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# VIM3 Reference Board(?)

## Using Reference Boards


Android Open Source Project (AOSP) builds are mostly useful for emulators, but you can also create builds for Google's Nexus and Pixel devices using AOSP builds and the relevant device-specific binaries. For the list of available builds and targeted devices, see [Source code tags and builds](#).

There are also many SoC reference boards that can run AOSP-based builds. These can help nonmobile component vendors develop and port drivers to Android releases. Using a reference board can ease upgrade efforts, reduce time to market for new Android devices, lower device costs by enabling ODM/OEMs to choose from a wider range of compatible components, and increase the speed of innovation among component suppliers.

The boards listed below are not supported and tested in AOSP. The Board Support Package (BSP) for a reference board may be obtained from the board manufacturer directly.


### DragonBoard 845c

The DragonBoard 845c is part of the RB3 platform and is available from [96boards.org](#) .

The [db845c AOSP wiki](#)  provides supporting documentation for AOSP builds on this board.

### Qualcomm Robotics Board RB5

The Robotics Board RB5 is available from [96boards.org](#) .

The [RB5 AOSP wiki](#)  provides supporting documentation for AOSP builds on this board.

## **Broadcast Radio**

### **What is Broadcast Radio?**

1. Audio transmitted via radio waves
2. AM, FM, DAB, HD Radio,...
3. Additional data via RDS, DLS,...
4. Challenges
  - Real time, location-dependent, moving cars
  - Different standards across the world



**Broadcast Radio**  
**Let's focus on FM Radio**  
**(in Europe)**

1. 87.5 - 108.0 MHz (100 kHz spacing)
  - Scan & Tune -> 2x FM-Receiver
2. RDS - Radio Data System
  - PI - Program Identifier
  - PS - Program Service Name
  - Program Type, Clock, Frequencies, Radio Text, Traffic announcements,...



## Hardware Setup

### Current Status

1. Only a single FM tuner
2. Arduino scans for FM stations once after startup and then sends this list every 10s via CAN
3. No other features supported
4. Only the happy path implemented (no error handling on most layers)
5. It's a POC :)

## Hardware Setup

### Decisions, decisions,...

1. CAN is common in Automotive
2. Android Automotive supports CAN
3. Linux SocketCAN - Network device can be accessed by multiple applications
4. Separation of concerns
  - Arduino can be updated easily
  - 1...x tuners
5. VIM3 has ready to go CAN configuration for Ubuntu

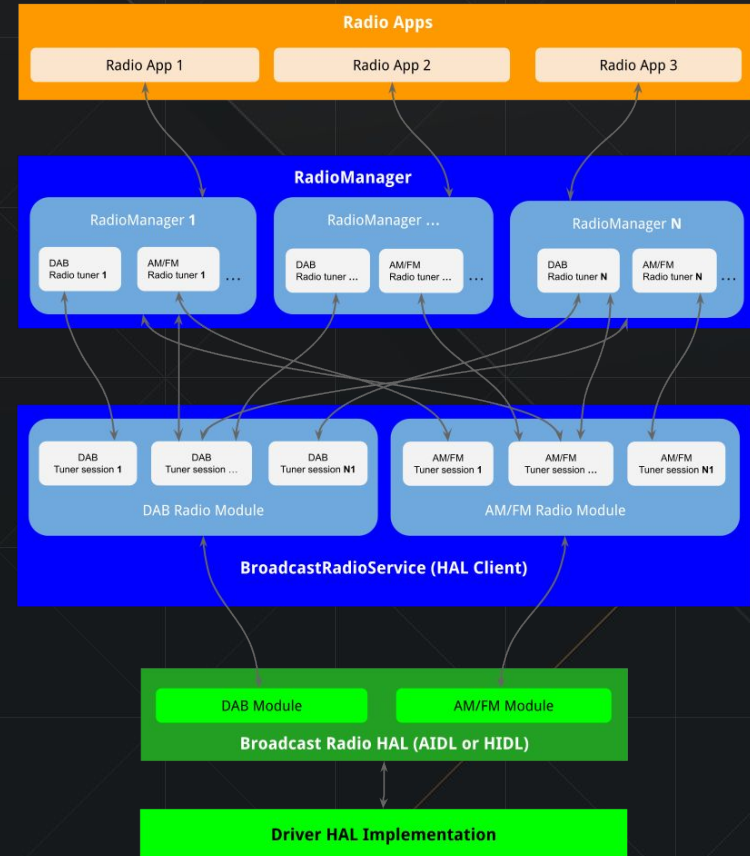
## **Software Setup**

### **VIM3 running AA 12**

1. System Components for Broadcast Radio
2. BroadcastRadioService
3. Challenges with VIM3

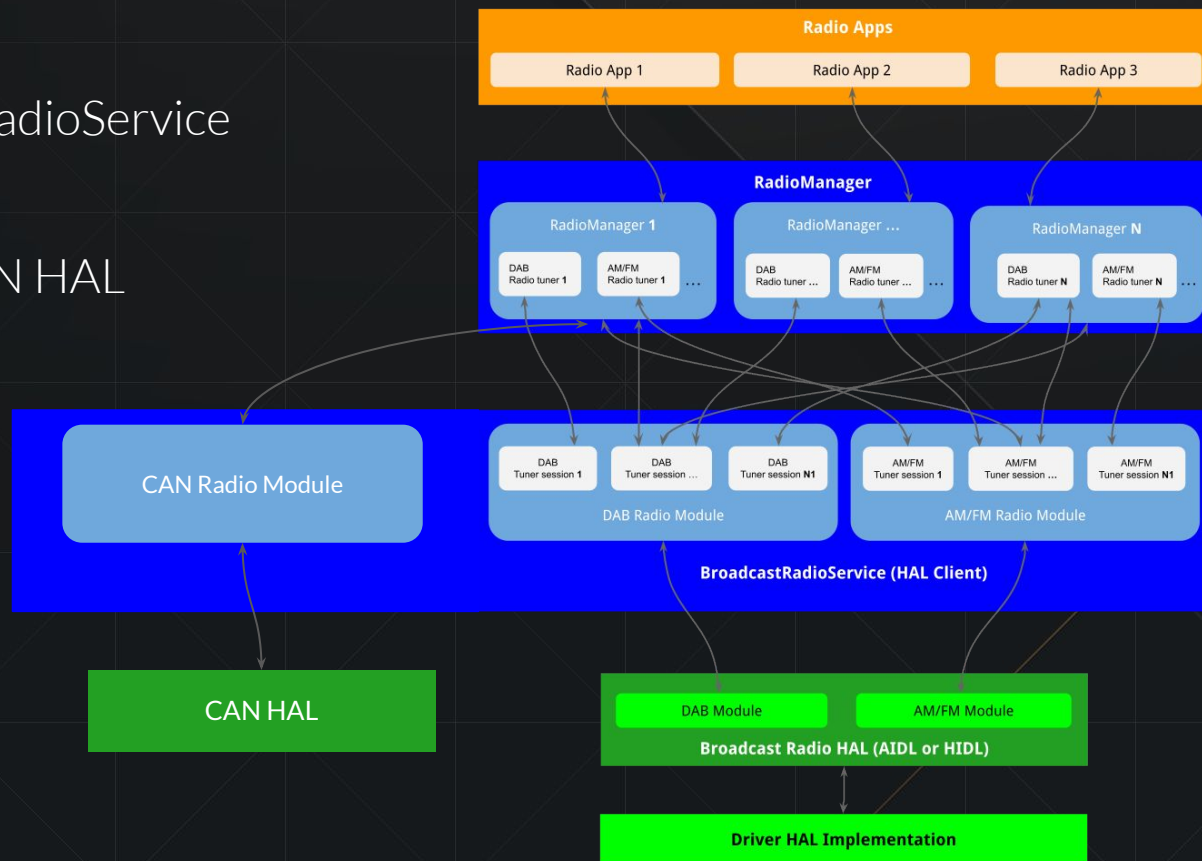
# Software - VIM3 Android Automotive

1. Radio App (should) implement Media Session and Media Browser Service
2. RadioManager is the system service to access the Radio API  
`context.getSystemService(Context.RADIO_SERVICE)`
3. BroadcastRadioService system service started by SystemServer
4. HAL



# Software - VIM3 Android Automotive

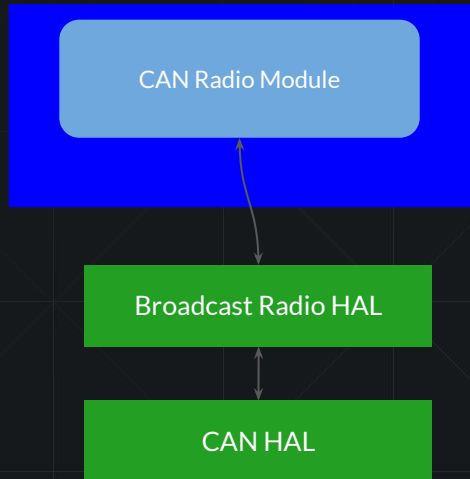
1. Custom BroadcastRadioService implementation
2. Default Android CAN HAL



## HAL responsibilities?

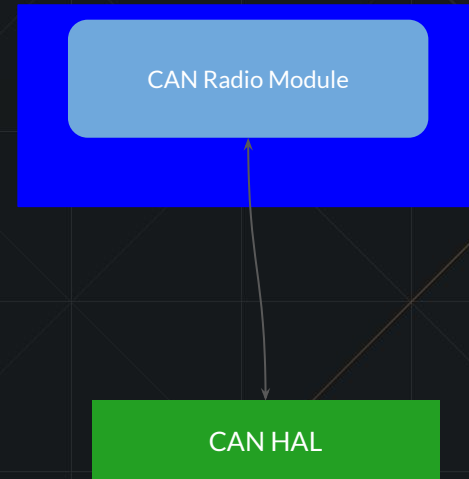
### 1. BroadcastRadioHal

- IBroadcastRadio.hal
- ITunerSession.hal
- ....



### 2. CAN BroadcastRadioService

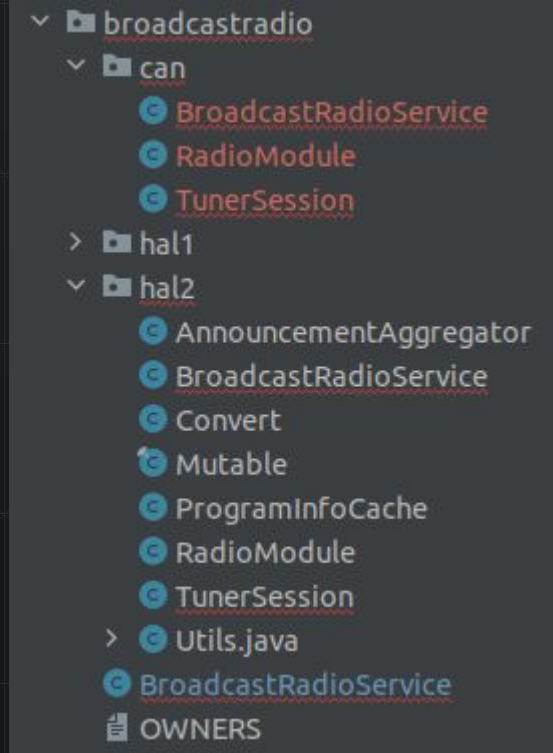
- Seek, scan, step, tune are shifted to the external Arduino Radio Module
- SocketCAN implementation in Service





# BroadcastRadioService

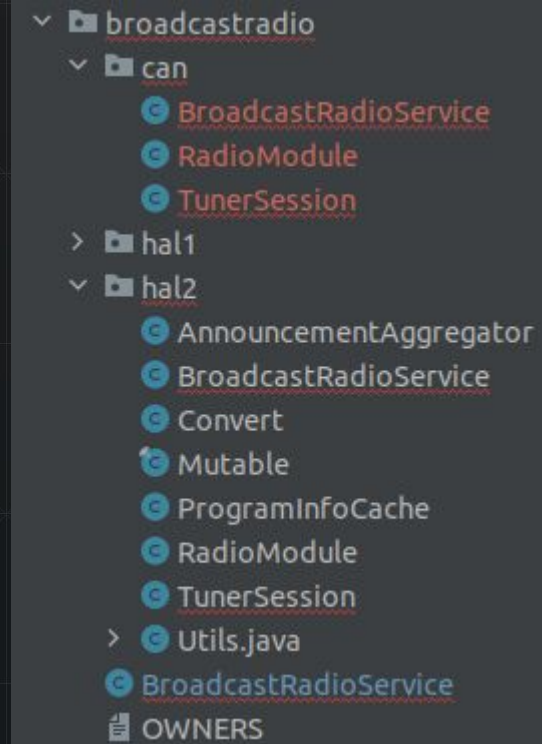
1. BroadcastRadioService.java
  - Extends SystemService
  - Loads the modules
  - Acts as proxy



# BroadcastRadioService

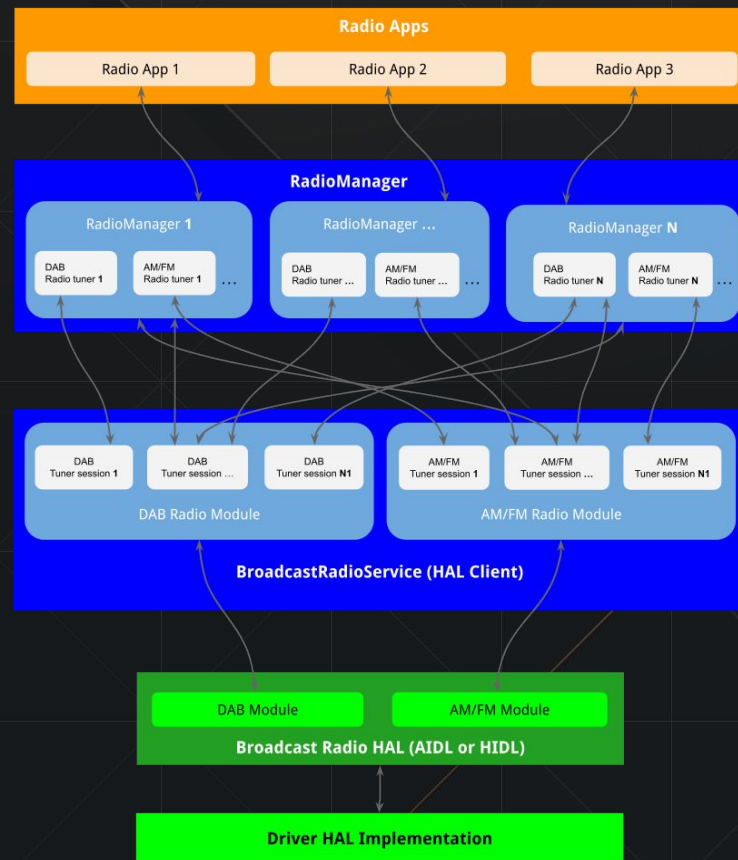
## 2. CAN service implementation

- BroadcastRadioService
  - Listens for CAN service registration
  - Loads RadioModule
- RadioModule
  - Provides information (RadioManager.ModuleProperties)
  - Opens TunerSession
  - Brings CAN interface up
- TunerSession
  - Extends ITuner.stub
  - Communicates via CAN



# Where to find what

1. Radio App  
*/packages/apps/Car/Radio/*
2. RadioManager  
*/frameworks/base/core/java/android/hardware/radio/*
3. BroadcastRadioService  
*/frameworks/base/services/core/java/com/android/server/  
broadcastradio/*
4. BroadcastRadio HAL  
*/hardware/interfaces/broadcastradio/*
5. CAN HAL  
*/hardware/interfaces/automotive/can/*



## How to add the right packages

- Example can be found at `/device/generic/car/common/car.mk`
- Modify `/device/amlogic/yukawa/yukawa.mk`

```
$(call inherit-product, device/amlogic/yukawa/car/car.mk)  
$(call inherit-product, device/amlogic/yukawa/car/can.mk)
```

- `car.mk`

```
PRODUCT_PACKAGES += \  
    android.hardware.automotive.vehicle@2.0-service \  
    android.hardware.broadcastradio@2.0-service \  
    android.hardware.automotive.can@1.0-service \  
    android.hardware.automotive.can@1.0-service
```

```
$(call inherit-product, packages/services/Car/car_product/build/car.mk)
```

- `can.mk` <https://github.com/linux-can/can-utils>

## Challenges with the VIM3

- Poor documentation
  - Documentation got migrated to a new system just when I started working with it
- AOSP Kernel has no device tree configuration for CAN on VIM3
- AOSP Kernel has no drivers for GPIO interrupts
- Ubuntu Kernel has (wrong) frequency hardcoded in mcp2515 driver
- Ubuntu Kernel uses custom device-tree property for GPIO interrupt (int-gpio) pin configuration

## Kernel

- GPIO
  - pinctrl-meson.c
  - irq-meson.c
- CAN
  - mcp251x.c
- Device tree
- Kernel Configuration

## Device Tree

- meson-g12b-a311d-khadas-vim3-android.dts
- meson-g12-common.dtsi
- Disable i2c3 and uart\_C
- Add can0 to spicc1 →

```
fragment@102 {
    target-path = "/";
    __overlay__
    {
        clk_can:clk_can {
            compatible = "fixed-clock";
            clock-frequency = <16000000>;
            #clock-cells = <0>;

        };
    };
};

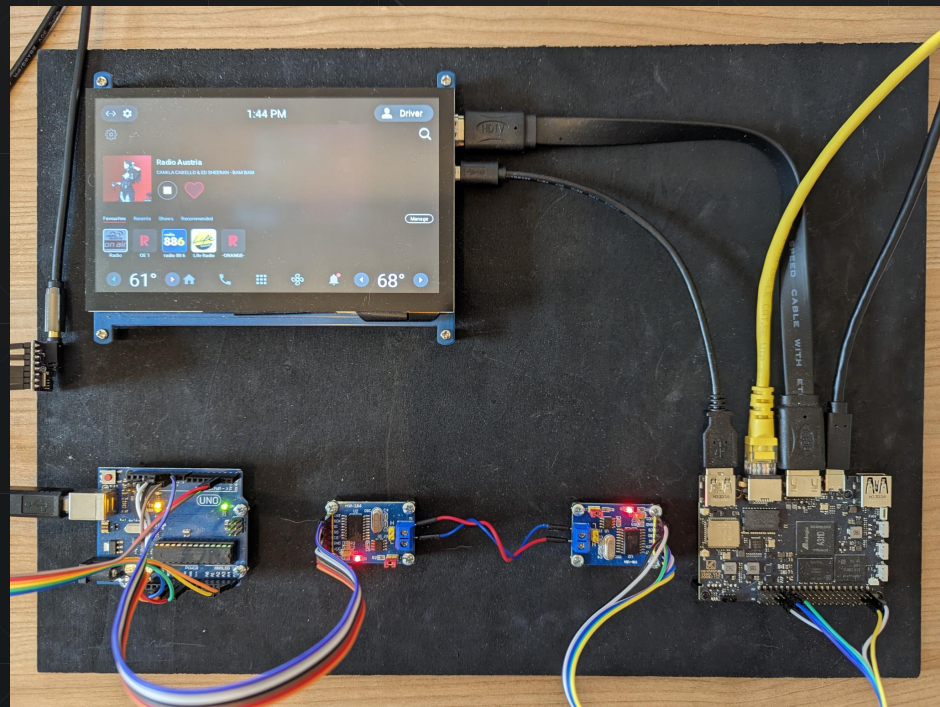
fragment@103 {
    target = <&spicc1>;

    __overlay__ {
        status = "okay";
        pinctrl-names = "default";
        pinctrl-0 = <&spicc1_pins>;
        cs-gpios = <&gpio GPIOH_6 0>;
        can0: mcp2515@0 {
            label="mcp2515";
            clocks = <&clk_can>;

            spi-max-frequency = <2000000>;
            compatible = "microchip,mcp2515";
            reg = <0>;
            //IRQ_TYPE_EDGE_FALLING
            int-gpio = <&gpio GPIOA_15 GPIO_ACTIVE_LOW>;
            status = "okay";
            interrupt-parent = <&gpio>;
            interrupts = <GPIOA_15 GPIO_ACTIVE_LOW>;

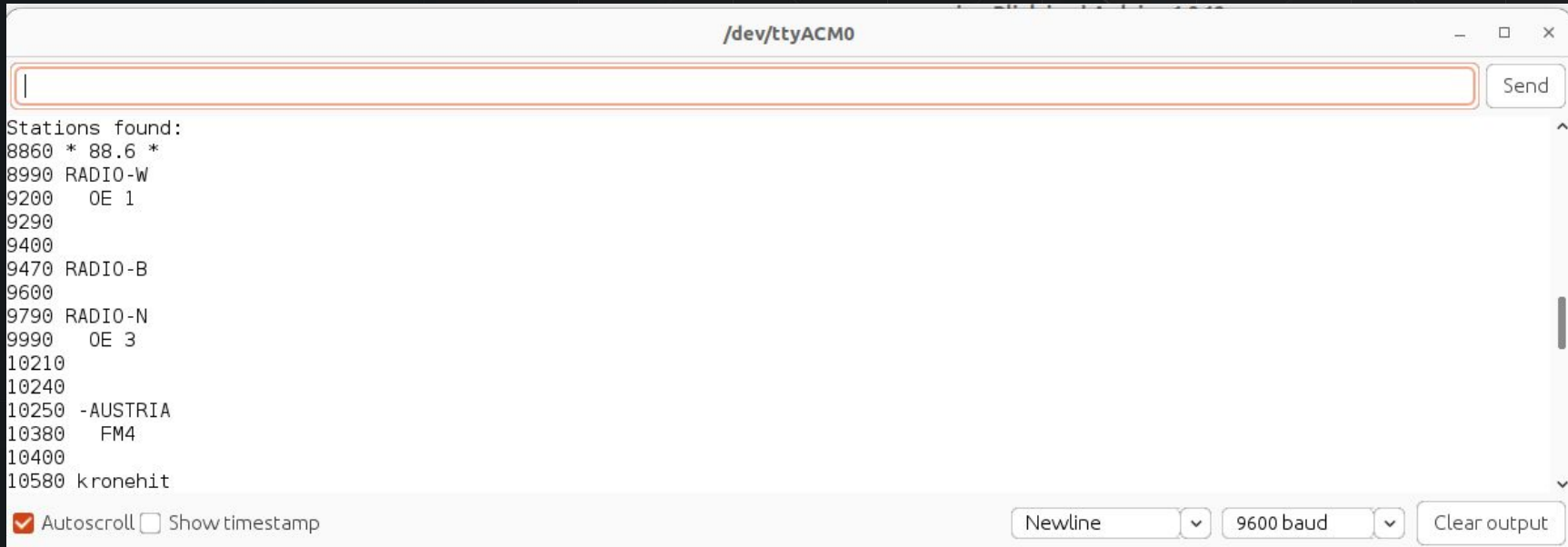
        };
    };
};
```

**Demo**  
Time to see it in Action





# Arduino Serial Monitor



The screenshot shows the Arduino Serial Monitor interface. The window title is `/dev/ttyACM0`. At the top, there is a text input field with a cursor and a "Send" button. The main area displays the following text:

```
Stations found:  
8860 * 88.6 *  
8990 RADIO-W  
9200 OE 1  
9290  
9400  
9470 RADIO-B  
9600  
9790 RADIO-N  
9990 OE 3  
10210  
10240  
10250 -AUSTRIA  
10380 FM4  
10400  
10580 kronehit
```

At the bottom, there are control options:  Autoscroll,  Show timestamp, a "Newline" dropdown menu, a "9600 baud" dropdown menu, and a "Clear output" button.

# ifconfig

```
vim3:/ $ ifconfig
dummy0 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 6a:e1:19:9c:3e:b2
inet6 addr: fe80::68e1:19ff:fe9c:3eb2/64 Scope: Link
UP BROADCAST RUNNING NOARP MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:2 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:0 TX bytes:140

lo Link encap:Local Loopback
inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0
inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope: Host
UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:65536 Metric:1
RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:0 TX bytes:0
```

```
vim3:/ $ ifconfig
dummy0 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 6a:e1:19:9c:3e:b2
inet6 addr: fe80::68e1:19ff:fe9c:3eb2/64 Scope: Link
UP BROADCAST RUNNING NOARP MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:3 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:0 TX bytes:210

can0 Link encap:UNSPEC Driver mcp251x
UP RUNNING NOARP MTU:16 Metric:1
RX packets:32 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:10
RX bytes:212 TX bytes:0

lo Link encap:Local Loopback
inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0
inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope: Host
UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:65536 Metric:1
RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:0 TX bytes:0

eth0 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 12:77:07:72:8a:47 Driver meson8b-dwmac
inet addr:192.168.2.186 Bcast:192.168.2.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
inet6 addr: fe80::8517:d4d2:d639:cf54/64 Scope: Link
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:46 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:56 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:14468 TX bytes:6603
Interrupt:14
```

# candump

```
vim3:/ $ candump can0
```

```
can0 070 [7] 00 22 60 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 01 22 60 00 00 00 00
can0 069 [1] 00
can0 070 [7] 00 22 9C 2A 20 38 38
can0 070 [7] 01 22 9C 2E 36 20 2A
can0 070 [7] 00 23 1E 52 41 44 49
can0 070 [7] 01 23 1E 4F 2D 57 20
can0 070 [7] 00 23 F0 20 20 4F 45
can0 070 [7] 01 23 F0 20 31 20 20
can0 070 [7] 00 24 4A 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 01 24 4A 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 00 24 B8 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 01 24 B8 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 00 26 3E 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 01 26 3E 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 00 27 06 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 01 27 06 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 00 27 60 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 01 27 60 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 00 28 0A 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 01 28 0A 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 00 28 8C 20 20 46 4D
can0 070 [7] 01 28 8C 34 20 20 20
can0 070 [7] 00 29 54 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 01 29 54 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 00 2A 30 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 01 2A 30 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 00 22 2E 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 01 22 2E 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 00 22 60 00 00 00 00
can0 070 [7] 01 22 60 00 00 00 00
```

# Radio

ATV on yukawa

1:33 PM

Driver

Settings

Favorites

Tune

Browse

88.6 \* 88.6 \*

103.8 FM4

61°

68°

# Radioplayer

ATV on yukawa

1:41 PM

Driver

**-ORANGE-**

Radio

OE 1

radio 88 6

Life Radio

-ORANGE-

61°

68°

ATV on yukawa

1:42 PM

Driver

radio 88 6

LIMP BIZKIT - BEHIND BLUE EYES

radio 88 6

Favourites Recents Shows Recommended

Radio OE 1 radio 88 6 Life Radio -ORANGE-

61° 68°



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