

# Introduction to U-Boot bootloader

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# Booting a computer

## Multi-stage bootloader

### First stage bootloader

- ▶ Resides on reset vector
- ▶ Often on-chip BootROM
- ▶ Initializes HW and loads the next stage

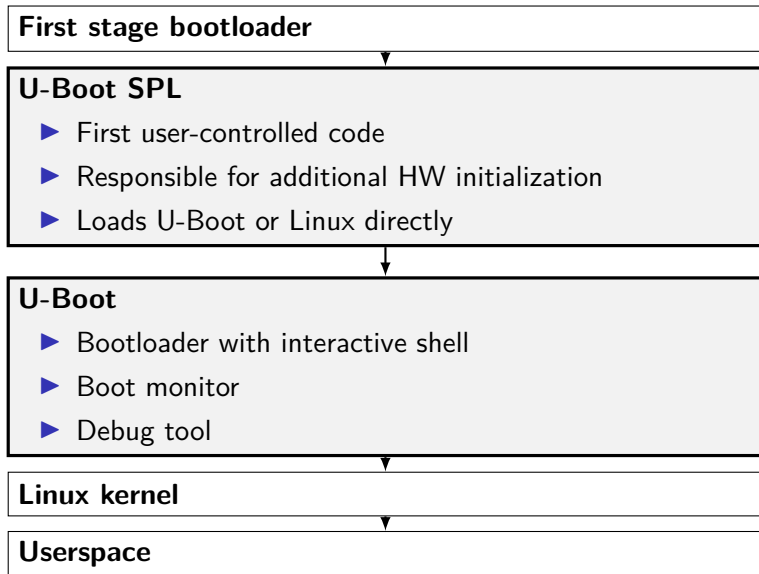
### User bootloader

- ▶ First user-controlled code

### Linux kernel

### Userspace

# U-Boot bootloader



# U-Boot example

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```
1 U-Boot SPL 2018.01-00002-g9aa111a004 (Jan 20 2018 - 12:45:29)
2 Trying to boot from MMC1
3
4
5 U-Boot 2018.01-00002-g9aa111a004 (Jan 20 2018 - 12:45:29 -0600)
6
7 CPU : AM335X-GP rev 2.1
8 I2C:  ready
9 DRAM: 512 MiB
10 Reset Source: Global warm SW reset has occurred.
11 Reset Source: Power-on reset has occurred.
12 MMC:  OMAP SD/MMC: 0, OMAP SD/MMC: 1
13
14 Model: BeagleBoard.org PocketBeagle
15 Net:  usb_ether
16 Press SPACE to abort autoboot in 2 seconds
17 =>
```

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# U-Boot SPL vs U-Boot

## **SPL** – Secondary Program Loader

- ▶ Built from the same source as U-Boot
- ▶ Significantly reduced size and feature set
- ▶ Used to init system and start U-Boot or Linux

## **TPL** – Tertiary program loader

- ▶ Built from the same source as U-Boot
- ▶ Even smaller than SPL
- ▶ Almost never used
- ▶ Used on severely limited system (ie. OneNAND)

# Basic U-Boot commands

# The 'echo' command

- ▶ Useful for printing text
- ▶ Does NOT interpret control sequences (except for `\\c` to suppress newline)

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```
1 => echo hello world
2 hello world
3 => echo foo\\c ; echo bar
4 foobar
```

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## The 'help' command

- ▶ Provides detailed built-in help text
- ▶ Can provide further details on specific command

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```
1 => help
2 ?      - alias for 'help'
3 bdfinfo - print Board Info structure
4 bootm  - boot application image from memory
5 cmp    - memory compare
6 coninfo - print console devices and information
7 crc32  - checksum calculation
8 dhcp   - boot image via network using DHCP/TFTP protocol
9 echo   - echo args to console
10 go     - start application at address 'addr'
11 help   - print command description/usage
12 i2c    - I2C sub-system
13 load   - load binary file from a filesystem
14 usb    - USB sub-system
```

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## Getting further help

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```
1 => help usb
2 usb - USB sub-system
3
4 Usage:
5 usb start - start (scan) USB controller
6 usb reset - reset (rescan) USB controller
7 usb stop [f] - stop USB [f]=force stop
8 usb tree - show USB device tree
9 usb info [dev] - show available USB devices
10 usb test [dev] [port] [mode] - set USB 2.0 test mode
11     (specify port 0 to indicate the device's upstream port)
12     Available modes: J, K, S[E0_NAK], P[acket], F[orce_Enable]
```

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- ▶ Source, documentation in doc/  
<https://git.denx.de/?p=u-boot.git;a=tree;f=doc>
- ▶ IRC: [#u-boot](https://www.freenode.net)
- ▶ ML: [u-boot@lists.denx.de](mailto:u-boot@lists.denx.de)

# The 'bdfinfo' command

## ▶ Probing system info

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```
1 => bdfinfo
2 arch_number = 0x00000E05
3 boot_params = 0x80000100
4 DRAM bank   = 0x00000000
5 -> start    = 0x80000000
6 -> size     = 0x20000000
7 eth0name    = usb_ether
8 ethaddr     = 60:64:05:f4:79:7f
9 current eth = usb_ether
10 ip_addr     = 192.168.1.2
11 baudrate    = 115200 bps
12 TLB addr    = 0x9FFF0000
13 relocaddr   = 0x9FF44000
14 reloc off   = 0x1F744000
15 irq_sp      = 0x9DF23EC0
16 sp start    = 0x9DF23EB0
17 Early malloc usage: 2a8 / 400
```

# U-Boot memory access commands

# Memory access commands, 'mw', 'md'

- ▶ Useful for reading/writing memory and registers
- ▶ Support for byte/word/long/quad register access using suffixes (.b, .w, .l, .q)
- ▶ Default access width is long, 32bit (md = md.l)
- ▶ Support for reading multiple units at a time (default 0x40)
- ▶ Default for read is updated if number of units specified
- ▶ Can read subsequent addresses if no address specified

```
1 => mw 0x81000000 0x1234abcd
2 => md.l 0x81000000 0x8
3 81000000: 1234abcd 00000000 00000000 00000000 ..4.....
4 81000010: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 .....
5 => md.w 0x81000000 0x8
6 81000000: abcd 1234 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 ..4.....
7 => md.b 0x81000000 0x8
8 81000000: cd ab 34 12 00 00 00 00 ..4.....
9 =>
10 81000008: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ..4.....
```

# Memory access commands, 'mw', 'md'

- ▶ Try toggling GPIOs the hard way

- ▶ Note on used bitfields:

|xxxx|xxx0|000x|xxxx|xxxx|xxxx|xxxx|xxxx|

- ▶ Expected result: Two Blue LEDs ON/OFF

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```
1 => echo "Try toggling GPIOs the hard way"
2 => md 0x4804c130 4
3 4804c130: 00000002 ffffffff f0000300 00000000 .....
4 => mw 0x4804c134 0xfe1fffff
5 => mw 0x4804c13c 0x00a00000
6 => mw 0x4804c13c 0x01400000
7 => md 0x4804c130 4
8 4804c130: 00000002 fe1fffff f1400300 01400000 .....@...@.
```

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## Memory modification commands, 'mm', 'nm'

- ▶ Useful for interactively modifying registers
- ▶ Same properties as for md/mw apply
- ▶ mm autoincrements address, nm does not
- ▶ Use 'q' to drop back to U-Boot shell
- ▶ Use '-' to return to previous address
- ▶ Press 'Enter' without value to skip current address

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```
1 => mm 0x4804c134
2 4804c134: ffffffff ? fe1fffff
3 4804c138: f0002300 ?
4 4804c13c: 00000000 ? 00400000
5 4804c140: 00000000 ? q
6 =>
```

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## Memory access commands, 'cp', 'cmp'

- ▶ cp – copy memory
- ▶ cmp – compare memory
- ▶ Same properties as md/mw above apply

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```
1 => mw 0x81000000 0x1234abcd 0x10
2 => cp 0x81000000 0x82000000 0x8
3 => cmp 0x81000000 0x82000000 0x8
4 Total of 8 word(s) were the same
5 => cmp 0x81000000 0x82000000 0x9
6 word at 0x81000020 (0x1234abcd) != word at 0x82000020 \
7   (0xea000003)
8 Total of 8 word(s) were the same
```

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# U-Boot shell

- ▶ There are two – HUSH and the old no-name
- ▶ Similar to bourne shell
- ▶ Persistent environment support
- ▶ Scripting support

# U-Boot environment

- ▶ key-value storage
- ▶ Can contain values or even scripts
- ▶ Default env built into U-Boot binary
- ▶ Optional custom env loaded from storage
- ▶ Live copy in RAM
- ▶ Can be accessed as variables
- ▶ Can be modified
- ▶ Can be made persistent

# The 'printenv' command

- ▶ For printing the environment
- ▶ Legacy alias for 'env print'

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```
1 => env print
2 arch=arm
3 ...
4 Environment size: 26907/131068 bytes
5 =>
6 => env print arch
7 arch=arm
8 => printenv arch
9 arch=arm
10 => echo "$arch"
11 arm
```

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## The 'setenv'/'askenv'/'editenv' command

- ▶ For modifying the environment
- ▶ Legacy alias for 'env set'/'env ask'/'env edit'

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```
1 => env set    foo bar
2 => env print foo
3 bar
4
5 => env ask    quux "Set quux to ?"
6 Set quux to ? 1234
7 => env print quux
8 quux=1234
9
10 => env edit  quux
11 edit: 24
12 => env print quux
13 quux=24
```

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# The 'saveenv' command

- ▶ For environment persistency
- ▶ Environment is not persistent across reboots by default
- ▶ Any changes to environment are done to the live copy

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```
1 => env set   foo bar
2 => env print foo
3 bar
4 => reset
5 => env print foo
6 ## Error: "foo" not defined
7
8 => env set foo bar
9 => saveenv
10 => reset
11 => env print foo
12 bar
```

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## The 'run' command

- ▶ For running scripts in the environment
- ▶ Chaining commands with ';' is possible
- ▶ Note that ';' ignores return value

---

```
1 => env set foo 'echo hello'
2 => run foo
3 hello
4
5 => env set foo 'echo hello ; echo world'
6 => run foo
7 hello
8 world
```

---

## Variables in environment

- ▶ Proper escaping is important on U-Boot shell
- ▶ Be careful with variable expansion

---

```
1 => setenv foo bar
2 => setenv quux echo $foo
3 => setenv foo baz
4 => run quux
5 bar
6 => printenv quux
7 quux=echo bar
8
9 => setenv quux echo \$foo
10 => printenv quux
11 => setenv quux 'echo $foo'
12 => printenv quux
```

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# Special variables

Certain variables have special meaning/function

- ▶ `ver` – U-Boot version
- ▶ `stdin`, `stdout`, `stderr` – Redirection of STDIO. Setting these has immediate impact, also see `coninfo` command.
- ▶ `loadaddr` – Default load address
- ▶ `filesize` – Size of the loaded file
- ▶ `bootargs` – Boot arguments passed to Linux command line
- ▶ `bootcmd` – Default boot command (see boot command and `autoboot`)
- ▶ `preboot` – Script executed before `autoboot`
- ▶ `ipaddr`, `netmask`, `serverip`, `gatewayip` – Network settings
- ▶ `ethaddr`, `eth1addr`, ... – Ethernet MAC address



## The 'setexpr' command

- ▶ Environment manipulation multi-tool
- ▶ Supports loading memory content into variables
- ▶ Supports arithmetic operations on both variables and memory (AND, OR, XOR, +, -, \*, /, MOD)
- ▶ Supports basic regex manipulation on strings and variables

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```
1 => md 0x9ff4e000 1
2 9ff4e000: ea0000b8
3 => setexpr foo *0x9ff4e000
4 => env print foo
5 foo=ea0000b8
6
7 => setenv foo 1 ; setenv bar 2
8 => setexpr baz $foo + $bar
9 => env print baz
10 baz=3
11
12 => setexpr foo gsub ab+ x "aabbcc"
13 foo=axcc
```

# U-Boot shell conditional expressions and loops

# The 'true'/'false' commands

- ▶ Return 0 (true) / non-zero (false) return values
- ▶ U-Boot supports handling return values of commands
- ▶ Automatic variables are supported too

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```
1 => true
2 => echo $?
3 0
4 => false
5 => echo $?
6 1
```

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# Conditional expressions

- ▶ The if conditional is supported
- ▶ Shorthand || and && expressions also supported
- ▶ Warning, the "if ! foo ; then ... fi" is not supported, use ie. "if foo ; then false ; else ... fi" as a workaround

---

```
1 => if true ; then echo "hello" ; else echo "bye" ; fi
2 hello
3 => false || echo "false!"
4 false!
5
6 => setenv foo 'true && echo "true! "'
7 => run foo
8 true!
```

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# The 'test' command

## ▶ Minimal test command from HUSH

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```
1 => env set i 4
2 => test $i -lt 5
3 => echo $?
4 0
5 => env set i 6
6 => test $i -lt 5
7 => echo $?
8 1
9
10 => env set i 6
11 => if test $i -lt 5 ; then echo "Less than 5" ; \
12     else echo "More than 5" ; fi
13 More than 5
```

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# The 'for' loop

- ▶ The for loop over a list of elements

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```
1 => for i in a b c d ; do echo "$i" ; done
2 a
3 b
4 c
5 d
```

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# The 'while' loop

- ▶ The while loop with a condition

---

```
1 => while true ; do echo hello ; done
2 hello
3 hello
4 hello
```

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# U-Boot data loading commands



# Loading from storage

- ▶ U-Boot supports loading from various storage types
  - ▶ SD/MMC – mmc command
  - ▶ USB – usb command
  - ▶ SATA – sata command
  - ▶ NAND – nand command
  - ▶ ...
- ▶ Both RAW storage and filesystems are supported
  - ▶ Universal FS access – 'ls', 'load' commands
  - ▶ ExtFS – legacy 'extls'/'extload' command
  - ▶ VFAT – legacy 'fatls'/'fatload' command
  - ▶ UBI/UBIFS – 'ubi' command
  - ▶ ...

# Loading from SD card

---

```
1 => mmc rescan
2 => mmc part
3
4 Partition Map for MMC device 0 -- Partition Type: DOS
5
6 Part  Start Sector  Num Sectors  UUID          Type
7  1    8192            6955008     1147c091-01   83 Boot
8
9 => ls mmc 0:1
10 <DIR>      4096 .
11 <DIR>      4096 ..
12          40 ID.txt
13 ...
14 => load mmc 0:1 $loadaddr ID.txt
15 => md.b $loadaddr $filesize
16 82000000: 42 65 61 67 6c 65 42 6f 61 72 ... BeagleBoard.org
17 82000010: 44 65 62 69 61 6e 20 49 6d 61 ... Debian Image 201
18 82000020: 38 2d 30 31 2d 32 38 0a          8-01-28.
```

## Loading from network

- ▶ U-Boot network stack is UDP-only (no TCP)
- ▶ Support for TFTP, NFS (over UDP), DHCP/BOOTP, ...
- ▶ ping – ICMP Echo
- ▶ tftp – TFTP download (tftpput for upload)
- ▶ dhcp – Obtain settings from DHCP and ev. load file

---

```
1 => setenv ethaddr 00:aa:bb:cc:dd:ee # optional!  
2 => setenv ipaddr 192.168.1.300  
3 => setenv netmask 255.255.255.0  
4 => setenv serverip 192.168.1.1  
5 => ping $serverip  
6 => tftp $loadaddr $serverip:somefile  
7 => dhcp $loadaddr $serverip:somefile
```

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# Loading over serial port

- ▶ When nothing else, UART is available
- ▶ U-Boot supports X/Y modem, Srecord and kermit protocol

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```
1 U-Boot> loady
2 <send file over ymodem protocol, e.g. sb -T>
```

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- ▶ Example with GNU screen

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```
1 $ screen /dev/ttyUSB0 115200
2 => loady
3 $ screen -x -r -X exec \\!\\! sb -T file.txt
```

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# Booting the kernel

# Booting the kernel

There are many image formats

- ▶ (z)Image
  - ▶ Linux binary (with decompressor)
  - ▶ No protection against bitrot
  - ▶ Just set up registers and jump to it
  - ▶ Optional separate DT
- ▶ ulmage
  - ▶ Legacy since forever
  - ▶ Wrapper around arbitrary binary
  - ▶ CRC32 checksum and small amount of metadata
  - ▶ Wraps single file only
  - ▶ Optional separate DT
- ▶ fitImage – multi-component image
  - ▶ Based on DT
  - ▶ Supports multiple files
  - ▶ Configurable checksum algorithm per entry
  - ▶ Supports digital signatures

## Booting kernel image

- ▶ bootz – (z)Image
- ▶ booti – ARM64 Image
- ▶ bootm – fitImage, ulmage
- ▶ \$bootcmd – default boot command

---

```
1 => help bootz
2 bootz - boot Linux zImage image from memory
3
4 Usage:
5 bootz [addr [initrd[:size]] [fdt]]
6     - boot Linux zImage stored in memory
7     The argument 'initrd' is optional... The optional arg
8     ':size' allows specifying the size of RAW initrd.
9
10     When booting a Linux kernel which requires a flat
11     device-tree a third argument is required which is
12     the address of the device-tree blob.
```

---

## Booting kernel image

---

```
1 => setenv bootargs console=tty00,115200
2 => load mmc 0:1 0x82000000 boot/zImage-4.9.82-ti-r102
3 9970640 bytes read in 673 ms (14.1 MiB/s)
4 => load mmc 0:1 0x88000000 boot/dtbs/4.9.82-ti-r102/\
5     am335x-pocketbeagle.dtb
6 132769 bytes read in 180 ms (719.7 KiB/s)
7 => bootz 0x82000000 - 0x88000000
8 ## Flattened Device Tree blob at 88000000
9     Booting using the fdt blob at 0x88000000
10    Loading Device Tree to 8ffdc000, end 8ffff6a0 ... OK
11
12 Starting kernel ...
13
14 [    0.000000] Booting Linux on physical CPU 0x0
15 [    0.000000] Linux version 4.9.82-ti-r102 \
16    (root@b2-am57xx-beagle-x15-2gb) (gcc version 6.3.0 20170516
17    (Debian 6.3.0-18) ) #1 SMP PREEMPT Thu Feb 22 01:16:12 UTC 2
18 [    0.000000] CPU: ARMv7 Processor [413fc082] revision 2 (ARMv7
```



# Device Tree

- ▶ Data structure describing hardware
- ▶ Usually passed to OS to provide information about HW topology where it cannot be detected/probed
- ▶ Tree, made of named nodes and properties
  - ▶ Nodes can contain other nodes and properties
  - ▶ Properties are a name-value pair
  - ▶ See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Device\\_tree](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Device_tree)
- ▶ DT can contain graph cycles by means of phandles
  - ▶ phandles provide simple references to device nodes (e.g. "<&L2>" is reference to L2 cache node)
  - ▶ phandles can be used to reference nodes in different parts of the device tree

# Device Tree example

---

```
1 /dts-v1/;
2 #include "arm-realview-eb-mp.dtsi"
3 / {
4     model = "ARM RealView EB Cortex A9 MPCore";
5     [...]
6     cpus {
7         #address-cells = <1>;
8         #size-cells = <0>;
9         enable-method = "arm,realview-smp";
10        A9_0: cpu@0 {
11            device_type = "cpu";
12            compatible = "arm,cortex-a9";
13            reg = <0>;
14            next-level-cache = <&L2>;
15        };
16    [...]
17    pmu: pmu@0 {
18        interrupt-affinity = <&A9_0>, <&A9_1>, <&A9_2>, <&A9_3>;
19    };
```

# fitImage

---

```
1 /dts-v1/;
2
3 / {
4     description = "Linux kernel and FDT blob for sockit";
5
6     images {
7         kernel@1 {
8             description = "Linux kernel";
9             data = /incbin/("./arch/arm/boot/zImage");
10            type = "kernel";
11            arch = "arm";
12            os = "linux";
13            compression = "none";
14            load = <0x00008000>;
15            entry = <0x00008000>;
16            hash@1 {
17                algo = "crc32";
18            };
19        };
20    };
21 }
```

# fitImage

---

```
1   fdt@1 {
2       description = "Flattened Device Tree blob";
3       data = /incbin("./arch/arm/boot/dts/socfpga....dtb");
4       type = "flat_dt";
5       arch = "arm";
6       compression = "none";
7       hash@1 {
8           algo = "crc32";
9       };
10  };
11  };
```

---

# fitImage

---

```
1 configurations {
2     default = "conf@1";
3     conf@1 {
4         description = "Boot Linux kernel with FDT blob";
5         kernel = "kernel@1";
6         fdt = "fdt@1";
7         hash@1 {
8             algo = "crc32";
9         };
10    };
11 };
12 };
```

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Compile with

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```
1 mkimage -f fit-image.its fitImage
```

---

# fitImage commands

- ▶ `bootm $fitimageaddr` – boot fitImage/ulmage
- ▶ `iminfo` – print image information
- ▶ `imxtract` – extract file from fitImage/ulmage

---

```
1 => iminfo $loadaddr
2
3 ## Checking Image at 82000000 ...
4 FIT image found
5 FIT description: Linux kernel and FDT blob for am335x-pocketbeagle
6 Created: 2018-09-03 0:46:36 UTC
7 Image 0 (kernel@1)
8 Description: Linux kernel (Mon Sep 3 02:46:36 CEST 2018)
9 Created: 2018-09-03 0:46:36 UTC
10 Type: Kernel Image
11 Compression: uncompressed
12 Data Start: 0x82000154
13 Data Size: 5665328 Bytes = 5.4 MiB
14 Architecture: ARM
15 OS: Linux
16 Load Address: 0x80008000
17 Entry Point: 0x80008000
18 Hash algo: crc32
19 Hash value: 1a1062ee
20 ...
21 => imxtract $loadaddr kernel@1 0x8a000000
22 ## Copying 'kernel@1' subimage from FIT image at 82000000 ...
23 crc32+ Loading part 0 ... OK
24 => md 0x8a000000
25 8a000000: e1a00000 e1a00000 e1a00000 e1a00000 .....
26 8a000010: e1a00000 e1a00000 e1a00000 e1a00000 .....
27 8a000020: ea000005 016f2818 00000000 00567230 .....(o.....OrV.
```

# The 'fdt' command

- ▶ FDT manipulation
- ▶ `fdt addr` – Tell U-Boot where the FDT is
- ▶ `fdt resize` – Add extra space to FDT
- ▶ `fdt print` – Print DT path
- ▶ `fdt set` – Add or change DT entry

---

```
1 => load mmc 0:1 0x88000000 boot/dtbs/4.9.82-ti-r102/\
2   am335x-pocketbeagle.dtb
3 132769 bytes read in 180 ms (719.7 KiB/s)
4 => fdt addr 0x88000000
5 => fdt resize
6 => fdt print /chosen
7 chosen {
8     stdout-path = "/ocp/serial@44e09000";
9 };
10 => fdt set /chosen/ foo bar
11 => fdt print /chosen
12 chosen {
13     foo = "bar";
14     stdout-path = "/ocp/serial@44e09000";
15 };
16 => bootz 0x82000000 - 0x88000000
```

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# Miscellaneous U-Boot commands



# The 'gpio' command

- ▶ Useful for toggling/sampling GPIOs
- ▶ GPIO input sets return value

---

```
1 => gpio input 45
2 gpio: pin 45 (gpio 45) value is 1
3 => echo $?
4 1
5
6 => gpio set 53
7 gpio: pin 53 (gpio 53) value is 1
```

---

# The 'i2c' command

- ▶ Useful for accessing I2C bus
- ▶ `i2c bus` – lists available I2C busses
- ▶ `i2c dev` – select an I2C bus
- ▶ `i2c md` – read registers from I2C device
- ▶ `i2c mw` – write registers to I2C device
- ▶ `i2c probe` – probe for devices on I2C
- ▶ `i2c speed` – set I2C bus speed

---

```
1 => i2c dev 2
2 Setting bus to 2
3 => i2c probe
4 Valid chip addresses: 1C
5 => i2c md 0x1c 0x0 0x8
6 0000: 00 41 ac 01 fc 7f 10 00 .A.....
```

---

# Compiling U-Boot from source

# U-Boot sources

- ▶ Git master at:  
`http://git.denx.de/?p=u-boot.git;a=summary`
- ▶ Custodian subtrees at:  
`http://git.denx.de/?p=u-boot.git;a=forks`
- ▶ Available via Git and HTTP protocols

# Building the sources

---

```
1 $ git clone git://git.denx.de/u-boot.git
2 $ cd u-boot
3 $ export CROSS_COMPILE=plat-none- # optional, set cross compiler
4 $ make board_defconfig           # ie. sandbox_defconfig
5 $ make
```

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- ▶ U-Boot sandbox target (sandbox\_defconfig)  
U-Boot running as userspace application
- ▶ U-Boot QEMU targets, (qemu\_defconfig)  
U-Boot running in QEMU as "BIOS"  
qemu-system-arm -M virt -bios u-boot.bin

# Partical part

# Task 0

Enter U-Boot prompt

- ▶ HINT: Press SPACE to stop autoboot

# Task 0

---

```
1 Model: BeagleBoard.org PocketBeagle
2 <ethaddr> not set. Validating first E-fuse MAC
3 Net:   No ethernet found.
4 Press SPACE to abort autoboot in 2 seconds
5 =>
```

---



# Task 1

## Boot kernel from SD card

- ▶ Check if SD card contains zImage and DTB.
- ▶ Load both into memory
- ▶ Set \$bootargs
- ▶ Boot the kernel with DT
- ▶ HINT: mmc rescan, ls, load, bootz commands

# Task 1

---

```
1 => setenv bootargs console=tty00,115200
2 => mmc rescan && \
3     load mmc 0:1 0x82000000 zImage && \
4     load mmc 0:1 0x88000000 am335x-pocketbeagle.dtb && \
5     bootz 0x82000000 - 0x88000000
6 9970640 bytes read in 6594 ms (1.4 MiB/s)
7 132769 bytes read in 123 ms (1 MiB/s)
8 ## Flattened Device Tree blob at 88000000
9    Booting using the fdt blob at 0x88000000
10   Loading Device Tree to 8ffdc000, end 8ffff6a0 ... OK
11
12 Starting kernel ...
13
14 [ 0.000000] Booting Linux on physical CPU 0x0
```

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## Task 2

Boot kernel from SD card with adjusted DT

- ▶ Change `/model` property in DT and boot kernel with it
- ▶ HINT: `mmc rescan, load, fdt addr, fdt set, bootz` commands
- ▶ HINT: in Linux see `cat /proc/device-tree/model`

## Task 2

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```
1 => setenv bootargs console=tty00,115200
2 => mmc rescan && \
3     load mmc 0:1 0x82000000 zImage && \
4     load mmc 0:1 0x88000000 am335x-pocketbeagle.dtb
5 => fdt addr 0x88000000
6 => fdt set / model "Something"
7 => fdt list
8 / {
9     ...
10    compatible = "ti,am335x-pocketbeagle", "ti,am335x-bone", "ti,am33xx";
11    model = "Something";
12    chosen {
13    };...
14 => bootz 0x82000000 - 0x88000000
15 ...
16 [ 0.000000] OF: fdt: Machine model: Something
17 ...
```

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# Task 3

## Button input

- ▶ HINT: 'gpio input' command
- ▶ HINT: 0x4804c138 is the offset of the GPIO input register
- ▶ HINT: gpio 45 is the USR button GPIO

# Task 3

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```
1 => if gpio input 45 ; then
2     echo "Button pressed" ;
3     else
4         echo "Button not pressed" ;
5     fi
```

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## Task 4

Blink USB LED using direct HW IO

- ▶ HINT: for or while commands
- ▶ HINT: 0x4804c134 is the offset of the GPIO direction register  
Use the following to set the four pins as outputs  
`mw 0x4804c134 0xfe1fffff`
- ▶ HINT: 0x4804c13c is the offset of the GPIO value register  
Use the following to set LED 0 on  
`mw 0x4804c13c 0x00200000`
- ▶ HINT: sleep 1 waits 1 second
- ▶ HINT: look at 'base' command

# Task 4

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```
1 => mw 0x4804c134 0xfe1fffff
2 => while true ; do
3     mw 0x4804c13c 0x00200000 ;
4     sleep 1 ;
5 done
```

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## Task 5

Implement moving light using USR LEDs using GPIO command

- ▶ HINT: for or while commands
- ▶ HINT: LEDs are GPIO 53, 54, 55, 56
- ▶ HINT: sleep 1 waits 1 second
- ▶ HINT: look at 'base' command

# Task 5

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```
1 => while true ; do
2     for i in 53 54 55 56 ; do
3         gpio set $i ;
4         sleep 1 ;
5         gpio clear $i ;
6     done ;
7 done
```

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# Task 6

## Recovery system

- ▶ If button is pressed and USB stick is plugged in and contains kernel image and DT, boot that kernel and DTB from the USB stick. Otherwise boot kernel and DTB on SD card. If neither works, light up LED.
- ▶ HINT: mmc rescan, usb reset, load, bootz commands

# Task 6

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```
1 => setenv bootargs console=ttty00,115200
2 => setenv loadcmd 'load ${media} 0:1 0x82000000 zImage && \
3     load ${media} 0:1 0x88000000 am335x-pocketbeagle.dtb && \
4     bootz 0x82000000 - 0x88000000'
5 => setenv media mmc
6 => gpio input 45 && usb reset && setenv media usb
7 => run loadcmd ; setenv media mmc ; run loadcmd ; gpio set 53
```

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# Task 7

Conveniently load custom environment using Ymodem

- ▶ HINT: `loady` and `env import` commands

# Task 7

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```
1 linux$ cat << EOF > /tmp/env.txt
2 > hello=world
3 > foo=bar
4 > EOF
5
6 => loady
7 ## Ready for binary (ymodem) download to 0x82000000 at 115200 bps...
8 C## Total Size      = 0x00000014 = 20 Bytes
9 => md.b $loadaddr $filesize
10 82000000: 68 65 6c 6c 6f 3d 77 6f 72 6c 64 0a 66 6f 6f 3d      hello=world.foo=
11 82000010: 62 61 72 0a                                          bar.
12 => env import $loadaddr $filesize
13 ## Warning: defaulting to text format
14 => env print hello
15 hello=world
```

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# Task 8

Load kernel from the network

- ▶ Load Linux into memory using tftp
- ▶ NOTE: For USB ethernet, verify `usbnet_hostaddr` and `usbnet_devaddr`
- ▶ HINT: `ipaddr`, `netmask`, `tftp` command

# Task 8

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```
1 => env print usbnet_devaddr usbnet_hostaddr
2 usbnet_devaddr=60:64:05:f4:79:7f
3 usbnet_hostaddr=00:bb:bb:bb:bb:bb
4 => setenv ipaddr 10.0.0.10
5 => setenv netmask 255.255.255.0
6 => setenv serverip 10.0.0.1
7 => tftp am335x-pocketbeagle/fitImage
8 using musb-hdrc, OUT eplout IN eplin STATUS ep2in
9 MAC 60:64:05:f4:79:7f
10 HOST MAC 00:bb:bb:bb:bb:bb
11 RNDIS ready
12 high speed config #2: 2 mA, Ethernet Gadget, using RNDIS
13 USB RNDIS network up!
14 Using usb_ether device
15 TFTP from server 10.0.0.1; our IP address is 10.0.0.10
16 Filename 'am335x-pocketbeagle/fitImage'.
17 Load address: 0x82000000
18 Loading: #####
19 ...
20          #####
21          2.9 MiB/s
22 done
23 Bytes transferred = 5699696 (56f870 hex)
24
25 => iminfo $loadaddr
26 ## Checking Image at 82000000 ...
27 FIT image found
```

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# Task 9

## Compiling U-Boot

- ▶ Clone U-Boot sources, configure them for sandbox, compile U-Boot.
- ▶ HINT: U-Boot sources are provided on the USB stick
- ▶ HINT:

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```
1 $ make sandbox_defconfig
2 $ make # Add -jN for parallel make
3 $ ./u-boot
```

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# Task 9

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```
1 $ make sandbox_defconfig
2   HOSTCC  scripts/basic/fixdep
3   ...
4   #
5   # configuration written to .config
6   #
7
8 $ make -j13
9 scripts/kconfig/conf  --syncconfig Kconfig
10  CHK      include/config.h
11  UPD      include/config.h
12  ...
13  CFGCHK  u-boot.cfg
14 $ ./u-boot
15
16 U-Boot 2018.11-rc1-00033-ga16acc9fb (Oct 07 2018 - 17:13:29 +0200)
17
18 Model: sandbox
19 DRAM: 128 MiB
20 ...
21 =>
```

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# Task 10

## Modifying U-Boot for target

- ▶ Clone U-Boot sources, configure them, adjust bootdelay to 30 seconds, compile U-Boot and install on the board.
- ▶ HINT: U-Boot sources are provided on the USB stick
- ▶ HINT:

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```
1 $ export CROSS_COMPILE=arm-linux-gnueabi-
2 $ make am335x_pocketbeagle_defconfig
3 $ make menuconfig # locate CONFIG_BOOTDELAY
4 $ make
5 $ dd if=ML0 of=/dev/sdX bs=128k count=1 seek=1
6 $ dd if=u-boot.img of=/dev/sdX bs=384k seek=1 count=2
```

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# Task 10

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```
1 $ make am335x_pocketbeagle_defconfig
2 #
3 # configuration written to .config
4 #
5
6 $ make
7 scripts/kconfig/conf --silentoldconfig Kconfig
8   CHK       include/config.h
9   CFG       u-boot.cfg
10  GEN       include/autoconf.mk
11 ...
```

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# Task 11

## Barcode reader

- ▶ U-Boot queries ethernet MAC address from barcode reader, which does not necessarily use ASCII. Filter the MAC out and ignore the separators (ie. 00xaaxbbxccddxee becomes 00:aa:bb:cc:dd:ee). Assume the list of separators is known and fixed (ie. xyz).
- ▶ HINT: env ask and setexpr

# Task 11

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```
1 => env ask mac 'MAC address ?'  
2 MAC address ? 00xaaxbbxccddxee  
3 => setexpr myethaddr gsub '\\(..\\)[xyz]' '\\\\1:' $mac  
4 myethaddr=00:aa:bb:cc:dd:ee
```

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# Task 12

## Accelerometer

- ▶ Read out the MMA8452Q accelerometer data
- ▶ HINT: i2c commands
- ▶ HINT: Accelerometer is on bus 2, select bus 2

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```
1 => i2c dev 2
```

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- ▶ HINT: Accelerometer has I2C address 0x1c, try

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```
1 => i2c md 0x1c 0 0x10
```

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- ▶ HINT: Accelerometer is in standby, wake it up with

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```
1 => i2c mw 0x1c 0x2a 0x1
```

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then try reading samples at offset 0x1..0x6 again

The End

# Thank you for your attention!

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