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1 Overview

This document describes how to build Android Pie 9.0 platform for the i.MX 8 series devices. It provides instructions for:

- Configuring a Linux® OS build machine.
- Downloading, patching, and building the software components that create the Android™ system image.
- Building from sources and using pre-built images.
- Copying the images to boot media.
- Hardware/software configurations for programming the boot media and running the images.

For more information about building the Android platform, see source.android.com/source/building.html.

2 Preparation

2.1 Setting up your computer

To build the Android source files, use a computer running the Linux OS. The Ubuntu 16.04 64-bit version and openjdk-8-jdk is the most tested environment for the Android Pie 9.0 build.

After installing the computer running Linux OS, check whether all the necessary packages are installed for an Android build. See "Setting up your machine" on the Android website source.android.com/source/initializing.html.

In addition to the packages requested on the Android website, the following packages are also needed:

```
$ sudo apt-get install uuid uuid-dev
$ sudo apt-get install zlib1g-dev liblz-dev
$ sudo apt-get install liblzo2-2 liblzo2-dev
$ sudo apt-get install lzop
$ sudo apt-get install git-core curl
$ sudo apt-get install u-boot-tools
$ sudo apt-get install mtd-utils
$ sudo apt-get install android-tools-fsutils
$ sudo apt-get install openjdk-8-jdk
$ sudo apt-get install device-tree-compiler
$ sudo apt-get install gdisk
$ sudo apt-get install m4
$ sudo apt-get install libz-dev
```

NOTE

If you have trouble installing the JDK in Ubuntu, see How to install misc JDK in Ubuntu for Android build.

Configure git before use. Set the name and email as follows:

- git config --global user.name "First Last"
- git config --global user.email "first.last@company.com"

2.2 Unpacking the Android release package

After you have set up a computer running Linux OS, unpack the Android release package by using the following commands:

```
$ cd ~ (or any other directory you like)
$ tar xzvf imx-p9.0.0_2.3.4.tar.gz
```

3 Building the Android platform for i.MX

3.1 Getting i.MX Android release source code

The i.MX Android release source code consists of three parts:

- NXP i.MX public source code, which is maintained in the CodeAurora Forum repository.
- AOSP Android public source code, which is maintained in android.googlesource.com.
- NXP i.MX Android proprietary source code package, which is maintained in www.NXP.com.

Assume you had i.MX Android proprietary source code package imx-p9.0.0_2.3.4.tar.gz under ~/. directory. To generate the i.MX Android release source code build environment, execute the following commands:

```
$ mkdir ~/bin
$ curl https://storage.googleapis.com/git-repo-downloads/repo > ~/bin/repo
$ chmod a+x ~/bin/repo
$ export PATH=${PATH}:~/bin
$ source ~/imx-p9.0.0_2.3.4/imx_android_setup.sh
# By default, the imx_android_setup.sh script will create the source code build environemnt in the
folder ~/android_build
# ${MY_ANDROID} will be refered as the i.MX Android source code root directory in all i.MX Andorid
release documentation.
$ export MY_ANDROID=~/android_build
```

3.2 Building Android images

Building the Android image is performed when the source code has been downloaded (Section 3.1 "Getting i.MX Android release source code").

Commands **lunch <buildName-buildType>** to set up the build configuration and **make** to start the build process are executed.

The build configuration command **lunch** can be issued with an argument <Build name>-<Build type> string, such as **lunch evk_8mm-userdebug**, or can be issued without the argument, which will present a menu of options to select.

The Build Name is the Android device name found in the directory ${MY_ANDROID}/device/fsl/. The following table lists the i.MX build names.

Table 1. Build names

Build name	Description
evk_8mn	i.MX 8M Nano EVK Board

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Table 1. Build names (continued)

Build name	Description
mek_8q	i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK Board

The build type is used to specify what debug options are provided in the final image. The following table lists the build types.

Table 2. Build types

Build type	Description
user	Production-ready image, no debug
userdebug	Provides image with root access and debug, similar to "user"
eng	Development image with debug tools

Android build steps are as follows:

1. Change to the top level build directory.

```
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}
```

2. Set up the environment for building. This only configures the current terminal.

```
$ source build/envsetup.sh
```

3. Execute the Android **lunch** command. In this example, the setup is for the production image of i.MX 8M Mini EVK Board/ Platform device with userdebug type.

```
$ lunch evk_8mn-userdebug
```

4. Execute the **make** command to generate the image.

```
$ make 2>&1 | tee build-log.txt
```

When the **make** command is complete, the build-log.txt file contains the execution output. Check for any errors.

For BUILD_ID & BUILD_NUMBER changing, update build_id.mk in your ${MY_ANDROID} directory. For details, see the Android™ Frequently Asked Questions.

The following outputs are generated by default in ${MY_ANDROID}/out/target/product/evk_8mn:

- root/: root file system (including init, init.rc). Mounted at /.
- system/: Android system binary/libraries. Mounted at /system.
- recovery/: root file system when booting in "recovery" mode. Not used directly.
- dtbo-imx8mn.img: Board's device tree binary. It is used to support MIPI-to-HDMI output.
- dtbo-imx8mn-rpmsg.img: Board's device tree binary. It is used to support MIPI-to-HDMI output and MCU image.
- dtbo-imx8mn-mipi-panel: Board's device tree binary. It is used to support MIPI Panel output.
- vbmeta-imx8mn.img: Android Verify boot metadata image for dtbo-imx8mn.img.
- vbmeta-imx8mn-rpmsg.img: Android Verify boot metadata image for dtbo-imx8mn-rpmsg.img.
- vbmeta-imx8mn-mipi-panel.img: Android Verify boot metadata image for dtbo-imx8mn-mipi-panel.img.
- ramdisk.img: Ramdisk image generated from "root/". Not directly used.
- system.img: EXT4 image generated from "system/". Can be programmed to "SYSTEM" partition on SD/eMMC card with "dd".

- partition-table.img: GPT partition table image. Used for 16 GB SD card and eMMC card.
- partition-table-7GB.img: GPT partition table image. Used for 8 GB SD card.
- partition-table-28GB.img: GPT partition table image. Used for 32 GB SD card.
- u-boot-imx8mn.imx: U-Boot image without Trusty OS integrated into it for i.MX 8M Nano EVK DDR4.
- u-boot-imx8mn-trusty.imx: U-Boot image with Trusty OS integrated into it for i.MX 8M Nano EVK DDR4.
- u-boot-imx8mn-evk-uuu.imx: U-Boot image used by UUU for i.MX 8M Nano EVK DDR4. It is not flashed to MMC.
- u-boot-imx8mn-lpddr4.imx: U-Boot image without Trusty OS integrated into it for i.MX 8M Nano EVK LPDDR4.
- u-boot-imx8mn-lpddr4-evk-uuu.imx: U-Boot image used by UUU for i.MX 8M Nano EVK LPDDR4. It is not flashed to MMC.
- imx8mn_mcu_demo.img: MCU FreeRTOS image on MCU side.
- vendor.img: vendor image, which holds platform binaries. Mounted at /vendor.
- boot.img: a composite image that includes the kernel Image, ramdisk, and boot parameters.
- rpmb_key_test.bin: prebuilt test RPMB key. Can be used to set the RPMB key as fixed 32 bytes 0x00.
- testkey_public_rsa4096.bin: prebuilt AVB public key. It is extracted from the default AVB private key.

NOTE

- To build the U-Boot image separately, see Building U-Boot images.
- To build the kernel uImage separately, see Building a kernel image.
- To build boot.img, see Building boot.img.
- To build dtbo.img, see Building dtbo.img.

3.2.1 Configuration examples of building i.MX devices

The following table shows examples of using the `lunch` command to set up different i.MX devices. After the desired i.MX device is set up, the `make` command is used to start the build.

Table 3. i.MX device lunch examples

Build name	Description
i.MX 8M Nano EVK Board	$ lunch evk_8mn-userdebug
i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board	$ lunch mek_8q-userdebug

3.2.2 Build mode selection

There are three types of build mode to select: eng, user, and userdebug.

NOTE

To pass CTS, use **user** build mode.

The userdebug build behaves the same as the user build, with the ability to enable additional debugging that normally violates the security model of the platform. This makes the userdebug build with greater diagnosis capabilities for user test.

The eng build prioritizes engineering productivity for engineers who work on the platform. The eng build turns off various optimizations used to provide a good user experience. Otherwise, the eng build behaves similar to the user and userdebug builds, so that device developers can see how the code behaves in those environments.

In a module definition, the module can specify tags with LOCAL_MODULE_TAGS, which can be one or more values of optional (default), debug, eng.

If a module does not specify a tag (by LOCAL_MODULE_TAGS), its tag defaults to optional. An optional module is installed only if it is required by product configuration with PRODUCT_PACKAGES.

The main differences among the three modes are listed as follows:

- eng: development configuration with additional debugging tools
  - Installs modules tagged with: eng and/or debug.
  - Installs modules according to the product definition files, in addition to tagged modules.
  - ro.secure=0
  - ro.debuggable=1
  - ro.kernel.android.checkjni=1
  - adb is enabled by default.
- user: limited access; suited for production
  - Installs modules tagged with user.
  - Installs modules according to the product definition files, in addition to tagged modules.
  - ro.secure=1
  - ro.debuggable=0
  - adb is disabled by default.
- userdebug: like user but with root access and debuggability; preferred for debugging
  - Installs modules tagged with debug.
  - ro.debuggable=1
  - adb is enabled by default.

There are two methods for the build of Android image.

Method 1: Set the environment first and then issue the `make` command:

```
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}
$ source build/envsetup.sh   #set env
$ make -j4 PRODUCT-XXX userdebug 2>&1 | tee build-log.txt  #XXX depends on different boards. See the
table below.
```

Table 4. Android system image production build method 1

i.MX development tool	Description	Image build command
Evaluation Kit	i.MX 8M Nano EVK	$ make -j4 PRODUCT-evk_8mn-userdebug
Evaluation Kit	i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK	$ make -j4 PRODUCT-mek_8q-userdebug

Method 2: Set the environment and then use `lunch` command to configure argument. See table below. An example for the i.MX 8M Nano EVK board is as follows:

```
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mn-userdebug
$ make -j4
```

Table 5. Android system image production build method 2

i.MX development tool	Description	Lunch configuration
Evaluation Kit	i.MX 8M Nano EVK	evk_8mn-userdebug
Evaluation Kit	i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK	mek_8q-userdebug

For more Android platform building information, see source.android.com/source/building.html.

3.2.3 Building with GMS package

Get the Google Mobile Services (GMS) package from Google. Put the GMS package into `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/partner_gms` folder. Make sure that the product.mk* file includes the following line:

```
$(call inherit-product-if-exists, vendor/partner_gms/products/gms.mk)
```

Then build the images. The GMS package is installed into the target images.

NOTE

`product.mk` indicates the build target make file. For example, for i.MX 8M Nano EVK Board, the `product.mk` is named `device/fsl/imx8m/evk_8mn/evk_8mn.mk`.

3.3 Building U-Boot images

Use the following command to generate `u-boot.imx` under the Android environment:

```
# U-Boot image for i.MX 8M Nano board
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mn-userdebug
$ make bootloader -j4
```

For other platforms, use `lunch <buildName-buildType>` to set up the build configuration. For detailed build configuration, see Section 3.2 "Building Android images".

3.4 Building a kernel image

Kernel image is automatically built when building the Android root file system.

The following are the default Android build commands to build the kernel image:

```
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/kernel-imx
$ echo $ARCH && echo $CROSS_COMPILE
```

Make sure that you have those two environment variables set. If the two variables are not set, set them as follows:

```
$ export ARCH=arm64
$ export CROSS_COMPILE=${MY_ANDROID}/prebuilts/gcc/linux-x86/aarch64/aarch64-linux-android-4.9/bin/
aarch64-linux-android-

# Generate ".config" according to default config file under arch/arm64/configs/android_defconfig.
# to build the kernel Image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK and i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK.
$ make android_defconfig
$ make KCFLAGS=-mno-android
```

The kernel images are found in ${MY_ANDROID}/out/target/product/evk_8mm/obj/KERNEL_OBJ/arch/arm64/boot/Image.

3.5 Building boot.img

boot.img and boota are default booting commands.

As outlined in Running the Android Platform with a Prebuilt Image, we use boot.img and boota as default commands to boot instead of the uramdisk and Image we used before.

Use this command to generate boot.img under Android environment:

```
# Boot image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK board
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mn-userdebug
$ make bootimage -j4
```

For other platforms, use lunch <buildName-buildType> to set up the build configuration. For detailed build configuration, see Section 3.2 "Building Android images".

3.6 Building dtbo.img

Dtbo image holds the device tree binary of the board.

To generate dtbo.img under the Android environment, use the following commands:

```
# dtbo image for i.MX 8M Nano board
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mn-userdebug
$ make dtboimage -j4
```

For other platforms, use lunch <buildName-buildType> to set up the build configuration. For detailed build configuration, see Section 3.2 "Building Android images".

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Table 6. Image packages

Image package	Description
android_p9.0.0_2.3.4_image_8mnevk.tar.gz	Prebuilt image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK board, which includes NXP extended features.
android_p9.0.0_2.3.4_image_8qmek.tar.gz	Prebuilt image for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board, which includes NXP extended features.

The following tables list the detailed contents of android_p9.0.0_2.3.4_image_8mnevk.tar.gz image package.

The table below shows the prebuilt images to support the system on i.MX 8M Nano EVK boards.

Table 7. Images for i.MX 8M Nano EVK

i.MX 8M Nano EVK image	Description
u-boot-imx8mn.imx	Bootloader without Trusty OS integrated into it for i.MX 8M Nano EVK DDR4 board.
u-boot-imx8mn-trusty.imx	Bootloader with Trusty OS integrated into it for i.MX 8M Nano EVK DDR4 board.
u-boot-imx8mn-evk-uuu.imx	Bootloader used by UUU for i.MX 8M Nano EVK DDR4 board. It is not flashed to MMC.
u-boot-imx8mn-lpddr4.imx	Bootloader without Trusty OS integrated into it for i.MX 8M Nano EVK LPDDR4 board.

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Table 7. Images for i.MX 8M Nano EVK (continued)

u-boot-imx8mn-lpddr4-evk-uuu.imx	Bootloader used by UUU for i.MX 8M Nano EVK LPDDR4 board. It is not flashed to MMC.
boot.img	Boot image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK board.
system.img	System Boot image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK board.
vendor.img	Vendor image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK board.
partition-table.img	GPT table image for 16 GB SD card and eMMC.
partition-table-7GB.img	GPT table image for 8 GB SD card.
partition-table-28GB.img	GPT table image for 32 GB SD card.
imx8mn_mcu_demo.img	MCU image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK board.
dtbo-imx8mn.img	Device Tree image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK board to support MIPI-to-HDMI output.
dtbo-imx8mn-rpmsg.img	Device Tree image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK board to support MIPI-to-HDMI output and MCU image.
dtbo-imx8mn-mipi-panel.img	Device Tree image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK board to support MIPI panel output.
vbmeta-imx8mn.img	Android Verify Boot metadata image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK board to support MIPI-to-HDMI output.
vbmeta-imx8mn-rpmsg.img	Android Verify Boot metadata image for i.MX 8M Nano board to support MIPI-to-HDMI output and mcu image.
vbmeta-imx8mn-mipi-panel.img	Android Verify Boot metadata image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK board to support MIPI panel output.
rpmb_key_test.bin	Prebuilt test RPMB key, which can be used to set the RPMB key as fixed 32 bytes 0x00.
testkey_public_rsa4096.bin	Prebuilt AVB public key, which is extracted from the default AVB private key.

The following tables list the detailed contents of android_p9.0.0_2.3.4_image_8qmek.tar.gz package.

The table below shows the prebuilt images to support the system on i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK boards.

Table 8. Images for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK

i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK images	Description
spl-imx8qxp.bin	SPL for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board with b0 chip.
u-boot-imx8qxp-mek-uuu.imx	Bootloader used by UUU for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board with b0 chip. It is not flashed to MMC.
bootloader-imx8qxp.img	The next loader image after SPL for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board with b0 chip.
spl-imx8qxp-c0.bin	SPL for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board with c0 chip.
u-boot-imx8qxp-mek-c0-uuu.imx	Bootloader used by UUU for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board with c0 chip. It is not flashed to MMC.
bootloader-imx8qxp-c0.img	The next loader image after SPL for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board with c0 chip.
boot.img	Boot image for to support LVDS-to-HDMI display.
partition-table.img	GPT table image for 16 GB boot storage.

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Table 8. Images for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK (continued)

partition-table-7GB.img	GPT table image for 8 GB boot storage.
partition-table-28GB.img	GPT table image for 32 GB boot storage.
vbmeta-imx8qxp.img	Android Verify Boot metadata Image for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board to support LVDS-to-HDMI display.
system.img	System image.
vendor.img	Vendor image.
dtbo-imx8qxp.img	Device Tree Image for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK.
rpmb_key_test.bin	Prebuilt test RPMB key. It can be used to set the RPMB key as fixed 32 bytes 0x00.
testkey_public_rsa4096.bin	Prebuilt AVB public key. It is extracted from the default AVB private key.

NOTE

boot.img is an Android image that stores Image and ramdisk together. It can also store other information such as the kernel boot command line and machine name. This information can be configured in android.mk. It can avoid touching boot loader code to change any default boot arguments.

5 Programming Images

The images from the prebuilt release package or created from source code contain the U-Boot boot loader, system image, GPT image, vendor image, and vbmeta image. At a minium, the storage devices on the development system (MMC/SD) must be programmed with the U-Boot boot loader. The i.MX 8 series boot process determines what storage device to access based on the switch settings. When the boot loader is loaded and begins execution, the U-Boot environment space is then read to determine how to proceed with the boot process. For U-Boot environment settings, see Section Booting.

The following download methods can be used to write the Android System Image:

- UUU to download all images to the eMMC/SD card.
- fsl-sdcard-partition.sh to download all images to the SD card.
- fastboot_imx_flashall script to download all images to the eMMC/SD storage.

5.1 System on eMMC/SD

The images needed to create an Android system on eMMC/SD can either be obtained from the release package or be built from source.

The images needed to create an Android system on eMMC/SD are listed below:

- U-Boot image: u-boot.imx
- GPT table image: partition-table.img
- Android dtbo image: dtbo.img
- Android boot image: boot.img
- Android system image: system.img
- Android verify boot metadata image: vbmeta.img
- Android vendor image: vendor.img

5.1.1 Storage partitions

The layout of the eMMC card for Android system is shown below:

- [Partition type/index] which is defined in the GPT.
- [Start Offset] shows where partition is started, unit in MB.

The system partition is used to put the built-out Android system image. The userdata parition is used to put the unpacked codes/data of the applications, system configuration database, etc. In normal boot mode, the root file system is mounted from the system partition. In recovery mode, the root file system is mounted from the boot partition.

Table 9. Storage partitions

Partition type/index	Name	Start offset	Size	File system	Content
N/A	bootloader	0 KB (i.MX 8M Nano EVK eMMC), 32 KB (i.MX 8M Nano EVK, i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK SD card)	4 MB	N/A	bootloader
1	dtbo_a	8 MB	4 MB	N/A	dtbo.img
2	dtbo_b	Follow dtbo_a	4 MB	N/A	dtbo.img
3	boot_a	Follow dtbo_b	48 MB	boot.img format, a kernel + recovery ramdisk	boot.img
4	boot_b	Follow boot_a	48 MB	boot.img format, a kernel + recovery ramdisk	boot.img
5	system_a	Follow boot_b	2560 MB	EXT4. Mount as / system	Android system files under / system/dir
6	system_b	Follow system_a	2560 MB	EXT4. Mount as / system	Android system files under / system/dir
7	misc	Follow system_b	4 MB	N/A	For recovery store bootloader message, reserve
8	metadata	Follow misc	2 MB	N/A	For system slide show
9	presistdata	Follow metadata	1 MB	N/A	Option to operate unlock \unlock
10	vendor_a	Follow persistdata	256 MB	EXT4. Mount at / vendor	vendor.img
11	vendor_b	Follow vendor_a	256 MB	EXT4. Mount at / vendor	vendor.img
12	userdata	Follow vendor_b	Remained space	EXT4. Mount at / data	Application data storage for system application, and for internal media partition, in /mnt/sdcard/ dir.

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Table 9. Storage partitions (continued)

Partition type/index	Name	Start offset	Size	File system	Content
13	fbmisc	Follow userdata	1 MB	N/A	For storing the state of lock \unlock
14	vbmeta_a	Follow fbmisc	1 MB	N/A	For storing the verify boot's metadata
15	vbmeta_b	Follow vbmeta_a	1 MB	N/A	For storing the verify boot's metadata

To create these partitions, use UUU described in the *Android™ Quick Start Guide* (AQSUG), or use format tools in the prebuilt directory.

The script below can be used to partition an SD Card and download images to them as shown in the partition table above:

```
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}/
$ sudo ./device/fsl/common/tools/fsl-sdcard-partition.sh -f <soc_name> /dev/sdX
# <soc_name> can be imx8mn, imx8qxp.
```

NOTE

- The minimum size of the SD card is 8 GB bytes.
- If the SD card is 8 GB, use `sudo ./device/fsl/common/tools/fsl-sdcard-partition.sh -f <soc_name> -c 7 /dev/sdX` to flash images.
- If the SD card is 16 GB, use `sudo ./device/fsl/common/tools/fsl-sdcard-partition.sh -f <soc_name> /dev/sdX` to flash images.
- If the SD card is 32 GB, use `sudo ./device/fsl/common/tools/fsl-sdcard-partition.sh -f <soc_name> -c 28 /dev/sdX` to flash images.
- /dev/sdX, the X is the disk index from 'a' to 'z', which may be different on each Linux PC.
- Unmount all the SD card partitions before running the script.
- Put related bootloader, boot image, system image, and vbmeta image in your current directory.
- This script needs simg2img tool to be installed on your PC. The simg2img is a tool that converts sparse system image to raw system image on the host PC running Linux OS. The android-tools-fsutils package includes the simg2img command for Ubuntu Linux.
- For more information, execute `./fsl-sdcard-partition.sh -h` to get the help information.

5.1.2 Downloading images with UUU

UUU can be used to download all images into a target device. It is a quick and easy tool for downloading images. See the *Android™ Quick Start Guide* (AQSUG) for detailed description of UUU.

5.1.3 Downloading images with fastboot_imx_flashall script

UUU can be used to flash the Android system image into the board, but it needs to make the board enter serial down mode first, and make the board enter boot mode once flashing is finished.

A new fastboot_imx_flashall script is supported to use fastboot to flash the Android system image into the board. It is more flexible. To use the new script, the board must be able to enter fastboot mode and the device must be unlocked. The table below lists the fastboot_imx_flashall scripts.

Table 10. fastboot_imx_flashall script

Name	Host system to execute the script
fastboot_imx_flashall.sh	Linux OS
fastboot_imx_flashall.bat	Windows OS

With the help of fastboot_imx_flashall scripts, you do not need to use fastboot to flash Android images one-by-one manually. These scripts will automatically flash all images with only one command.

fastboot can be built with Android build system. Based on Section 3, which introduces how to build android images, perform the following steps to build fastboot:

```
    $ cd ${MY_ANDROID}
    $ make -j4 fastboot
```

After the build process finishes building fastboot, the directory to find the fastboot is as follows:

- Linux version binary file: ${MY_ANDROID}/host/linux-x86/bin/
- Windows version binary file: ${MY_ANDROID}/host/windows-x86/bin/

The way to use these scripts is follows:

- Linux shell script usage: sudo fastboot_imx_flashall.sh <option>
- Windows batch script usage: fastboot_imx_flashall.bat <option>

```
Options:
      -h                Displays this help message
      -f soc_name       Flashes the Android image file with soc_name
      -a                Only flashes the image to slot_a
      -b                Only flashes the image to slot_b
      -c card_size      Optional setting: 7 / 14 / 28
                        If it is not set, use partition-table.img (default).
                        If it is set to 7, use partition-table-7GB.img for 8 GB SD card.
                        If it is set to 14, use partition-table-14GB.img for 16 GB SD card.
                        If it is set to 28, use partition-table-28GB.img for 32 GB SD card.
                        Make sure that the corresponding file exists on your platform.
      -m                Flashes the MCU image.
      -u uboot_feature  Flashes U-Boot or SPL&bootloader images with "uboot_feature" in their names.
                        For Standard Android:
                            If not set, default U-Boot image is flashed.
                        For Android Automative:
                            If not set, default SPL&bootloader images is flashed.
      -d dtb_feature    Flashes dtbo, vbmeta and recovery image file with "dtb_feature" in their names.
                        If not set, default dtbo, vbmeta and recovery image are flashed.
      -e                Erases user data after all image files are flashed.
      -l                Locks the device after all image files are flashed.
      -D directory      Directory of images.
                        If this script is execute in the directory of the images, it does not need to
use this option.
      -s ser_num        Serial number of the board.
                        If only one board connected to computer, it does not need to use this option.
```

NOTE

- -f option is mandatory. SoC name can be imx8mn, imx8qxp.
- Boot the device to U-Boot fastboot mode, and then execute these scripts. The device should be unlocked first.
- -tos mode only works for eMMC boot mode.

Example:

```
sudo ./fastboot_imx_flashall.sh -f imx8mn -a -e -u trusty -D /imx_pi9.0/evk_8mn/
```

Options explanation:

- -f imx8mn: Flashes images for i.MX 8M Nano EVK Board.
- -a: Only flashes slot a.
- -e: Erases user data after all image files are flashed.
- -D /imx_pi9.0/evk_8mn/: Images to be flashed are in the directory of /imx_pi9.0/evk_8mn/.
- -u trusty: Flashes the bootloader with Trusty OS enabled.

6 Booting

This chapter describes booting from MMC/SD.

6.1 Booting from eMMC/SD

6.1.1 Booting from SD/eMMC on the i.MX 8M Nano board

The following tables list the boot switch settings to control the boot storage.

Table 11. Boot device switch settings

Boot mode switch	SW1101 (from 1-4 bit)
download mode	1000

Table 12. Boot mode switch settings

Boot mode switch	SW1101 (from 1-4 bit)
eMMC boot	0100

- To boot from SD, change the board Boot_Mode switch to SW1101 1100 (from 1-4 bit).
- To boot from eMMC, change the board Boot_Mode switch to SW1101 0100 (from 1-8 bit).

The default environment in boot.img is booting from eMMC. To use the default environment in boot.img, do not set bootargs environment in U-Boot.

To clear the bootargs environment being set and saved before, use the following command:

```
U-Boot > setenv bootargs
U-Boot > saveenv        # Save the environments
```

NOTE

bootargs environment is an optional setting for boota. The boot.img includes a default bootargs, which is used if if there is no bootargs defined in U-Boot.

6.1.2 Booting from SD/eMMC on the i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board

The following tables list the boot switch settings to control the boot storage.

Table 13. Boot device switch settings

i.MX 8QuadXPlus boot switch	Download mode (UUU mode)	SD boot	eMMC boot
SW2 Boot_Mode (1-4 bit)	1000	1100	0100

To test booting from SD, change the board Boot_Mode switch to 1100 (1-4 bit).

To test booting from eMMC, change the board Boot_Mode switch to 0100 (1-4 bit).

The default environment in boot.img is booting from eMMC. To use the default environment in boot.img, do not set bootargs environment in U-Boot.

To clear the bootargs environment being set and saved before, use the following command:

```
U-Boot > setenv bootargs
U-Boot > saveenv        # Save the environments
```

NOTE

bootargs environment is an optional setting for boota. The boot.img includes a default bootargs, which is used if if there is no bootargs defined in U-Boot.

6.2 Boot-up configurations

This section explains some common boot-up configurations such as U-Boot environments, kernel command line, and DM-verity configuartions.

6.2.1 U-Boot environment

- bootcmd: the first variable to run after U-Boot boot.
- bootargs: the kernel command line, which the bootloader passes to the kernel. As described in Kernel command line (bootargs), bootargs environment is optional for booti. boot.img already has bootargs. If you do not define the bootargs environment, it uses the default bootargs inside the image. If you have the environment, it is then used.

  To use the default environment in boot.img, use the following command to clear the bootargs environment.

  ```
  > setenv bootargs
  ```

- boota:

  boota command parses the boot.img header to get the Image and ramdisk. It also passes the bootargs as needed (it only passes bootargs in boot.img when it cannot find "bootargs" var in your U-Boot environment). To boot the system, do the following:

  ```
  > boota
  ```

  To boot into recovery mode, execute the following command:

  ```
  > boota recovery
  ```

6.2.2 Kernel command line (bootargs)

Depending on the different booting/usage scenarios, you may need different kernel boot parameters set for bootargs.

Table 14. Kernel boot parameters

Kernel parameter	Description	Typical value	Used when
console	Where to output kernel log by printk.	console=ttymxc0	i.MX 8M Nano EVK use console=ttymxc1
init	Tells kernel where the init file is located.	init=/init	All use cases. "init" in the Android platform is located in "/" instead of in "/sbin".
androidboot.console	The Android shell console. It should be the same as console=.	androidboot.console=ttymxc0	To use the default shell job control, such as Ctrl+C to terminate a running process, set this for the kernel.
cma	CMA memory size for GPU/VPU physical memory allocation.	• For i.MX 8M Nano EVK, it is 800 MB by default. • For i.MX 8QuadXPlus, it is 800 MB by default.	For i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK, the start address is 0x96000000 and end address is 0xDFFFFFFFF. The CMA size can be configured to other value, but cannot be large than 1184 MB as teh Cortex-M4 core will also allocate memory from CMA and Cortex-M4 cannot use the memory large than 0xDFFFFFFFF.
androidboot.selinux	Argument to disable selinux check and enable serial input when connecting a host computer to the target board's USB UART port. For details about selinux, see Security-Enhanced Linux in Android.	androidboot.selinux=permissive	Android Pie 9.0 CTS requirement: serial input should be disabled by default. Setting this argument enables console serial input, which will violate the CTS requirement. Setting this argument will also bypass all the selinux rules defined in Android system. It is recommended to set this argument for internal developer.
androidboot.primary_display	It is used to chose and fix primary display.	androidboot.primary_display=imx-drm	androidboot.primary_display=mxsfb-drm is only used for MIPI display.
androidboot.lcd_density	It is used to set the display density and over write ro.sf.lcd_density in init.rc for MIPI-to-HDMI display.	androidboot.lcd_density=160	-

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Table 14. Kernel boot parameters (continued)

Kernel parameter	Description	Typical value	Used when
androidboot.displaymode	It is used to configure the kernel/driver work mode/fps.	• 4k display should be configured as: androidboot.displaymode=4k. The default fps is 60fps. To configure fps, change this value to 4kp60/4kp50/4kp30. • 1080p display should be configured as: androidboot.displaymode=1080p. The default fps is 60fps. To configure fps, change this value to 1080p60/1080p50/1080p30. • 720p display should be configured as: androidboot.displaymode=720p. The default fps is 60fps. To configure fps, change this value to 720p60/720p50/720p30. • 480p display should be configured as: androidboot.displaymode=480p. The default fps is 60fps. To configure fps, change this value to 480p60/480p50/480p30.	The system will find out and work at the best display mode, and display mode can be changed through this bootargs.
androidboot.fbTileSupport	It is used to enable framebuffer super tile output.	androidboot.fbTileSupport=enable	It should not be set when connecting the MIPI-to-HDMI display or MIPI panel display.
firmware_class.path	It is used to set the Wi-Fi firmware path.	firmware_class.path=/vendor/firmware	-
androidboot.wificountrycode=CN	It is used to set Wi-Fi country code. Different countries use different Wi-Fi channels.	androidboot.wificountrycode=CN	For details, see the Android™ Frequently Asked Questions.
transparent_hugepage	It is used to change the sysfs boot time defaults	transparent_hugepage=never/always/madvise	-

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Table 14. Kernel boot parameters (continued)

Kernel parameter	Description	Typical value	Used when
	of Transparent Hugepage support.		
loop.max_part	It defines how many partitions to be able to manage per loop device.	loop.max_part=7	-

6.2.3 DM-verity configuration

DM-verity (device-mapper-verity) provides transparent integrity checking of block devices. It can prevent device from running unauthorized images. This feature is enabled by default. Replacing one or more partitions (boot, vendor, system, vbmeta) will make the board unbootable. Disabling DM-verity provides convience for developers, but the device is unprotected.

To disable DM-verity, perform the following steps:

1. Unlock the device.
    a. Boot up the device.
    b. Choose **Settings** -> **Developer Options** -> **OEM Unlocking** to enable OEM unlocking.
    c. Execute the following command on the target side to make the board enter fastboot mode:

```
reboot bootloader
```

    d. Unlock the device. Execute the following command on the host side:

```
fastboot oem unlock
```

    e. Wait until the unlock process is complete.
2. Disable DM-verity.
    a. Boot up the device.
    b. Disable the DM-verity feature. Execute the following command on the host side:

```
adb root
adb disable-verity
adb reboot
```

7 Over-The-Air (OTA) Update

7.1 Building OTA update packages

7.1.1 Building target files

You can use the following commands to generate target files under the Android environment:

```
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mn-userdebug
$ make target-files-package -j4
```

After building is complete, you can find the target files in the following path:

```
${MY_ANDROID}/out/target/product/evk_8mn/obj/PACKAGING/target_files_intermediates/evk_8mn-
target_files-${date}.zip
```

7.1.2 Building a full update package

A full update is one where the entire final state of the device (system, boot, and vendor partitions) is contained in the package.

You can use the following commands to build a full update package under the Android environment:

```
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mn-userdebug
$ make otapackage -j4
```

After building is complete, you can find the OTA packages in the following path:

```
${MY_ANDROID}/out/target/proudct/evk_8mn/evk_8mn-ota-${date}.zip
```

`evk_8mn-ota-${date}.zip` includes `payload.bin` and `payload_properties.txt`. The two files are used for full update.

NOTE

- `${date}` is the BUILD_NUMBER in `build_id.mk`.

7.1.3 Building an incremental update package

An incremental update contains a set of binary patches to be applied to the data that is already on the device. This can result in considerably smaller update packages:

- Files that have not changed do not need to be included.
- Files that have changed are often very similar to their previous versions, so the package only needs to contain encoding of the differences between the two files. You can install the incremental update package only on a device that has the old or source build used when constructing the package.

Before building an incremental update package, see Section 7.1.1 to build two target files:

- PREVIOUS-target_files.zip: one old package that has already been applied on the device.
- NEW-target_files.zip: the latest package that is waiting to be applied on the device.

Then use the following commands to generate the incremental update package under the Android environment:

```
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}
$ ./build/tools/releasetools/ota_from_target_files -i PREVIOUS-target_files.zip NEW-target_files.zip
incremental_ota_update.zip
```

`${MY_ANDROID}/incremental_ota_update.zip` includes `payload.bin` and `payload_properties.txt`. The two files are used for incremental update.

7.2 Implementing OTA update

7.2.1 Using update_engine_client to update the Android platform

update_engine_client is a pre-built tool to support A/B (seamless) system updates. It supports update system from a remote server or board's storage.

To update system from a remote server, perform the following steps:

1. Copy `ota_update.zip` or `incremental_ota_update.zip` (generated on 7.1.2 and 7.1.3) to the HTTP server (for example, 192.168.1.1:/var/www/).
2. Unzip the packages to get `payload.bin` and `payload_properties.txt`.
3. Cat the content of `payload_properties.txt` like this:
   - FILE_HASH=0fSBbXonyTjaAzMpwTBgM9AVtlBeyOigpCCgkoOfHKY=
   - FILE_SIZE=379074366
   - METADATA_HASH=Icrs3NqoglzyppyCZouWKbo5f08IPokhlUfHDmz77WQ=
   - METADATA_SIZE=46866
4. Input the following command on the board's console to update:

```
update_engine_client --payload=http://192.168.1.1:10888/payload.bin --update --
headers="FILE_HASH=0fSBbXonyTjaAzMpwTBgM9AVtlBeyOigpCCgkoOfHKY=
FILE_SIZE=379074366
METADATA_HASH=Icrs3NqoglzyppyCZouWKbo5f08IPokhlUfHDmz77WQ=
METADATA_SIZE=46866"
```

5. The system will update in the background. After it finishes, it will show "Update successfully applied, waiting to reboot" in the logcat.

To update system from board's storage, perform the following steps:

1. Unzip `ota_update.zip` or `incremental_ota_update.zip` (Generated on 7.1.2 and 7.1.3) to get `payload.bin` and `payload_properties.txt`.
2. Push payload.bin to board's /sdcard dir: `adb push payload.bin /sdcard/`.
3. Cat the content of payload_properties.txt like this:
   - FILE_HASH=0fSBbXonyTjaAzMpwTBgM9AVtlBeyOigpCCgkoOfHKY=
   - FILE_SIZE=379074366
   - METADATA_HASH=Icrs3NqoglzyppyCZouWKbo5f08IPokhlUfHDmz77WQ=
   - METADATA_SIZE=46866
4. Input the following command on the board's console to update:

```
update_engine_client --payload=file:///sdcard/payload.bin --update --
headers="FILE_HASH=0fSBbXonyTjaAzMpwTBgM9AVtlBeyOigpCCgkoOfHKY=
FILE_SIZE=379074366
METADATA_HASH=Icrs3NqoglzyppyCZouWKbo5f08IPokhlUfHDmz77WQ=
METADATA_SIZE=46866"
```

5. The system will update in the background. After it finishes, it will show "Update successfully applied, waiting to reboot" in the logcat.

NOTE

Make sure that the -- header equals to the exact content of payload_properties.txt without "space" or "return" character.

7.2.2 Using a customized application to update the Android platform

There is a reference OTA application unter `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/fsl_imx_demo/FSLOta`, which can do the OTA operations:

1. Get `payload_properties.txt` and `payload.bin` from a specific address.
2. Use the update_engine service to update the Android platform.

Perform the following steps to use this application:

1. Set up the HTTP server (eg., lighttpd, apache).

   You need one HTTP server to hold OTA packages.

   - For full OTA update, execute the following commands:

     ```
     cp ${MY_ANDROID}/out/target/product/evk_8mn/system/build.prop ${server_ota_folder}
     cp ${MY_ANDROID}/out/target/product/evk_8mn/evk_8mn-ota-${date}.zip ${server_ota_folder}
     cd ${server_ota_folder}
     unzip evk_8mn-ota-${date}.zip
     ```

   - For incremental OTA update, execute the following commands:

     ```
     cp ${old_build.prop} ${server_ota_folder}/old_build.prop
     cp ${MY_ANDROID}/out/target/product/evk_8mn/system/build.prop ${server_ota_folder}/
     build_diff.prop
     mkdir ${server_ota_folder}/diff_ota
     cp ${MY_ANDROID}/incremental_ota_update.zip ${server_ota_folder}/diff_ota
     cd ${server_ota_folder}/diff_ota
     unzip incremental_ota_update.zip
     mv payload.bin payload_diff.bin
     mv payload_properties.txt payload_properties_diff.txt
     mv payload_diff.bin payload_properties_diff.txt ${server_ota_folder}
     cd ${server_ota_folder}
     echo -n "base." >> build_diff.prop
     grep "ro.build.date.utc" old_build.prop >> build_diff.prop
     ```

   For example, the server_ota_folder content is like this (Make sure that you have at least 6 files as follows in ${server_ota_folder}, or the OTA application will be aborted):

   ```
   build@server:/var/www/evk_8mn_pie_9$ ls
   build.prop build_diff.prop payload.bin payload_diff.bin payload_properties.txt
   payload_properties_diff.txt
   ```

   NOTE

   - server_ota_folder: ${http_root}/evk_8mn_${ota_folder_suffix}_${version}.
   - ${old_build.prop} is the old image's build.prop.
   - evk_8mn-ota-${date}-${soc}.zip and incremental_ota_update.zip are built from Section 7.1.2 "Building a full update package" and Section 7.1.3 "Building an incremental update package".
   - ${ota_folder_suffix} is stored at board's /vendor/etc/ota.conf.
   - ${version} can be obtained by the following command on the board's console: $getprop ro.build.version.release.
   - These file and folder names should align with this example, or modify the OTA application source code correspondingly.

2. Configure the OTA server IP address and HTTP port number.

   The OTA configuration file (/vendor/etc/ota.conf) content is like this:

   ```
   server=192.168.1.100
   port=10888
   ota_folder_suffix=pie
   ```

   Modify it to fit the environment.

3. Open the OTA application and click the **Update** button.

The reference application is a dialogue box activity, and can be enabled through the **Settings** -> **About tablet** -> **Additional system Update** menu. There are two buttons on the dialogue box:

- **Upgrade**: Performs full OTA.
- **Diff Upgrade**: Performs incremental OTA.

Click one button to update the Android platform. After update is complete, click the **Reboot** button on the dialogue box.

NOTE

- This application uses the "ro.build.date.utc=1528987645" property to decide whether it can perform full OTA or incremental OTA.
- local utc = $getprop ro.build.date.utc.
- remote utc = cat ${server_ota_folder}/build.prop | grep "ro.build.date.utc".
- remote diff utc = cat ${server_ota_folder}/build_diff.prop | grep "ro.build.date.utc".
- remote diff base utc = cat ${server_ota_folder}/build_diff.prop | grep "base.ro.build.date.utc" (base.ro.build.date.utc should be added manually, which is the "ro.build.date.utc" value in PREVIOUS-target_files.zip's system/build.prop).
- Full OTA condition:
  - local utc < remote utc
- Incremental OTA condition:
  - local utc = remote diff base utc
  - local utc < remote diff utc

NOTE

The OTA package includes the DTBO image, which stores the board's DTB. There may be many DTS for one board. For example, in ${MY_ANDROID}/device/fsl/imx8m/evk_8mn/BoardConfig.mk:

```
TARGET_BOARD_DTS_CONFIG := imx8mn:fsl-imx8mn-ddr4-evk-trusty.dtb
TARGET_BOARD_DTS_CONFIG += imx8mn-mipi-panel:fsl-imx8mn-ddr4-evk-rm67191.dtb
TARGET_BOARD_DTS_CONFIG += imx8mn-rpmsg:fsl-imx8mn-ddr4-evk-rpmsg.dtb
```

There is one variable to specify which dtbo image is stored in the OTA package:

```
BOARD_PREBUILT_DTBOIMAGE := out/target/product/evk_8mn/dtbo-imx8mn.img
```

Therefore, the default OTA package can only be applied for i.MX 8M Nano EVK with single MIPI-to-HDMI display. To generate the OTA package for i.MX 8M Nano EVK with MIPI panel display, modify this BOARD_PREBUILT_DTBOIMAGE as follows:

```
BOARD_PREBUILT_DTBOIMAGE := out/target/product/evk_8mn/dtbo-imx8mn-mipi-
panel.img
```

For detailed information about A/B OTA updates, see https://source.android.com/devices/tech/ota/ab/.

8 Customized Configuration

8.1 How to change boot command line in boot.img

After boot.img is used, the default kernel boot command line is stored inside the image. It packages together during android build.

You can change this by changing BOARD_KERNEL_CMDLINE's definition in BoardConfig.mk file under `${MY_ANDROID}/device/fsl`.

NOTE

- For i.MX 8M Nano EVK board, the source folder is `${MY_ANDROID}/device/fsl/imx8m/evk_8mn/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board, the source folder is `${MY_ANDROID}/device/fsl/imx8q/mek_8q/BoardConfig.mk`.

8.2 How to configure the rear and front cameras

Property "back_camera_name" and "front_camera_name" are used to configure which camera to be used as the rear camera or front camera.

The name should be either `v4l2_dbg_chip_ident.match.name` returned from v4l2's IOCTL VIDIOC_DBG_G_CHIP_IDENT or `v4l2_capability.driver` returned from v4l2's IOCTL VIDIOC_QUERYCAP.

Camera HAL goes through all the V4L2 devices in the system. Camera HAL chooses the first matched name in property settings as the corresponding camera. Comma is used as a delimiter of different camera name among multiple-camera selection.

The following is an example set in ${MY_ANDROID}/device/fsl/imx8m/evk_8mm/init.rc.

```
setprop back_camera_name mx6s-csi
setprop front_camera_name uvc
```

`media_profiles_V1_0.xml` in `/vendor/etc` is used to configure the parameters used in the recording video. NXP provides several media profile examples that help customer align the parameters with their camera module capability and device definition.

Table 15. Media profile parameters

Profile file name	Rear camera	Front camera
media_profiles_1080p.xml	Maximum to 1080P, 30FPS and 8 Mbps for recording video	Maximum to 720P, 30FPS, and 3 Mbps for recording video
media_profiles_720p.xml	Maximum to 720P, 30FPS, and 3 Mbps for recording video	Maximum to 720P, 30FPS, and 3 Mbps for recording video
media_profiles_480p.xml	Maximum to 480P, 30FPS, and 2 Mbps for recording video	Maximum to 480P, 30FPS, and 2 Mbps for recording video
media_profiles_qvga.xml	Maximum to QVGA, 15FPS, and 128 Kbps for recording video	Maximum to QVGA, 15FPS, and 128 Kbps for recording video

NOTE

Because not all UVC cameras can have 1080P, 30FPS resolution setting, it is recommended that `media_profiles_480p.xml` is used for any board's configuration, which defines the UVC as the rear camera or front camera.

8.3 How to configure camera sensor parameters

Camera sensor parameters are used to calculate view angle when doing panorama. The focal length and sensitive element size should be customized based on the camera sensor being used. The default release have the parameters for OV5640 as the front/back camera.

Ov5640xxx.cpp in vendor/nxp-opensource/imx/libcamera3 are provided to configure sensor. They implement class OV5640xxx.

For a new camera sensor, a new camera sensor class should be created with the corresponding focal length and sensitive element size as the variables mFocalLength, mPhysical.

Table 16. Camera sensor parameters

Parameter	Discription
mFocalLength	Sensor focal length
mPhysicalWidth	Sensitive element width
mPhysicalHeight	Sensitive element height

8.4 How to configure the logical display density

The Android UI framework defines a set of standard logical densities to help application developers target application resources.

Device implementations must report one of the following logical Android framework densities:

- 120 dpi, known as 'ldpi'
- 160 dpi, known as 'mdpi'
- 213 dpi, known as 'tvdpi'
- 240 dpi, known as 'hdpi'
- 320 dpi, known as 'xhdpi'
- 480 dpi, known as 'xxhdpi'

Device implementations should define the standard Android framework density that is numerically closest to the physical density of the screen, unless that logical density pushes the reported screen size below the minimum supported.

To configure the logical display density for framework, you must define the following line in `init.rc under ${MY_ANDROID}/device/fsl/`:

```
setprop ro.sf.lcd_density <density>
```

NOTE

- For the i.MX 8M Mini board, the source folder is ${MY_ANDROID}/device/fsl/imx8m/evk_8mm/init.rc.
- For i.MX 8M Nano Board, the source folder is ${MY_ANDROID}/device/fsl/imx8m/evk_8mn/init.rc.
- For i.MX 8MQuad AIY Board, the source folder is ${MY_ANDROID}/device/fsl/imx8m/aiy_8mq/init.rc.
- For the i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board, the source folder is ${MY_ANDROID}/device/fsl/imx8q/mek_8q/init.rc.

8.5 How to enable low-power audio

The "DirectAudioPlayer" application is provided to support audio playback from DirectOutputThread. The source code is in `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/fsl_imx_demo/DirectAudioPlayer`. After the "vendor.audio.lpa.enable" property is set to 1, low-power audio can be enabled. In this situation, audio can keey playing even if the system enters suspending mode.

By default, the music stream plays from MixedThread. To make stream play from DirectOutputThread, add the AUDIO_OUTPUT_FLAG_DIRECT flag to the related tracks. On the Android Application layer, there is no AUDIO_OUTPUT_FLAG_DIRECT flag to specify DirectOutputThread explicitly. Instead, use FLAG_HW_AV_SYNC when there is "new AudioTrack" in the application. Then the Android audio framework will add AUDIO_OUTPUT_FLAG_DIRECT for this track, and this stream will play from DirectOutputThread.

In low-power audio mode, the default audio period time is 1 second, and the whole buffer can hold 60 seconds data. These two parameters can be configured by the `vendor.audio.lpa.period_ms` and `vendor.audio.lpa.hold_second` properties as follows:

```
    > setprop vendor.audio.lpa.hold_second 60
    > setprop vendor.audio.lpa.period_ms 1000
```

To enable low-power audio, perform the following steps:

1. Flash boot-imx8mm-m4.img, imx8mm_mcu_demo.img, and vbmeta-imx8mm-m4.img to support audio playback based on Cortex-M4 FreeRTOS.
2. Add `bootmcu` to `bootcmd` in U-Boot command line, see Section 3.4.2 "Booting with Single MIPI-to-HDMI display and audio playback based on Cortex-M4 FreeRTOS" in the *Android™ Quick Start Guide* (AQSUG).
3. Run the following command to enable low-power audio mode:

```
> su
> setprop vendor.audio.lpa.enable 1
> pkill audioserver
```

4. Push the .wav audio files to /sdcard/. It is better to use a long duration audio file.
5. Disable the following system sounds:

```
Settings -> Sound -> Touch sounds
Settings -> Sound -> Screen locking sounds
Settings -> Sound -> Charging sounds
```

6. Open the DirectAudioPlayer application, and select a file from the spinner. The file selected is listed under the spinner.
7. Click the **Play** button to play audio.
8. Press the ON/OFF button on the board. The system then enters suspend mode, and the audio can keep playing.

NOTE

- Only the i.MX 8M Mini EVK board supports this feature. The audio is output from the "LPA output" port on the audio expansion board. See Figure "i.MX 8M Mini EVK with audio board" in the *Android™ Quick Start Guide* (AQSUG).
- DirectAudioPlayer supports limited audio files, which is declared in device's audio_policy_configuration.xml with AUDIO_OUTPUT_FLAG_DIRECT|AUDIO_OUTPUT_FLAG_HW_AV_SYNC flag. Other medias are not supported. For example, it does not support playing 44100Hz audio.
- DirectAudioPlayer supports 24/32 bits wav file with sampling rates no more than 192000.

8.6 How to enable USB 2.0 in U-Boot for i.MX 8QuadXPlus

There are both USB 2.0 and USB 3.0 ports on i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board. Because U-Boot can support only one USB gadget driver, the USB 3.0 port is enabled by default. To use the USB 2.0 port, modify the configurations to enable it and disable the USB 3.0 gadget driver.

For i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK, make the following changes under ${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/uboot-imx:

```
diff --git a/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android_defconfig b/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android_defconfig
index ee02e02..e4bbace 100644
--- a/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android_defconfig
+++ b/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android_defconfig
@@ -33,14 +33,14 @@ CONFIG_USB_TCPC=y

 CONFIG_CMD_USB_MASS_STORAGE=y
 CONFIG_USB_GADGET=y
-# CONFIG_CI_UDC=y
+CONFIG_CI_UDC=y
 CONFIG_USB_GADGET_DOWNLOAD=y
 CONFIG_USB_GADGET_MANUFACTURER="FSL"
 CONFIG_USB_GADGET_VENDOR_NUM=0x18d1
 CONFIG_USB_GADGET_PRODUCT_NUM=0x0d02
```

```
-CONFIG_USB_CDNS3=y
-CONFIG_USB_CDNS3_GADGET=y
 CONFIG_USB_GADGET_DUALSPEED=y

 CONFIG_CMD_GPIO=y
diff --git a/include/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android.h b/include/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android.h
index 55f2e15..39022ae 100644
--- a/include/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android.h
+++ b/include/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android.h
@@ -35,7 +35,7 @@
 #define CONFIG_FASTBOOT_FLASH

 #define CONFIG_FSL_FASTBOOT
-#define CONFIG_FASTBOOT_USB_DEV 1
+#define CONFIG_FASTBOOT_USB_DEV 0
 #define CONFIG_ANDROID_RECOVERY
```

To enable USB 2.0 for U-Boot used by UUU, for c language header files, apply the same changes above. For defconfig files, apply the changes above on imx8qxp_mek_android_uuu_defconfig. The defconfig file is specially for U-Boot used by UUU.

8.7 How to accelerate high resolution video playback through DPU

By default, video output framework is composited to display throught the GPU's OpenGL ES API. The GPU's OpenGL ES API has high performance on UI graphics composition, but not the video output from i.MX 8QuadXPlus VPU output. To achieve the best performance of video playback, take the following methods to accelerate the video playback through i.MX 8QuadXPlus DPU.

- Enable it by the default device configuration:

```
device/fsl$ git diff
diff --git a/imx8q/mek_8q/init.rc b/imx8q/mek_8q/init.rc
index 3d6373c..5e1a80f 100644
--- a/imx8q/mek_8q/init.rc
+++ b/imx8q/mek_8q/init.rc
@@ -51,8 +51,8 @@ on early-boot

     # Enable Tethering in the Settings
     setprop ro.tether.denied false
-
-    setprop sys.hwc.disable     1
+    setprop media.amphion_vpu.enable-tile 1
+    setprop sys.hwc.disable     0
     setprop vendor.2d.composition 0
     setprop hwc.stretch.filter  1
```

- Enable it at runtime:

  Set the following property in the command line after the Android platoform boots up.

```
setprop media.amphion_vpu.enable-tile 1
setprop sys.hwc.disable 0
```

  Then, kill android.hardware.graphics.allocator@2.0-service and android.hardware.graphics.composer@2.1-service process to trigger the property set taking effect.

NOTE

With this configuration VPU outputs tile format that breaks Android CTS requirement.

8.8 How to change SCFW

SCFW is a binary stored in `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/uboot-firmware`, built into bootloader. To change SCFW, you need SCFW porting kit and specified board configuration file. SCFW porting kit contains prebuilt binaries and libraries.

Specified board configuration file is stored in SCFW porting kit, for example (i.MX 8QuadXPlus): `imx-scfw-porting-kit/src/scfw_export_mx8qx_b0/platform/board/mx8qx_mek/board.c`.

There is another board configuration file stored in `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/uboot-firmware/imx8q/board-imx8qxp.c`.

You can copy `board.c` from `vendor/nxp/fsl-propeirtary` to the SCFW porting kit. Modify it and then build the SCFW.

The following are steps to build Android SCFW (taking i.MX 8QuadXPlus as example):

1. Download the GCC tool from: https://developer.arm.com/tools-and-software/open-source-software/developer-tools/gnu-toolchain/gnu-rm/downloads, and choose the "6-2017-q2-update" version, as this release is validated with it.
2. Unzip the GCC tool to /opt/scfw_gcc.
3. Export `TOOLS="/opt/scfw-gcc"`.
4. Download SCFW porting kit to `${MY_ANDROID}` as `imx-scfw-porting-kit.bin`. You can download the corresponding version SCFW from here: L4.14.98_2.0.1_SCFWKIT-1.2.2.
5. Unzip the porting kit and SCFW for i.MX 8QuadXPlus.

```
./imx-scfw-porting-kit.bin
cd imx-scfw-porting-kit/src
tar xf scfw_export_mx8qx_b0.tar.gz
```

6. Copy THE board configuration file from `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/uboot-firmware/imx8q/board-imx8qxp.c` to porting kit.

```
cp ${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/uboot-firmware/imx8q/board-imx8qxp.c
scfw_export_mx8qx_b0/platform/board/mx8qx_mek/board.c
```

7. Build SCFW.

```
cd ${MY_ANDROID}/imx-scfw-porting-kit/src/scfw_export_mx8qx_b0
make clean
make qx R=B0 B=mek
```

8. Copy the SCFW binary to the uboot-firmware folder.

```
cp build_mx8qx_b0/scfw_tcm.bin ${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/uboot-firmware/imx8q/
mx8qx-scfw-tcm.bin
```

9. Build the bootloader.

```
cd ${MY_ANDROID}
make bootloader
```

8.9 Trusty OS build and configuration

8.9.1 How to fetch and build the Trusty OS

i.MX Android Automotive Pie uses the Trusty OS firmware as TEE that supports security features. Users can modify the Trusty OS code to support different configurations and features.

In this release, the i.MX Trusty OS is based on AOSP Trusty OS. NXP adds the i.MX 8M Nano EVK board and i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board support on it.

To fetch and build the target Trusty OS binary, use the following commands:

```
$repo init -u https://source.codeaurora.org/external/imx/imx-manifest.git -b imx-android-pie -m imx-
trusty-p9.0.0_2.3.4.xml
$repo sync
$source trusty/vendor/google/aosp/scripts/envsetup.sh
$make imx8mm #i.MX 8M Nano EVK Board
$cp ${TRUSTY_REPO_ROOT}/build-imx8mn/lk.bin ${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/uboot-firmware/
imx8m/tee-imx8mn.bin
```

Then build the images and flash the u-boot-imx8mm-trusty.imx file to the target device.

NOTE

- For i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK, replace "imx8mm" to "imx8qxp" when building the trusty binary. Then copy the binary as "tee-imx8qx.bin" in the "imx8q_car" directory.
- For i.MX 8M Nano EVK, it uses the same lk.bin build for i.MX 8M Mini EVK, so "make imx8mm" is used to build the binary.
- `${TRUSTY_REPO_ROOT}` is the root directory of the Trusty OS repository.
- `${MY_ANDROID}` is the root directory of the Android Automotive Pie repository.

8.9.2 How to initialize the secure storage for the Trusty OS

Security storage is based on RPMB on the eMMC chip. By default, the RPMB key is not initialized by images.

You can use both the specified RPMB key or random RPMB key. The RPMB key cannot be changed once it is set.

- To set a specified RPMB key, perform the following operations:

  Make your board enter fastboot mode. Execute the commands on the host side:

  ```
  fastboot stage <path-to-your-rpmb-key>
  fastboot oem set-rpmb-key
  ```

  After the board is reboot, the RPMB service in Trusty OS is initialized successfully.

NOTE

The RPMB key should start with magic "RPMB" and be followed with 32 bytes hexadecimal key.

A prebuilt rpmb_key_test.bin with the fixed key of 32 bytes hexadecimal 0x00 is provided. It is generated with the following shell commands:

```
touch rpmb_key.bin
echo -n "RPMB" > rpmb_key.bin
echo -n -e
'\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x
>> rpmb_key.bin
```

The '\xHH' means 8-bit character whose value is the hexadecimal value 'HH'. You can replace above "00" with the key you want to set.

- To set a random RPMB key, perform the following operations:

  Make your board enter fastboot mode. Execute the commands on the host side:

  ```
  fastboot oem set-rpmb-random-key
  ```

  After the board is reboot, the RPMB service in Trusty OS is initialized successfully.

NOTE

The random key is generated on the device and is invisible to anyone. The device may no longer boot up if the RPMB key message is destroyed.

8.10 AVB key provision

The AVB key consists of a pair of public and private keys. The private key is used by the host to sign the vbmeta image. The public key is used by AVB to authenticate the vbmeta image. The relationships between the private key, the public key, and the vbmeta are as follows:

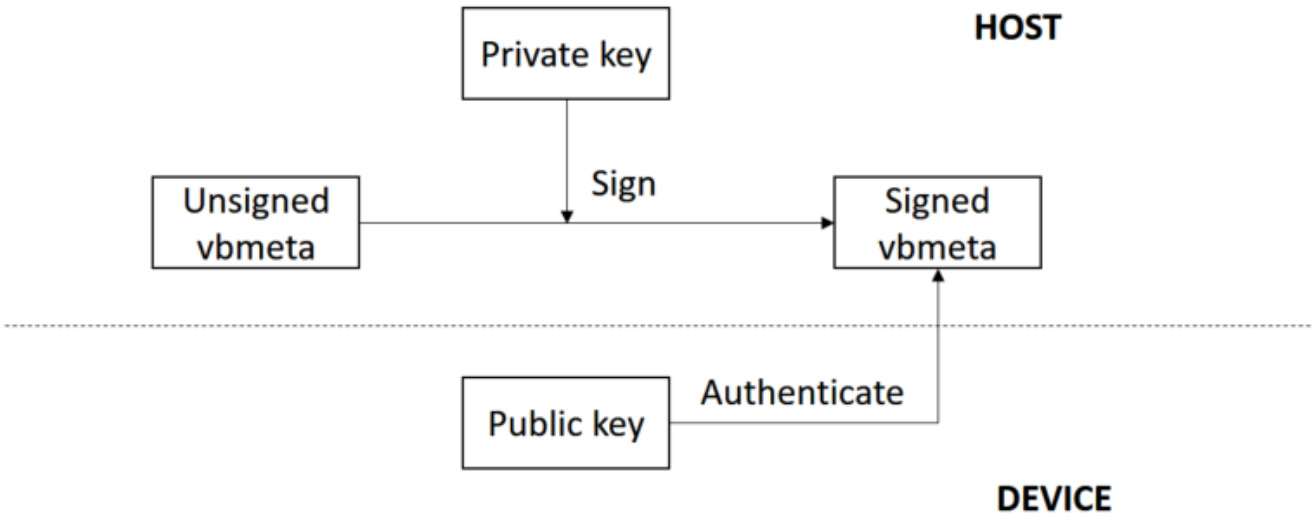

Figure 1. Relationship between AVB key and vbmeta

8.10.1 How to specify the AVB key

The OpenSSL provides some commands to generate the private key. For example, you can use the following commands to generate the RSA-4096 private key test_rsa4096_private.pem:

```
openssl genpkey -algorithm RSA -pkeyopt rsa_keygen_bits:4096 -outform PEM -out test_rsa4096_private.pem
```

The public key can be extracted from the private key. The avbtool in ${MY_ANDROID}/external/avb supports such commands. You can get the public key test_rsa4096_public.bin with the following commands:

```
avbtool extract_public_key --key test_rsa4096_private.pem --output test_rsa4096_public.bin
```

By default, the Android build system uses the algorithm SHA256_RSA4096 with the private key from ${MY_ANDROID}/external/avb/test/data/testkey_rsa4096.pem. This can be overridden by setting the BOARD_AVB_ALGORITHM and BOARD_AVB_KEY_PATH to use different algorithm and private key:

```
BOARD_AVB_ALGORITHM := <algorithm-type>
BOARD_AVB_KEY_PATH := <key-path>
```

Algorithm SHA256_RSA4096 is recommended since Cryptographic Acceleration and Assurance Module (CAAM) can help accelerate the hash calculation.

The Android build system signes the vbmeta image with the private key above and stores one copy of the public key in the signed vbmeta image. During AVB verification, U-Boot validates the public key first and then uses the public key to authenticate the signed vbmeta image.

8.10.2 How to set the vbmeta public key

The public key should be stored in Trusty OS backed RPMB for Android Auto. Perform the following steps to set the public key.

Make your board enter fastboot mode, and enter the following commands on the host side:

```
fastboot stage ${your-key-directory}/test_rsa4096_public.bin
fastboot oem set-public-key
```

The public key test_rsa4096_public.bin should be extracted from the specified private key. If no private key is specified, set the public key as prebuilt testkey_public_rsa4096.bin, which is extracted from the default private key testkey_rsa4096.pem.

8.11 Key attestation

The keystore key attestation aims to provide a way to strongly determine if an asymmetric key pair is hardware-backed, what the properties of the key are, and what constraints are applied to its usage.

Google provides the attestation "keybox", which contains private keys (RSA and ECDSA) and the corresponding certificate chains to partners from the Android Partner Front End (APFE). After retrieving the "keybox" from Google, you need to parse the "keybox" and provision the keys and certificates to secure storage. Both keys and certificates should be Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER) encoded.

Fastboot commands are provided to provision the attestation keys and certificates. Make sure the secure storage is properly initialized for Trusty OS:

- Set RSA private key:

  ```
  fastboot stage <path-to-rsa-private-key>
  fastboot oem set-rsa-atte-key
  ```

- Set ECDSA private key:

  ```
  fastboot stage <path-to-ecdsa-private-key>
  fastboot oem set-ec-atte-key
  ```

- Append RSA certificate chain:

  ```
  fastboot stage <path-to-rsa-atte-cert>
  fastboot oem append-rsa-atte-cert
  ```

  NOTE

  This command may need to be executed multiple times to append the whole certificate chain.

- Append ECDSA certificate chain:

  ```
  fastboot stage <path-to-ecdsa-cert>
  fastboot oem append-ec-atte-cert
  ```

  NOTE

  This command may need to be executed multiple times to append the whole certificate chain.

After provisioning all the keys and certificates, the keystore attestation feature should work properly.

9 Revision History

Table 17. Revision history

Revision number	Date	Substantive changes
P9.0.0_1.0.0-beta	11/2018	Initial release
P9.0.0_1.0.0-ga	01/2019	i.MX 8M, i.MX 8QuadMax, and i.MX 8QuadXPlus GA release.
P9.0.0_2.0.0-ga	04/2019	i.MX 8M, i.MX 8QuadMax, and i.MX 8QuadXPlus GA release.
P9.0.0_2.3.0	08/2019	i.MX 8M Mini, i.MX 8M Quad, i.MX 8M Nano, and i.MX 8QuadXPlus Alpha release.
P9.0.0_2.3.2	02/2020	i.MX 8M Nano, i.MX 8QuadMax, and i.MX 8QuadXPlus GA release.
P9.0.0_2.3.2	03/2020	Removed the i.MX 8QuadMax related content.
P9.0.0_2.3.4	03/2020	Fixed the communication issue between Cortex-A core and Cortex-M core for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK.

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