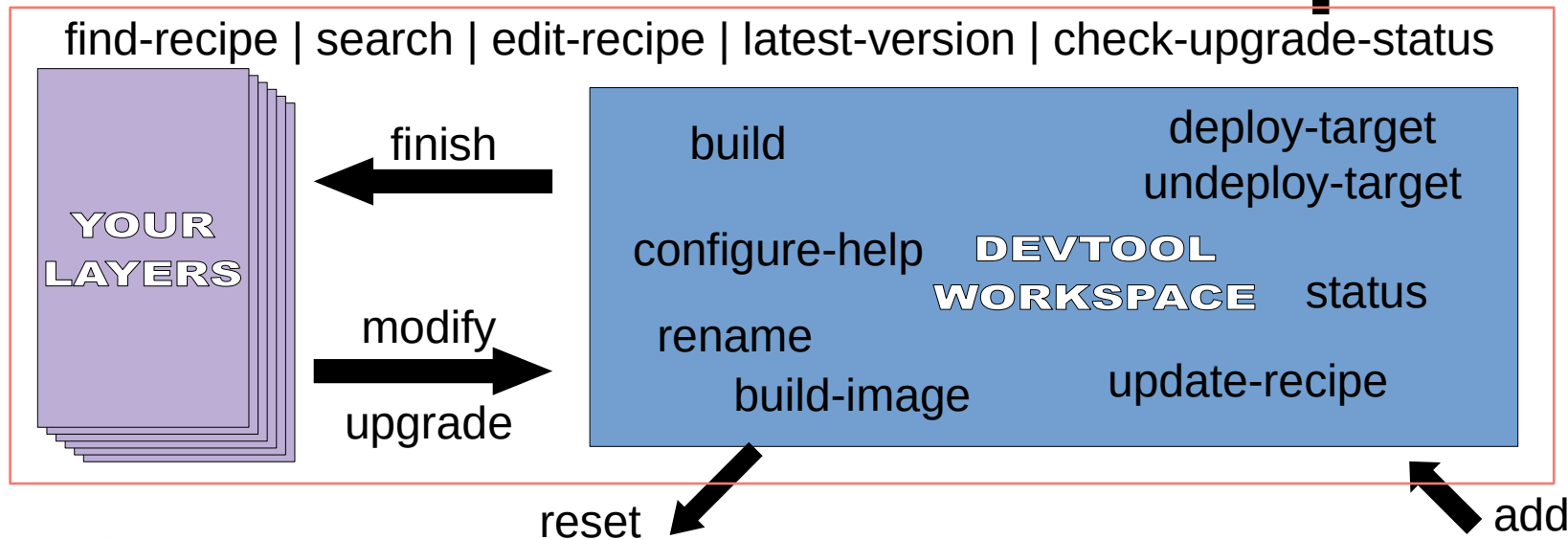
# devtool – workspace

- A separate environment (layer) in which to work on recipes, sources, patches



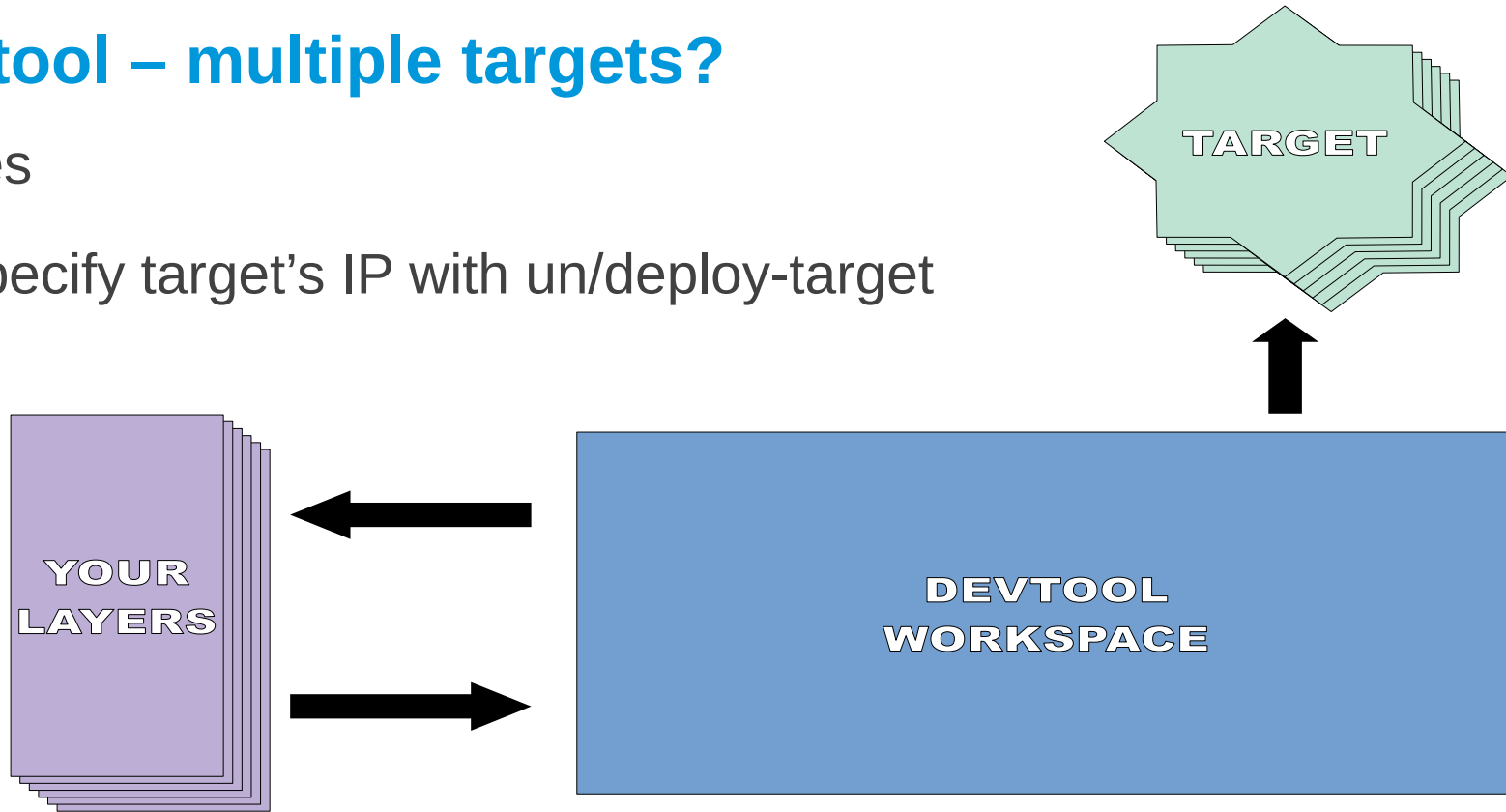
# devtool – workspace (bitbake mode)

- How the various *devtool* commands relate to your layers, your target, and your workspace



# devtool – multiple targets?

- Yes
- Specify target's IP with un/deploy-target



## Sidebar: recipetool

- Extra set of tools for working on recipes
- Contains logic for creating recipes
  - Used by `devtool add`
- Can also create / update “bbappends”, programmatically set variables in recipes, etc.



# Hands On



# devtool – setup

```
1$ # Create easy SSH connection for devtool deployments
1$ nano ~/.ssh/config
```

```
Host qemu
    User root
    Hostname localhost
    Port 2222
    StrictHostKeyChecking no
    UserKnownHostsFile /dev/null
```

```
# Create your Yocto Project Installation
1$ git clone -b styhead git://git.yoctoproject.org/poky
1$ cd poky
1$ source ./oe-init-build-env build-devtool
1$ edit conf/local.conf
    MACHINE = "qemuarm64"
    IMAGE_INSTALL:append = " openssh"
    EXTRA_IMAGE_FEATURES ?= "debug-tweaks"
1$ bitbake core-image-base
```

# devtool – setup default layer, default git support

```
1$ bitbake-layers create-layer ../meta-foo
1$ bitbake-layers add-layer ../meta-foo
1$ git config --global user.name "name"
1$ git config --global user.email "name@example.com"
```

- Open a second ssh connection to the build machine for QEMU

```
2$ cd /home/ilab01/yp-summit-dec-24/poky
2$ source oe-init-build-env build-devtool
2$ runqemu slirp nographic serial
```

- Do the exercises in the first connection, work on the target in the second connection
- Login as root, no password (thanks to "[debug-tweaks](#)", feature removed in 5.2 – Walnascar: see <https://git.yoctoproject.org/poky/commit/?id=43b8b3fa72d75d8d82a478613a4d9bf4645b5389>)  
(Note: CTRL-A,X to quit QEMU when you are done)

# devtool – import the external package “nano”

```
1$ devtool add \  
    https://nano-editor.org/dist/v5/nano-5.8.tar.xz
```

- Implicitly creates workspace (if it doesn't already exist)
- Guesses the recipe name *nano* (correctly!)
- Looks at the source and determines it's an *autotooled* project (true! and *pkgconfig* and *gettext*)
- Guesses at DEPENDS (correctly! *ncurses* and *zlib*)
- Creates a “rough” recipe

```
1$ devtool status  
1$ devtool find-recipe nano  
1$ devtool edit-recipe nano
```

# devtool – building “nano”

- Let's see if it builds

```
1$ devtool build nano
```

- It builds!

# devtool – what goes in a workspace?

- The things on which you are working:
  - recipes
  - patches
  - sources
  - etc...

```
1$ tree -d workspace
```

- ...except sources can be, optionally, outside the workspace

# devtool – deploy “nano”

- Examine current build manifest, observe no nano package

```
1$ grep nano tmp/deploy/images/qemuarm64/core-image-base-qemuarm64.rootfs.manifest
```

- In the terminal running QEMU, log in and verify there's no nano

```
2root@qemuarm64# nano  
-sh: nano: command not found
```

- Send nano to target (*using SSH's qemu configuration from above*)

```
1$ devtool deploy-target nano qemu ['-s' if connection error]
```

- Observe that nano now runs on the target

## Sidebar – SLIRP versus TUN/TAP

- Yocto Project supports several connection technologies for QEMU
- SLIRP: advantage is no root access required, disadvantages are minimal documentation, requires SSH knowledge, ICMP (e.g. ping) not available by default

**qemu** is defined in  
~/.ssh/config  
(see earlier slide)

```
2$ runqemu slirp nographic serial
1$ devtool deploy-target nano qemu
```

- TAP: advantage is simpler setup, disadvantage is that it requires sudo access

```
2$ sudo runqemu nographic serial
1$ devtool deploy-target nano root@192.168.7.2
```

# devtool – let’s see “nano” run

2.5 minutes

- Build an entire image

```
1$ devtool build-image core-image-base
```

```
...
```

```
NOTE: Building image core-image-base with the following additional  
packages: nano
```

```
...
```

- Examine `tmp/deploy/images/qemuarm64/core-image-base-qemuarm64.rootfs.manifest`
  - Now there is a **nano** package!
- Why not just use `bitbake core-image-base`?
  - **nano** package not automatically added



# devtool – upgrade “nano”

- Try upgrading nano

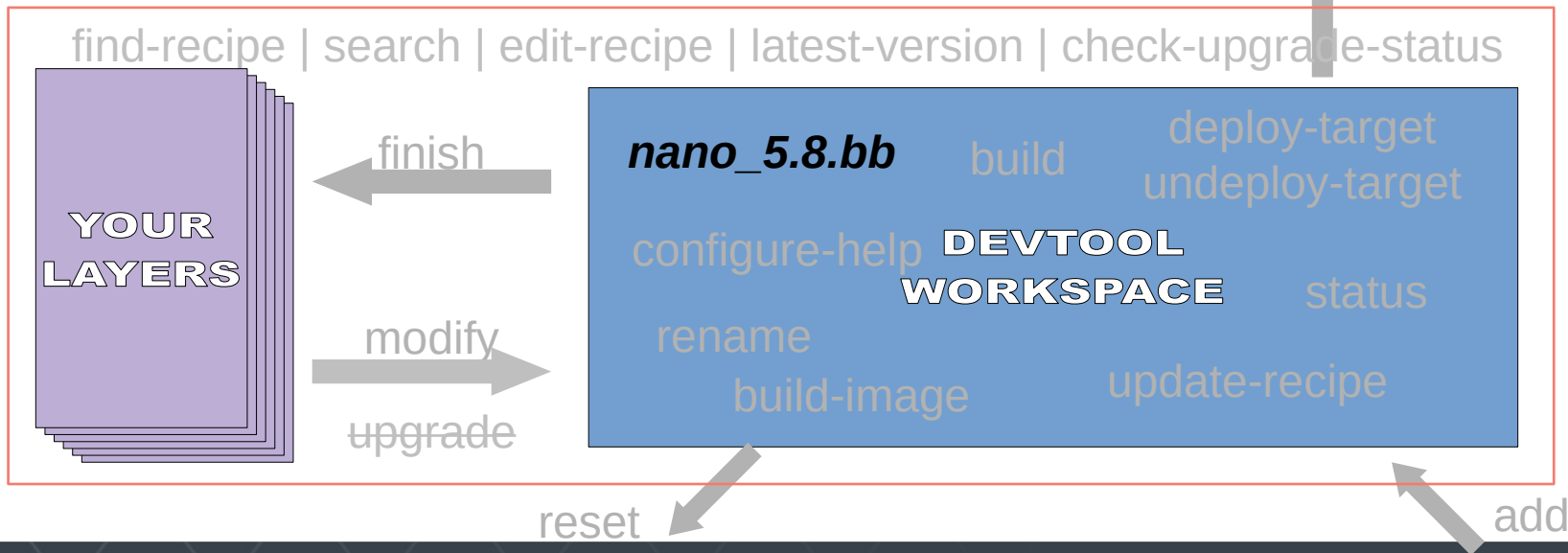
```
1$ devtool upgrade nano
```

```
ERROR: recipe nano is already in your workspace
```

- We need to move the **nano** recipe to *your layers* before we can **upgrade**
  - Preferably our own (meta - foo)
- This is only an issue because **nano** is already in the workspace – normally **devtool upgrade** is where you start an upgrade for an existing recipe

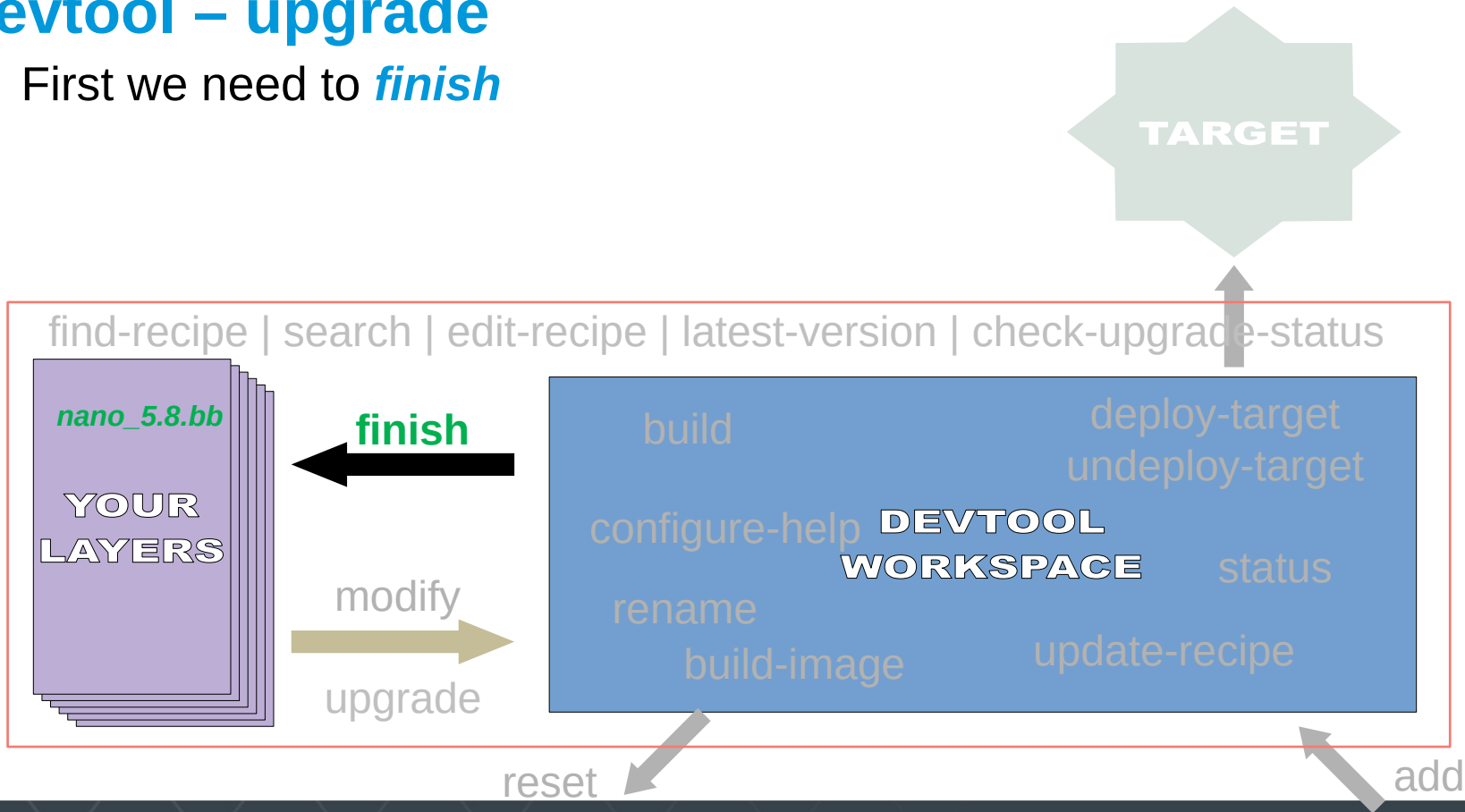
# devtool – upgrade

- We can't *upgrade* a recipe that is already in the workspace
- An *upgrade* must come from *your layers*



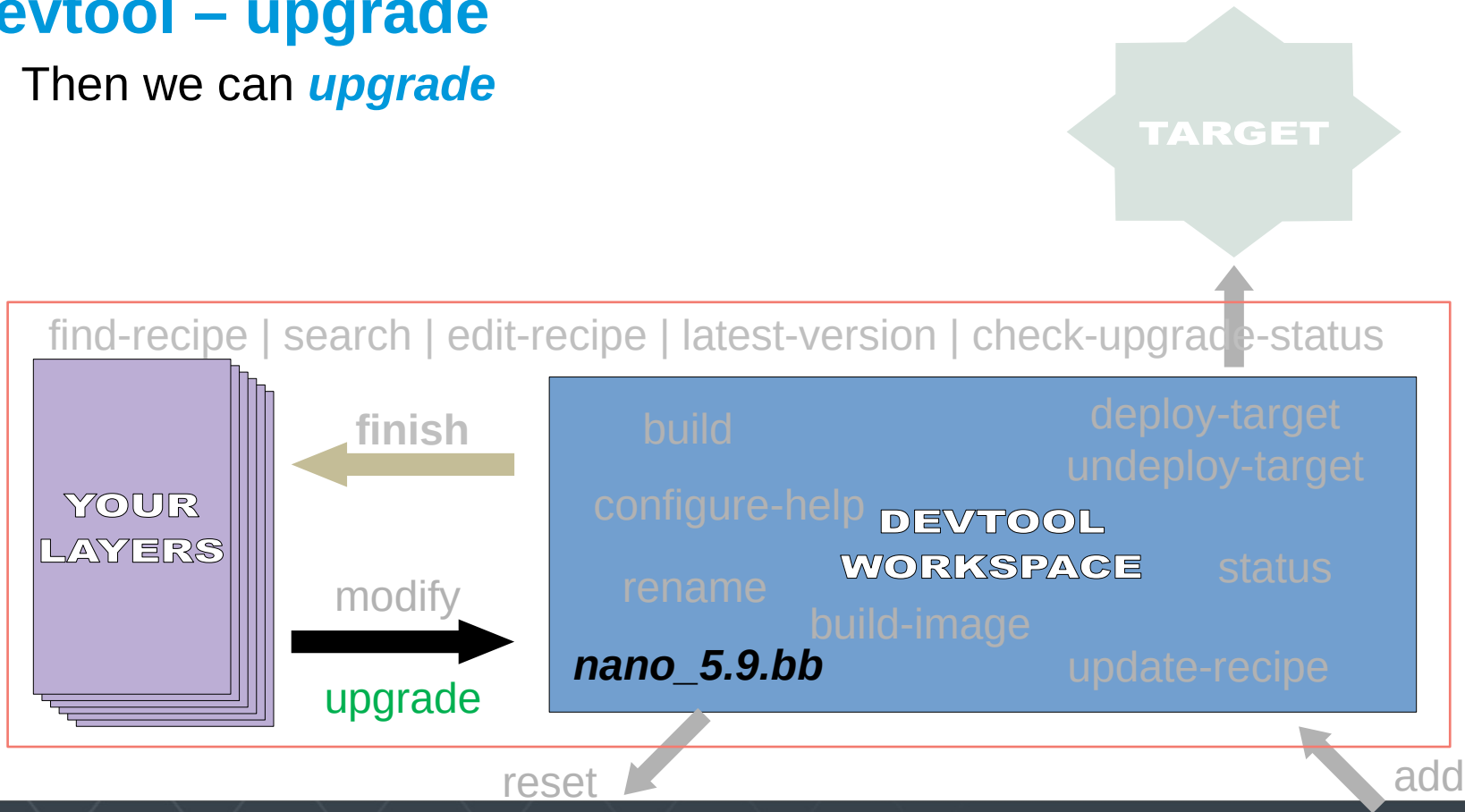
# devtool – upgrade

- First we need to *finish*



# devtool – upgrade

- Then we can *upgrade*



# devtool – upgrade

```
1$ devtool finish nano ../meta-foo
ERROR: Source tree is not clean:
...
```

- This error is *not* a problem we introduced; it is because of files generated or modified by `devtool build nano`.
- Adding `-f` to `devtool finish` is supposed to address this, it doesn't seem to work here (see [https://bugzilla.yoctoproject.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=15546](https://bugzilla.yoctoproject.org/show_bug.cgi?id=15546))
- Here's a workaround, to ignore such file changes in nano sources:

```
1$ pushd workspace/sources/nano/
1$ git restore .
1$ popd
```

# devtool – upgrade

- We can now run `devtool finish`:

```
1$ devtool finish -f nano ../meta-foo
INFO: No patches or files need updating
INFO: Moving recipe file to /home/ilab01/yp-summit-dec-24/poky/meta-foo/recipes-
nano/nano
INFO: Preserving source tree in
/home/ilab01/yp-summit-dec-24/poky/build-devtool/workspace/attic/sources/
nano.20241128151430
If you no longer need it then please delete it manually.
It is also possible to reuse it via devtool source tree argument.
```

# devtool – upgrade from upstream

*Yes, lots of output*

```
1$ devtool upgrade nano
```

```
...
```

```
ERROR: Bitbake Fetcher Error: FetchError('Unable to fetch URL from any source.',  
'https://nano-editor.org/dist/v5/nano-8.2.tar.xz')
```

- In some cases like this, devtool can't figure out how to find and upgrade tarballs (this information is not obvious from the URL). It guessed "8.2" in this case, but that does not exist upstream.

## devtool – upgrade “nano”

- We need to give devtool more help

```
$ devtool upgrade -V 5.9 nano
```

- It works!

```
$ devtool build nano
```

- It builds!



## devtool deploy-target - dive in

- Is it okay to re-deploy a second time without cleaning up the first deploy?
  - yes... usually
- On the target

```
2root@qemuarm64# cd /
2root@qemuarm64# ls -a
...
.devtool
...
2root@qemuarm64# cd .devtool
2root@qemuarm64# ls -l
-rw-r--r--    1 root    root          5288 Nov 28 16:42 nano.list
drwxr-xr-x    3 root    root          4096 Nov 28 16:42 nano.preserve
```

## devtool deploy-target - dive in

- **nano.list** is created by devtool, per package, when it deploys to the target
- Examine **poky/scripts/lib/devtool/deploy.py** for all the answers
  - It creates a script that is copied to target
  - Preserves any files that would be clobbered
  - Generates a list of files being deployed, so they can be undeployed
  - Deploying starts by first undeploying (same recipe name)

## devtool deploy-target - dive in

- Undeploy, and check that nano is removed from the target, and the plumbing is also removed

```
1$ devtool undeploy-target nano qemu
```

```
2root@qemuarm64# ls -a /.devtool
```

- Remember to finish and cleanup  
(after applying the `git restore` workaround)

```
1$ devtool finish -f nano ../meta-foo
```

# devtool - floating devtool commands

- Some devtool commands don't care whether the recipe is in the workspace or in the layers

```
1$ devtool status
```

```
NOTE: No recipes currently in your workspace - you can use "devtool  
modify" to work on an existing recipe or "devtool add" to add a new one
```

```
1$ devtool edit-recipe ethtool  
(works)
```

```
1$ devtool latest-version ethtool
```

```
NOTE: Current version: 6.10
```

```
NOTE: Latest version: 6.11
```

```
1$ devtool find-recipe ethtool
```

```
home/ilab01/yp-summit-dec-2024/poky/meta/recipes-extended/ethtool/ethtool_6.10.bb
```

```
1$ devtool search ethtool
```

```
ethtool          Display or change ethernet card settings
```

# devtool - creating a patch

- Use-case?  
Patches can be needed to
  - Add/remove functionality
    - Reduce size on target
    - Remove dependency/dependencies
  - Allow code to be (cross-)compiled

# devtool - creating a patch

```
1$ devtool add
https://rootcommit.com/pub/conferences/2024/yps/autotool-devtool-exampl
e/v1.0.0.tar.gz
ERROR: Could not auto-determine recipe name, please specify it on the
command line
```

```
1$ devtool add autotool-devtool-example
https://rootcommit.com/pub/conferences/2024/yps/autotool-devtool-ex
ample/v1.0.0.tar.gz
1$ devtool build autotool-devtool-example
1$ devtool deploy-target autotool-devtool-example qemu
```

```
2root@qemuarm64# autotool-devtool-example
Hello, world!
version: 1.0.0
Hello from the library
```

# devtool - creating a patch

- Edit the code

```
1$ pushd workspace/sources/autotool-devtool-example  
1$ nano src/autotool-devtool-example.c
```

- change from

```
printf("Hello, world!\n");
```

- to

```
printf("Hello, devtool!\n");
```

# devtool - creating a patch

- Build, deploy, verify

```
1$ popd
1$ devtool build autotool-devtool-example
1$ devtool deploy-target autotool-devtool-example qemu
```

```
2root@qemuarm64# autotool-devtool-example
Hello, devtool!
version: 1.0.0
Hello from the library
```



# devtool - creating a patch

Try “git status”

- Cleanup (but what about my edit?)

```
$ devtool finish autotool-devtool-example ../meta-foo
ERROR: Source tree is not clean:
M src/autotool-devtool-example.c
```

- Oops! But it's ok, it didn't clobber or lose your work

```
$ pushd workspace/sources/autotool-devtool-example
$ git commit -avs -m "update salutation"
...
$ popd
$ devtool finish autotool-devtool-example ../meta-foo -f
...
INFO: Adding new patch 0001-update-salutation.patch
...
```

# devtool - creating conflict

- Now we'll update to a newer release, but the newer release will conflict with our patch

```
1$ devtool upgrade autotool-devtool-example
Resolving rootcommit.com (rootcommit.com)... 148.135.128.14,
2a02:4780:51:f0be:ff62:d9f2:58f7:dc85
Connecting to rootcommit.com (rootcommit.com)|148.135.128.14|:443...
connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 403 Forbidden
2024-11-28 18:01:26 ERROR 403: Forbidden.

ERROR: Automatic discovery of latest version/revision failed - you must
provide a version using the --version/-V option, or for recipes that fetch
from an SCM such as git, the --srcrev/-S option.
```

- Devtool can't figure it out, we need to help it

# devtool – trying to upgrade

```
1$ devtool upgrade -V 1.0.1 autotool-devtool-example
...
ERROR: QA Issue: Missing Upstream-Status in patch
/home/ilab01/yp-summit-dec-24/poky/meta-foo/recipes-autotool-devtool-
example/autotool-devtool-example/autotool-devtool-example/0001-update-
salutation.patch
Please add according to
https://docs.yoctoproject.org/contributor-guide/recipe-style-
guide.html#patch-upstream-status . [patch-status]
ERROR: Fatal QA errors were found, failing task.
...
```

- Our patch is missing mandatory Upstream-Status information. Let's fix this first.

# Add missing tag to patch

- So, add an Upstream-Status tag to the patch file  
(../meta-foo/recipes-autotool-devtool-example/autotool-devtool-example/autotool-devtool-example/0001-update-salutation.patch)

```
Signed-off-by: Jules Verne <jules@verne.net>  
Upstream-Status: Inappropriate
```

# devtool - creating conflict

```
1$ devtool upgrade -V 1.0.1 autotool-devtool-example
INFO: Rebasing devtool onto 96788a9efa60046d8ebf166d1cbc8d60c028aa89
WARNING: Command 'git rebase 96788a9efa60046d8ebf166d1cbc8d60c028aa89' failed:
Auto-merging src/autotool-devtool-example.c
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in src/autotool-devtool-example.c

You will need to resolve conflicts in order to complete the upgrade.
INFO: Upgraded source extracted to /home/ilab01/yp-summit-dec-24/poky/build-
devtool/workspace/sources/autotool-devtool-example
INFO: New recipe is
/home/ilab01/yp-summit-dec-24/poky/build-devtool/workspace/recipes/autotool-
devtool-example/autotool-devtool-example_1.0.1.bb
```

# devtool - resolving conflict

- devtool aborted the git rebase operation.

```
1$ pushd workspace/sources/autotool-devtool-example
1$ git status
On branch devtool
nothing to commit, working tree clean
1$ git branch -a
* devtool
  devtool-1.0.1
  devtool-orig
  master
```

# devtool - resolving conflict

- Let's run the rebase operation again

```
1$ git rebase devtool-1.0.1
Auto-merging src/autotool-devtool-example.c
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in src/autotool-devtool-example.c
error: could not apply 838d113... update salutation
hint: Resolve all conflicts manually, mark them as resolved with
hint: "git add/rm <conflicted_files>", then run "git rebase --continue".
hint: You can instead skip this commit: run "git rebase --skip".
hint: To abort and get back to the state before "git rebase", run "git
rebase --abort".
Could not apply 838d113... update salutation
```

- So let's follow the instructions and resolve the conflict

```
1$ nano src/autotool-devtool-example.c
```

# devtool - resolving conflict

- From

```
...
<<<<<<< HEAD
    /* a meaningful comment */
    printf("Hello, world!\n");
=====
    printf("Hello, devtool!\n");
>>>>>> 838d113 (update salutation)
...
```

- To

```
...
    /* a meaningful comment */
    printf("Hello, devtool!\n");
...
```



# devtool - resolving conflict

```
1$ git add src/autotool-devtool-example.c
1$ git rebase --continue
Applying: update salutation
1$ popd
```

- This time, let's inspect recipe updates first with **-N** (dry run)

```
1$ devtool finish autotool-devtool-example ../meta-foo -N
```

- If we're happy with the proposed changes, apply them:

```
1$ devtool finish autotool-devtool-example ../meta-foo
```

# devtool - resolving conflict

```
1$ tree ../meta-foo
../meta-foo/
...
├── recipes-nano
│   └── nano
│       └── nano_5.9.bb
└── recipes-autotool-devtool-example
    ├── autotool-devtool-example
    │   ├── autotool-devtool-example
    │   └── 0001-update-salutation.patch
    └── autotool-devtool-example_1.0.1.bb
```

## devtool – modify an existing recipe

- 1) Takes an existing recipe from layers
- 2) Unpacks sources into workspace
- 3) Edit recipe or sources
- 4) ... (same as **devtool add / devtool upgrade** workflow)

# devtool modify example

```
1$ devtool modify bc
INFO: Source tree extracted to /home/ilab01/yp-summit-dec-24/poky/build-
devtool/workspace/sources/bc
INFO: Recipe bc now set up to build from
/home/ilab01/yp-summit-dec-24/poky/build-devtool/workspace/sources/bc
1$ devtool edit-recipe bc
```

- This gives you a chance to view and edit the recipe. Let's edit the sources too

```
1$ pushd workspace/sources/bc
1$ ls
aclocal.m4  ar-lib  AUTHORS  bc  ChangeLog  compile  config.h.in  configure
configure.ac  COPYING  COPYING.LIB  dc  depcomp  doc  Examples  FAQ  h
INSTALL  install-sh  lib  Makefile.am  Makefile.in  missing  NEWS  README
Test  ylwrap
```

# devtool modify example

- Edit `bc/main.c` and make a trivial change to the help text printed in `usage( )` (line 69)

```
1$ nano bc/main.c
```

- Commit changes and run `devtool finish`

```
1$ git add bc/main.c
1$ git commit -s -m "change help text"
1$ popd
1$ devtool finish bc ../meta-foo
NOTE: Writing append file /home/ilab01/yp-summit-dec-24/poky/meta-foo/recipes-extended/bc/bc_%.bbappend
NOTE: Copying 0001-change-help-text.patch to /home/ilab01/yp-summit-dec-24/poky/meta-foo/recipes-extended/bc/bc/0001-change-help-text.patch
INFO: Cleaning sysroot for recipe bc...
...
```

# devtool modify example

- `devtool finish` realized the `bc` recipe is not in `meta-foo`
  - Thus it created a `bbappend` and placed the patch next to it
  - Naturally if we had passed the path to `poky/meta` it would have modified the original recipe

# Wrap up

## devtool - eSDK Mode

- The eSDK includes many improvements over the standard SDK
- Everything the standard SDK can provide, plus all of the functionality we've been looking at which is provided by `devtool`



# devtool – mode commands

- bitbake mode

- add
- build
- build-image
- configure-help
- check-upgrade-status
- create-workspace
- deploy-target
- edit-recipe
- export
- extract
- find-recipe
- finish
- import
- latest-version
- menuconfig
- modify
- rename
- reset
- search
- status
- sync
- undeploy-target
- update-recipe
- upgrade

- eSDK mode

- add
- build
- build-image
- build-sdk
- configure-help
- check-upgrade-status
- deploy-target
- edit-recipe
- export
- extract
- find-recipe
- finish
- import
- latest-version
- menuconfig
- modify
- package
- rename
- reset
- rungemu
- sdk-install
- sdk-update
- search
- status
- sync
- undeploy-target
- update-recipe
- upgrade

## devtool – mode commands

- Why does eSDK mode get extra features?
  - Because an eSDK doesn't have *bitbake* or *scripts/*
  - *devtool* is the cornerstone of the eSDK

## Future

- `recipetool` enhancements  
(make `devtool` add smarter and support more sources)
- Your idea here :)
- Help is very much welcome!

## Summary

- Try out `devtool` on your own sources / recipes:
  - `devtool add` on a source tree / tarball / URL
  - `devtool modify` and work on an existing recipe
  - `devtool upgrade` existing recipe to a new upstream version
- See documentation links & other presentations (earlier slide)

# Conclusion

- Please send feedback!
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