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## Android User's Guide

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User guide

### Document information

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Abstract	This document provides the technical information related to the i.MX 8 series devices.



## 1 Overview

This document provides the technical information related to the i.MX 8 and i.MX 95 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 and software configurations for programming the boot media and running the images.

For more information about building the Android platform, see [source.android.com/docs/setup/build/building](https://source.android.com/docs/setup/build/building).

## 2 Preparation

### 2.1 Setting up your computer

To build the Android source files, use a computer running the Linux OS. The Ubuntu 18.04 64-bit version is the most tested environment for the Android 14 build.

To synchronize the code and build images of this release, the computer should at least have:

- 450 GB free disk space
- 16 GB RAM

**Note:**

- *The minimum required amount of free memory is around 16 GB, and even with that, some configurations may not work.*
- *Enlarging the physical RAM capacity is a way to avoid potential build errors related to memory.*
- *With a 16 GB RAM, if you run into segfaults or other errors related to memory when building the images, try reducing the `-j` value. In the demonstration commands in the following part of this document, the `-j` value is 4.*

After installing the computer running Linux OS, check whether all the necessary packages are installed for an Android build. See "Establishing a Build Environment" on the Android website [source.android.com/docs/setup/start/initializing](https://source.android.com/docs/setup/start/initializing).

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

```
sudo apt-get install uuid uuid-dev zlib1g-dev liblz-dev liblzo2-2 liblzo2-dev
lzop git curl u-boot-tools mtd-utils \
    android-sdk-libsparse-utils device-tree-compiler gdisk m4 bison flex make
libssl-dev gcc-multilib libgnutls28-dev \
    swig liblz4-tool libdw-dev dwarves bc cpio tar lz4 rsync ninja-build clang
libelf-dev build-essential libncurses5
```

**Note:**

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"`

To build Android in Docker container, skip this step of installing preceding packages and see [Section 3.4](#) to build Docker image, which has full i.MX Android build environment.

## 2.2 Unpacking the Android release package

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

```
$ cd ~ (or any other directory you like)
$ tar xzvf imx-android-14.0.0_2.0.0.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 [GitHub 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 have the i.MX Android proprietary source code package `imx-android-14.0.0_2.0.0.tar.gz` under the `~/` 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-android-14.0.0_2.0.0/imx_android_setup.sh
# By default, after preceding command finishes execution, current working
# directory changed to the i.MX Android source code root directory.
# ${MY_ANDROID} will be referred as the i.MX Android source code root directory
# in all i.MX Android release documentation.
$ export MY_ANDROID=`pwd`
```

#### Note:

In the `imx_android_setup.sh` script, a `.xml` file that contains the code repository information is specified. To make the code be synchronized by this script the same as the release state, code repository revision is specified with the release tag in this file. The release tag is static and is not moved after the code is published, so no matter when `imx_android_setup.sh` is executed, the working area of the code repositories synchronized by this script are the same as the release state and images being built are the same as prebuilt images.

If a critical issue bugfix is published, another `.xml` file is published to reflect those changes on the source code. Then customers need to modify the `imx_android_setup.sh`. For this release, make the following changes on the script.

```
diff --git a/imx_android_setup.sh b/imx_android_setup.sh
index 324ec67..4618679 100644
--- a/imx_android_setup.sh
+++ b/imx_android_setup.sh
@@ -26,7 +26,7 @@ if [ ! -d "$android_build_dir" ]; then
# Create android build dir if it does not exist.
mkdir "$android_build_dir"
```

```
cd "$android_build_dir"
- repo init -u https://github.com/nxp-imx/imx-manifest.git -b imx-android-14
-m imx-android-14.0.0_2.0.0.xml
+ repo init -u https://github.com/nxp-imx/imx-manifest.git -b imx-android-14
-m rel_android-14.0.0_2.0.0.xml
rc=$?
if [ "$rc" != 0 ]; then
echo "-----"
```

The wireless-regdb repository may fail to be synchronized with the following log:

```
fatal: unable to access 'https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/sforshee/wireless-regdb/': server certificate verification failed. CAfile: /etc/ssl/certs/ca-certificates.crt CRLfile: none
```

If this issue is encountered, execute the following command on the host as a fix:

```
$ git config --global http.sslVerify false
```

3.2 Building Android images

The Android image can be built after the source code has been downloaded ([Section 3.1](#)).

This section provides an overview of how to use Android build system and what NXP did on it. Then it provides an example of how to build Android images for a specific board as well as preparation steps. Customers could follow these steps to do the preparation work and build the images.

First, the source build/envsetup.sh command is executed to import shell functions that are defined in \${MY\_ANDROID}/build/envsetup.sh.

Then, the lunch <ProductName-trunk\_staging-BuildMode> command is executed to set up the build configuration.

The "Product Name" is the Android device name found in directory \${MY\_ANDROID}/device/nxp/. Search for the keyword PRODUCT\_NAME under this directory for the product names. The following table lists the i.MX product names.

Table 1. i.MX product names

Product name	Description
evk_8mm	i.MX 8M Mini EVK Board
evk_8mn	i.MX 8M Nano EVK Board
evk_8mp	i.MX 8M Plus EVK Board
evk_8mq	i.MX 8M Quad EVK Board
evk_8ulp	i.MX 8ULP EVK Board
mek_8q	i.MX 8QuadMax/i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK Board
evk_95	i.MX 95 EVK Board

The "Build Mode" is used to specify what debug options are provided in the final image. The following table lists the build modes.

Table 2. Build mode

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

This `lunch` command can be executed with an argument of `ProductName-trunk_staging-BuildMode`, such as `lunch evk_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug`. It can also be issued without the argument and a menu presents for choosing a target.

After the two commands above are executed, the build process is not started yet. It is at a stage that the next command is necessary to be used to start the build process. The behavior of the i.MX Android build system used to be aligned with the original Android platform. The `make` command can start the build process and all images are built out. There are some differences. A shell script named `imx-make.sh` is provided and its symlink file can be found under `${MY_ANDROID}` directory, and `./imx-make.sh` should be executed first to start the build process.

The original purpose of this `imx-make.sh` is to build U-Boot/kernel before building Android images.

Google started to put a limit on the host tools used when compiling Android code from Android 10.0. Some host tools necessary for building U-Boot/kernel now cannot be used in the Android build system, which is under the control of `soong_ui`, so U-Boot/kernel cannot be built together with Android images. Google also recommends to use prebuilt binaries for U-Boot/kernel in the Android build system. It takes some steps to build U-Boot/kernel to binaries and put these binaries in proper directories, so some specific Android images depending on these binaries can be built without error. `imx-make.sh` is then added to do these steps to simplify the build work. After U-Boot/kernel are compiled, any build commands in standard Android can be used.

`imx-make.sh` can also start the `soong_ui` with the `make` function in `${MY_ANDROID}/build/envsetup.sh` to build the Android images after U-Boot/kernel is compiled, so customers can still build the i.MX Android images with only one command with this script.

i.MX Android platform needs some preparation for the first time when building the images. The image build steps are as follows:

1. Prepare the build environment for U-Boot and Linux kernel.

This step is mandatory because there is no GCC cross-compile tool chain in the one in AOSP codebase. An approach is provided to use the self-installed GCC cross-compile tool chain for both AArch32 and AArch64.

- a. Download the tool chain for the AArch32 and AArch64 on <https://developer.arm.com/downloads/-/arm-gnu-toolchain-downloads> page. It is recommended to use the 12.3.Rel1 version for this release. For AArch32 build, you can download the bare-metal target `arm-gnu-toolchain-12.3.rel1-x86_64-arm-none-eabi.tar.xz`. For AArch64 build, you can download the GNU/Linux target `arm-gnu-toolchain-12.3.rel1-x86_64-aarch64-none-linux-gnu.tar.xz`.
- b. Decompress the file into a path on the local disk, for example, to `/opt/`. Export variables named `AARCH32_GCC_CROSS_COMPILE` and `AARCH64_GCC_CROSS_COMPILE` to point to the tools as follows:

```
# For AArch32 toolchain
$ sudo tar -xvJf arm-gnu-toolchain-12.3.rel1-x86_64-arm-none-eabi.tar.xz -C /opt
$ export AARCH32_GCC_CROSS_COMPILE=/opt/arm-gnu-toolchain-12.3.rel1-x86_64-arm-none-eabi/bin/arm-none-eabi-
# For AArch64 toolchain
$ sudo tar -xvJf arm-gnu-toolchain-12.3.rel1-x86_64-aarch64-none-linux-gnu.tar.xz -C /opt
$ export AARCH64_GCC_CROSS_COMPILE=/opt/arm-gnu-toolchain-12.3.rel1-x86_64-aarch64-none-linux-gnu/bin/aarch64-none-linux-gnu-
```

- c. Follow the steps below to set the external clang, kernel-build-tools, rust and clang-tools tools for kernel building.

```
sudo git clone -b main-kernel-build-2024 --single-branch --depth 1 \
    https://android.googlesource.com/platform/prebuilts/clang/host/
linux-x86 /opt/prebuilt-android-clang
cd /opt/prebuilt-android-clang
sudo git fetch origin 3bd47139ac0e3593d4707ac0eeb2d45aa7411b67
sudo git checkout 3bd47139ac0e3593d4707ac0eeb2d45aa7411b67
export CLANG_PATH=/opt/prebuilt-android-clang
export LIBCLANG_PATH=/opt/prebuilt-android-clang/clang-r510928/lib

sudo git clone -b main-kernel-build-2024 --single-branch --depth 1 \
    https://android.googlesource.com/kernel/prebuilts/build-tools /opt/
prebuilt-android-kernel-build-tools
cd /opt/prebuilt-android-kernel-build-tools
sudo git fetch origin ae85d23af20f61220b114fc3f7bb6f77cc140365
sudo git checkout ae85d23af20f61220b114fc3f7bb6f77cc140365
export PATH=/opt/prebuilt-android-kernel-build-tools/linux-x86/bin:$PATH

sudo git clone -b main-kernel-build-2024 --single-branch --depth 1 \
    https://android.googlesource.com/platform/prebuilts/rust /opt/
prebuilt-android-rust
cd /opt/prebuilt-android-rust
sudo git fetch origin 442511af884f074018466f85b4daadd4b0ac0050
sudo git checkout 442511af884f074018466f85b4daadd4b0ac0050
export PATH=/opt/prebuilt-android-rust/linux-x86/1.73.0b/bin:$PATH

sudo git clone -b main-kernel-build-2024 --single-branch --depth 1 \
    https://android.googlesource.com/platform/prebuilts/clang-tools /
opt/prebuilt-android-clang-tools
cd /opt/prebuilt-android-clang-tools
sudo git fetch origin 1634c6a556d1f2c24897bf74156c6449486e8941
sudo git checkout 1634c6a556d1f2c24897bf74156c6449486e8941
export PATH=/opt/prebuilt-android-clang-tools/linux-x86/bin:$PATH
```

The preceding export commands can be added to `/etc/profile`. When the host boots up, `AARCH32_GCC_CROSS_COMPILE`, `AARCH64_GCC_CROSS_COMPILE`, `PATH`, `CLANG_PATH` and `LIBCLANG_PATH` are set and can be directly used.

**Note:**

- To build Android in Docker container, skip this step of installing GCC cross-compile and clang tools on the host. See [Section 3.4](#) to build Docker image which has full i.MX Android build environment.

2. Change to the top-level build directory.

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

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

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

4. 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_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
```

5. Execute the `imx-make.sh` script to generate the image.

```
$ ./imx-make.sh -j4 2>&1 | tee build-log.txt
```

The commands below can achieve the same result:

```
# Build U-Boot/kernel with imx-make.sh first, but not to build Android images.
$ ./imx-make.sh bootloader kernel -j4 2>&1 | tee build-log.txt
```

```
# build the Android images, with TARGET_IMX_KERNEL=true, the boot.img is
generated with i.MX kernel tree
$ TARGET_IMX_KERNEL=true make -j4 2>&1 | tee -a build-log.txt
# rename the boot.img as boot-imx.img
$ mv $OUT/boot.img $OUT/boot-imx.img
# generate boot.img which is the AOSP GKI boot image.
$ make bootimage -j4 2>&1 | tee -a build-log.txt
```

The output of `make` command is written to standard output and `build-log.txt`. If there are any errors when building the image, error logs can be found in the `build-log.txt` file for checking.

To change `BUILD_ID` and `BUILD_NUMBER`, update `build_id.mk` in the `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/` directory. For details, see the [Android Frequently Asked Questions](#).

The following outputs are generated by default in `${MY_ANDROID}/out/target/product/evk_8mm`:

- `root/`: Root file system. It is used to generate `system.img` together with files in `system/`.
- `system/`: Android system binary/libraries. It is used to generate `system.img` together with files in `root/`.
- `recovery/`: Root file system, integrated into `vendor_boot.img` as a part of the RAMDisk and used by the Linux kernel when the system boots up.
- `vendor_ramdisk/`: Integrated into `vendor_boot.img` as part of the RAMDisk and used by the Linux kernel when the system boots up.
- `ramdisk/`: Integrated into boot image as part of the RAMDisk and used by linux kernel when system boot up. Because GKI is enabled on i.MX 8M Mini EVK, this is integrated into the `boot-imx.img`.
- `ramdisk.img`: Ramdisk image generated from `ramdisk/`. Not directly used.
- `dtbo-imx8mm.img`: Board's device tree binary. It is used to support MIPI-to-HDMI output on the i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board.
- `dtbo-imx8mm-m4.img`: Board's device tree binary. It is used to support MIPI-to-HDMI output and audio playback based on Cortex-M4 FreeRTOS on the i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board.
- `dtbo-imx8mm-mipi-panel.img`: Board's device tree binary. It is used to support RM67199 MIPI Panel output on the i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board.
- `dtbo-imx8mm-mipi-panel-rm67191.img`: Board's device tree binary. It is used to support RM67191 MIPI Panel output on the i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board.
- `dtbo-imx8mm-8mic.img`: Board's device tree binary. It is used to support i.MX 8MIC PDM Microphone audio input on i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board.
- `dtbo-imx8mm-ddr4.img`: Board's device tree binary. It is used to support MIPI-to-HDMI output on the i.MX 8M Mini EVK DDR4 board.
- `vbmeta-imx8mm.img`: Android Verify boot metadata image for `dtbo-imx8mm.img`.
- `vbmeta-imx8mm-m4.img`: Android Verify boot metadata image for `dtbo-imx8mm-m4.img`.
- `vbmeta-imx8mm-mipi-panel.img`: Android Verify boot metadata image for `dtbo-imx8mm-mipi-panel.img`.
- `vbmeta-imx8mm-mipi-panel-rm67191.img`: Android Verify boot metadata image for `dtbo-imx8mm-mipi-panel-rm67191.img`.
- `vbmeta-imx8mm-8mic.img`: Android Verify boot metadata image for `dtbo-imx8mm-8mic.img`.
- `vbmeta-imx8mm-ddr4.img`: Android Verify boot metadata image for `dtbo-imx8mm-ddr4.img`.
- `system.img`: EXT4 image generated from `system/` and `root/`.
- `system_ext.img`: EXT4 image generated from `system_ext/`.
- `product.img`: EXT4 image generated from `product/`.
- `partition-table.img`: GPT partition table image for single-bootloader condition. Used for 16 GB SD card and eMMC.
- `partition-table-dual.img`: GPT partition table image for dual-bootloader condition. Used for 16 GB SD card and eMMC.



- `partition-table-28GB.img`: GPT partition table image for single-bootloader condition. Used for 32 GB SD card.
- `partition-table-28GB-dual.img`: GPT partition table image for dual-bootloader condition. Used for 32 GB SD card.
- `u-boot-imx8mm.img`: U-Boot image without Trusty OS integrated for i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board.
- `u-boot-imx8mm-trusty-secure-unlock.img`: U-Boot image with Trusty OS integrated and demonstration secure unlock mechanism for i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board.
- `u-boot-imx8mm-evk-uuu.img`: U-Boot image used by UUU for i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board. It is not flashed to MMC.
- `u-boot-imx8mm-ddr4.img`: U-Boot image for i.MX 8M Mini EVK DDR4 board.
- `u-boot-imx8mm-ddr4-evk-uuu.img`: U-Boot image used by UUU for i.MX 8M Mini EVK DDR4 board. It is not flashed to MMC.
- `spl-imx8mm-dual.bin`: SPL image without Trusty related configuration for i.MX 8M Mini EVK with LPDDR4 on board.
- `spl-imx8mm-trusty-dual.bin`: SPL image with Trusty related configuration for i.MX 8M Mini EVK with LPDDR4 on board.
- `spl-imx8mm-trusty-secure-unlock-dual.bin`: Secondary program loader image with Trusty and secure unlock related configurations for i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board.
- `bootloader-imx8mm-dual.img`: Bootloader image without Trusty OS integrated for i.MX 8M Mini EVK with LPDDR4 on board.
- `bootloader-imx8mm-trusty-dual.img`: Bootloader image with Trusty OS integrated for i.MX 8M Mini EVK with LPDDR4 on board.
- `bootloader-imx8mm-trusty-secure-unlock-dual.img`: An image containing U-Boot proper, ATF, and Trusty OS. It is a demonstration of secure unlock mechanism for i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board.
- `imx8mm_mcu_demo.img`: MCU FreeRTOS image to support audio playback on MCU side.
- `vendor.img`: Vendor image, which holds platform binaries. Mounted at `/vendor`.
- `vendor_dlkms.img`: Vendor DLKM image, which holds dynamically loadable kernel modules. Mounted at `/vendor_dlkms`.
- `super.img`: Super image, which is generated with `system.img`, `system_ext.img`, `vendor.img`, `vendor_dlkms.img`, and `product.img`.
- `boot.img`: A composite image, which includes the AOSP generic kernel Image and boot parameters.
- `boot-imx.img`: A composite image, which includes the kernel Image built from i.MX Kernel tree and boot parameters.
- `init_boot.img`: Generic RAMDisk.
- `vendor_boot.img`: A composite image, which includes vendor 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 [Section 3.4](#).
- To build the kernel ulmage separately, see [Section 3.5](#).
- To build `boot.img`, see [Section 3.6](#).
- To build `dtbo.img`, see [Section 3.7](#).

### 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 with userdebug build mode. After the desired i.MX device is set up, the `imx-make.sh` script is used to start the build.



Table 3. i.MX device lunch examples

Board name	Lunch command
i.MX 8M Mini EVK board	\$ lunch evk_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
i.MX 8M Nano EVK board	\$ lunch evk_8mn-trunk_staging-userdebug
i.MX 8M Plus EVK board	\$ lunch evk_8mp-trunk_staging-userdebug
i.MX 8M Quad WEVK/EVK board	\$ lunch evk_8mq-trunk_staging-userdebug
i.MX 8ULP EVK Board	\$ lunch evk_8ulp-trunk_staging-userdebug
i.MX 8QuadMax/i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK board	\$ lunch mek_8q-trunk_staging-userdebug
i.MX 95 EVK board	\$ lunch evk_95-trunk_staging-userdebug

3.2.2 Build mode selection

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

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.

`PRODUCT_PACKAGES_ENG`, `PRODUCT_PACKAGES_DEBUG` and `PRODUCT_PACKAGES` can be used to specify the modules to be installed in the appropriate product makefiles.

The modules specified by `PRODUCT_PACKAGES` are always installed. For the effect of `PRODUCT_PACKAGES_ENG` and `PRODUCT_PACKAGES_DEBUG`, check the description below.

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

- `eng`: development configuration with additional debugging tools
  - Installs modules specified by `PRODUCT_PACKAGES_ENG` and/or `PRODUCT_PACKAGES_DEBUG`.
  - Installs modules according to the product definition files.
  - `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.
  - `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 specified by `PRODUCT_PACKAGES_DEBUG`.
  - Installs modules according to the product definition files.
  - `ro.debuggable=1`
  - adb is enabled by default.

To build of Android images, an example for the i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 target is:

```
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}
$ source build/envsetup.sh #set env
$ lunch evk_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
$ ./imx-make.sh -j4
```

The commands below can achieve the same result.

```
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
$ ./imx-make.sh bootloader kernel -j4
$ make -j4
```

For more Android platform building information, see [source.android.com/source/building.html](https://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 the `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/partner_gms` folder. Make sure that the `product.mk` file has the following line:

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

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

**Note:**

*product.mk means the build target make file. For example, for i.MX 8M Mini EVK Board, the product.mk is named `device/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mm/evk_8mm.mk`.*

### 3.2.4 Building 32-bit and 64-bit images

Since the android-14.0.0\_1.2.0 release, the default is to build 64-bit-only images. To build 32-bit and 64-bit images, export the environment variables before building.

```
# build 32-bit and 64-bit images:
$ export IMX_BUILD_32BIT_64BIT_ROOTFS=1
```

Then, see the build steps in [Section 3.2](#) to build images.

## 3.3 Building an Android image With Docker

The Dockerfile can be found in the directory `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/common/dockerbuild/`, which sets up a Ubuntu 20.04 image ready to build i.MX Android OS. You can use it to generate your own Docker image with full i.MX Android build environment. The process is as follows:

1. Build the Docker image:

```
$ cd ${Dockerfile_path}
# ${Dockerfile_path} can be ${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/common/dockerbuild/, or
# another path that you moved the Dockerfile to.
$ docker build --no-cache --build-arg userid=$(id -u) --build-arg groupid=
$(id -g) --build-arg username=$(id -un) -t <docker_image_name> .
# <docker_image_name> can be whatever you want, such as 'android-build'.
# '.' means using the current directory as the build context, it specifies
# where to find the files for the "context" of the build on the Docker daemon.
```

2. Start up a new container and mount your Android source codes to it with:

```
$ docker run --privileged -it -v ${MY_ANDROID}:/home/${id -un}/android_src
<docker_image_name>
> cd ~/android_src; source build/envsetup.sh
> lunch evk_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
> ./imx-make.sh -j4 2>&1 | tee build-log.txt
```

3. You can get the image what you want:

```
> exit
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}/out/target/product/evk_8mm
```

#### Note:

- If it fails to use the `apt` command to install packages in the process of Docker image build, configure the HTTP proxy. First, copy your host `apt.conf` with `cp /etc/apt/apt.conf ${Dockerfile_path}/apt.conf`, or create a stripped down version. Then, remove the symbol `"#"` from the related content in Dockerfile.
- If it fails to install clang tools in the process of Docker image build, remove the symbol `"#"` from the related content in Dockerfile, and try to build it again.
- If you manage Docker as a non-root user, preface the docker command with `sudo`, such as `sudo docker build ...` and `sudo docker run ...`.
- You can use the command `docker images` to see the existing Docker image and use `docker ps -a` to see the existing container. For other docker commands, see [Docker Docs web](#).
- The Android build content above is taking the i.MX 8M Mini EVK board as an example. To build other board images or single image, refer to the other content of this section.

### 3.4 Building U-Boot images

The U-Boot images can be generated separately. For example, you can generate a U-Boot image for i.MX 8M Mini EVK as follows:

```
# U-Boot image for i.MX 8M Mini EVK board
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
$ ./imx-make.sh bootloader -j4
```

For other platforms, use `lunch <ProductName-trunk_staging-BuildMode>` to set up the build configuration. For detailed build configuration, see [Section 3.2](#). Multiple U-Boot variants are generated for different purposes. For more details, check `{MY_Android}/device/nxp/{MY_PLATFORM}/{MY_PRODUCT}/UbootKernelBoardConfig.mk`.

To generate a U-Boot image with trusty, the size of bootloader image may be larger than the corresponding partition size, especially for the single bootloader configuration. You can build image with `USE_TEE_COMPRESS=true` to compress the TEE images. For example, execute the following command to compress the TEE image and generate a U-Boot image with a smaller size.

```
$ USE_TEE_COMPRESS=true ./imx-make.sh bootloader -j4
```

There is also an environment variable `BUILD_ENCRYPTED_BOOT` used to choose whether to insert a dummy `dek_blob` (`dek_blob_fit_dummy.bin`) to the compiled image, where the real `dek_blob` is inserted when

encrypting the image. Execute the following command to generate a set of images with dummy dek\_blob, but only the image with trusty\_secure\_unlock\_dual supports encrypted boot.

```
$ BUILD_ENCRYPTED_BOOT=true ./imx-make.sh bootloader -j4
```

**Note:** The command above only applies to i.MX 8M Plus, i.MX 8M Mini, i.MX8M Nano, and i.MX 8MQuad. More details about encrypted boot, See Sections "Encrypted boot with AHAB" and "Encrypted boot with HABv4" in the i.MX Android Security User's Guide (UG10158).

The following table lists the U-Boot configurations and images for i.MX 8M Mini EVK.

Table 4. U-Boot configurations and images for i.MX 8M Mini EVK

SoC	U-Boot configuration	Generated image	Description
i.MX 8M Mini	imx8mm-evk-android-defconfig	u-boot-imx8mm.imx	Default i.MX 8M Mini U-Boot image if trusty is not enabled.
i.MX 8M Mini	imx8mm-evk-android-dual-defconfig	spl-imx8mm-dual.bin, bootloader-imx8mm-dual.img	i.MX 8M Mini U-Boot image with dual-bootloader feature enabled.
i.MX 8M Mini	imx8mm-evk-android-trusty-dual-defconfig	spl-imx8mm-trusty-dual.bin, bootloader-imx8mm-trusty-dual.img	i.MX 8M Mini U-Boot image with trusty and dual-bootloader feature enabled.
i.MX 8M Mini	imx8mm-evk-android-trusty-secure-unlock-dual-defconfig	spl-imx8mm-trusty-secure-unlock-dual.bin, bootloader-imx8mm-trusty-secure-unlock-dual.img	i.MX 8M Mini U-Boot with trusty, secure unlock and dual-bootloader feature enabled.
i.MX 8M Mini	imx8mm-ddr4-evk-android-defconfig	u-boot-imx8mm-ddr4.imx	i.MX 8M Mini U-Boot image with DDR4 DRAM chip.
i.MX 8M Mini	imx8mm-evk-android-uuu-defconfig	u-boot-imx8mm-evk-uuu.imx	U-Boot image meant for flashing images for i.MX 8M Mini EVK. It should not be shipped to end users.
i.MX 8M Mini	imx8mm-ddr4-evk-android-uuu-defconfig	u-boot-imx8mm-ddr4-evk-uuu.imx	U-Boot image meant for flashing images for i.MX 8M Mini EVK with DDR4 DRAM chip. It should not be shipped to end users.

3.5 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}
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
$ ./imx-make.sh kernel -c -j4
```

The kernel images are found in \${MY\_ANDROID}/out/target/product/evk\_8mm/obj/KERNEL\_OBJ/arch/arm64/boot/Image.

### 3.6 Building boot.img

The following commands are used to generate `boot.img` and `boot-imx.img` under Android environment:

```
# Boot image for i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
$ ./imx-make.sh bootimage -j4
```

The commands below can achieve the same result:

```
# Boot image for i.MX 8M Mini EVK board
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
$ ./imx-make.sh kernel -j4
$ TARGET_IMX_KERNEL=true make bootimage -j4
$ mv $OUT/boot.img $OUT/boot-imx.img
$ make bootimage -j4
```

For other platforms, use `lunch <ProductName-trunk_staging-buildMode>` to set up the build configuration. For detailed build configuration, see [Section 3.2](#).

### 3.7 Building dtbo.img

DTBO image holds the device tree binary of the board.

The following commands are used to generate `dtbo.img` under Android environment:

```
# dtbo image for i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
$ ./imx-make.sh dtboimage -j4
```

The commands below can achieve the same result:

```
# dtbo image for i.MX 8M Mini EVK board
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
$ ./imx-make.sh kernel -j4
$ make dtboimage -j4
```

For other platforms, use `lunch <ProductName-trunk_staging-buildMode>` to set up the build configuration. For detailed build configuration, see [Section 3.2](#).

## 4 Running the Android Platform with a Prebuilt Image

To test the Android platform before building any code, use the prebuilt images from the following packages and go to [Section 5](#) and [Section 6](#).

Table 5. Image packages

Image package	Description
android-14.0.0_2.0.0_image_8mmevk.tar.gz	Prebuilt-image for i.MX 8M Mini EVK LPDDR4 board, which includes NXP extended features.

Table 5. Image packages...continued

Image package	Description
android-14.0.0_2.0.0_image_8mnevk.tar.gz	Prebuilt-image for i.MX 8M Nano EVK board, which includes NXP extended features.
android-14.0.0_2.0.0_image_8mpevk.tar.gz	Prebuilt-image for i.MX 8M Plus EVK board, which includes NXP extended features.
android-14.0.0_2.0.0_image_8mqevk.tar.gz	Prebuilt-image for i.MX 8M Quad EVK board, which includes NXP extended features.
android-14.0.0_2.0.0_image_8ulpevk.tar.gz	Prebuilt-image for i.MX 8ULP EVK board, which includes NXP extended features.
android-14.0.0_2.0.0_image_95evk.tar.gz	Prebuilt-image for i.MX 95 EVK board, which includes NXP extended features.

## 5 Programming Images

The images from the prebuilt release package or created from source code contain the U-Boot bootloader, system image, GPT image, vendor image, and vbmeta image. At a minimum, the storage devices on the development system (MMC/SD or NAND) must be programmed with the U-Boot bootloader. The i.MX 8 and i.MX 9 series boot process determines what storage device to access based on the switch settings. When the bootloader 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 6](#).

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

- UUU to download all images to the eMMC or SD card.
- `imx-sdcard-partition.sh` to download all images to the SD card.
- `fastboot_imx_flashall` script to download all images to the eMMC or 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 vendor boot image: `vendor_boot.img`
- Android vendor dynamically loadable kernel module image: `vendor_dlkm.img`
- Android system image: `system.img`
- Android system extension image: `system_ext.img`
- Android verify boot metadata image: `vbmeta.img`
- Android vendor image: `vendor.img`
- Android product image: `product.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 userdata partition is used to put the unpacked codes/data of the applications, system configuration database, and so on. In normal boot mode, the root file system is first mounted with RAMDisk from boot partition, and then the logical system partition is mounted and switched as root. In recovery mode, the root file system is mounted with RAMDisk from the boot partition.

**Table 6. Storage partitions**

Partition type/index	Name	Start offset	Size	File system	Content
N/A	bootloader0	Listed in the following table	4 MB	N/A	spl.imx/u-boot.imx
(1)	bootloader_a	8 MB	16 MB	N/A	bootloader.img
(2)	bootloader_b	Following bootloader_a	16 MB	N/A	bootloader.img
1/(3)	dtbo_a	8 MB (following bootloader_b)	4 MB	N/A	dtbo.img
2/(4)	dtbo_b	Follow dtbo_a	4 MB	N/A	dtbo.img
3 (5)	boot_a	Follow dtbo_b	64 MB	boot.img format, a kernel + part of RAMDisk	boot.img
4 (6)	boot_b	Follow boot_a	64 MB	boot.img format, a kernel + part of RAMDisk	boot.img
5 (7)	init_boot_a	Follow boot_b	8MB	part of RAMdisk	init_boot.img
6 (8)	init_boot_b	Follow init_boot_a	8MB	part of RAMdisk	init_boot.img
7 (9)	vendor_boot_a	Follow init_boot_b	64 MB	Part of RAMDisk	vendor_boot.img
8 (10)	vendor_boot_a	Follow boot_b	64 MB	Part of RAMDisk	vendor_boot.img
9 (11)	misc	Follow vendor_boot_b	4 MB	N/A	For recovery storage bootloader message, reserve.
10 (12)	metadata	Follow misc	64 MB	f2fs	Metadata of OTA update, remount, and so on.
11 (13)	persistdata	Follow metadata	1 MB	N/A	the option to operate unlock \unlock
12 (14)	super	Follow persistdata	4096 MB	N/A	system.img, system_ext.img, vendor.img, vendor_dlm.img, and product.img
13 (15)	userdata	Follow super	Remained space	f2fs	Application data storage for system application. And for emulated storage, in /data/media/<user_id> dir.
14 (6)	fbmisc	Follow userdata	1 MB	N/A	To store the state of lock/unlock.
15 (17)	vbmata_b	Follow fbmisc	1 MB	N/A	To store the verify boot's metadata.



Table 6. Storage partitions...continued

Partition type/index	Name	Start offset	Size	File system	Content
16 (18)	vbmeta_b	Follow vbmeta_a	1 MB	N/A	To store the verify boot's metadata.

Table 7. bootloader0 offset

SoC	bootloader0 offset in eMMC boot0 partition	bootloader0 offset in SD card
i.MX 8M Mini	33 KB	33 KB
i.MX 8M Nano	0	32 KB
i.MX 8M Plus	0	32 KB
i.MX 8M Quad	33 KB	33 KB
i.MX 8ULP	0	32 KB
i.MX 8Quad Max Rev.B	0	32 KB
i.MX 8QuadXPlus Rev.B	32 KB	32 KB
i.MX 8QuadXPlus Rev.C	0	32 KB
i.MX 95	0	32KB

**Note:**

For the preceding table, in the "Partition Type/Index" column and "Start offset" column, the contents in brackets is specific for dual-bootloader condition.

To create these partitions, use UUU described in the *Android Quick Start Guide* (UG10157), 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:

```
$ sudo ./imx-sdcard-partition.sh -f <soc_name> -D
<directory_containing_the_images> /dev/sdX
# <soc_name> can be as imx8mm, imx8mn, imx8mp, imx8mq, imx8qm, imx8qxp, imx95.
```

**Note:**

- The SD card should be connected to the host via a USB adapter.
- The minimum size of SD card is 16G bytes
- If the SD card is 16 GB, use `sudo ./imx-sdcard-partition.sh -f <soc_name> -D <directory_containing_the_images> /dev/sdX` to flash images.
- If the SD card is 32 GB, use `sudo ./imx-sdcard-partition.sh -f <soc_name> -D <directory_containing_the_images> -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.
- If the images to be flashed are in the same directory as the `imx-sdcard-partition.sh`, there is no need to use the `-D <directory_containing_the_images>`.
- This script need `simg2img` tool to be installed in your PC. The `simg2img` is a tool which convert Android sparse images to raw images on linux host PC. The `android-tools-fsutils` package includes the `simg2img` command for Ubuntu Linux.

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* (UG10157) 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 8. 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 automatically flash all images with only one command.

With virtual A/B feature enabled, your host fastboot tool version should be equal to or later than 30.0.4. You can download the host fastboot tool from the Android website or build it with the Android project. Based on [Section 3.2](#), follow the steps below 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: `${MY_ANDROID}/out/host/linux-x86/bin`
- Windows version binary file: `${MY_ANDROID}/out/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

-f soc\_name

-a

-b

-c card\_size

Displays this help message

Flashes the Android image file with soc\_name

Only flashes the image to slot\_a

Only flashes the image to slot\_b

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

-u uboot\_feature

"uboot\_feature" in their names

Flashes the MCU image.

Flashes U-Boot or spl&bootloader images with

```
For Standard Android:
    If the parameter after "-u" option contains the
string of "dual", the spl&bootloader image is flashed;
    Otherwise U-Boot image is flashed.
For Android Automotive:
    Only dual-bootloader feature is supported. By
default, spl&bootloader image is flashed.
    -d dtb_feature    Flashes dtbo, vbmeta and recovery image file with
"dttb_feature" in their names
                        If not set, use default dtbo, vbmeta and recovery
image
    -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. The SoC name can be imx8mm, imx8mn, imx8mp, imx8mq, imx8qm, imx8qxp, imx95.*
- *Boot the device to U-Boot fastboot mode, and then execute these scripts. The device should be unlocked first.*

**Example:**

```
sudo ./fastboot_imx_flashall.sh -f imx8mm -a -e -u trusty-dual -D /imx_android/evk_8mm/
```

**Options explanation:**

- *-f imx8mm:* Flashes images for i.MX 8M Mini EVK Board.
- *-a:* Only flashes slot a.
- *-e:* Erases user data after all image files are flashed.
- *-D /imx\_android/evk\_8mm/:* Images to be flashed are in the directory of /imx\_android/evk\_8mm/.
- *-u trusty-dual:* Flashes spl-imx8mm-trusty-dual.bin and bootloader-imx8mm-trusty-dual.img.

**5.1.4 Downloading a single image with fastboot**

Sometimes only a single image needs to be flashed again with fastboot for debug purpose.

With dynamic partition feature enabled, fastboot is also implemented in userspace (recovery) in addition to the implementation in U-Boot. The partitions are categorized into three. Fastboot implemented in U-Boot and userspace can individually recognize part of the partitions. The relationship between them are listed in the following table.

**Table 9. Relationship between partitions**

Partition category	Partition	Can be recognized by
U-Boot hard-coded partition	bootloader0, gpt, mcu_os	U-Boot fastboot
EFI partition	boot_a, boot_b, vendor_boot_a, vendor_boot_b, dtbo_a, dtbo_b, vbmeta_a, vbmeta_b, misc, metadata, presistdata, super, userdata, fbmisc	U-Boot fastboot, userspace fastboot

Table 9. Relationship between partitions...continued

Partition category	Partition	Can be recognized by
Logical partition	system_a, system_b, system_ext_a, system_ext_b, vendor_a, vendor_b, product_a, product_b	Userspace fastboot

To enter U-Boot fastboot mode, for example, make the board enter U-Boot command mode, and execute the following command on the console:

```
> fastboot 0
```

To enter userspace fastboot mode, two commands are provided as follows for different conditions. You may need root permission on Linux OS:

```
# board in U-Boot fastboot mode, execute the following command on the host
$ fastboot reboot fastboot
# board boot up to the Android system, execute the following command on the host
$ adb reboot fastboot
```

To use fastboot tool on the host to operate on a specific partition, choose the proper fastboot implemented on the device, which can recognize the partition to be operated on. For example, to flash the system.img to the partition of system\_a, make the board enter userspace fastboot mode, and execute the following command on the host:

```
$ fastboot flash system_a system.img
```

## 6 Booting

This chapter describes booting from MMC/SD.

### 6.1 Booting from SD/eMMC

#### 6.1.1 Booting from SD/eMMC on the i.MX 8M Mini EVK board

The following tables list the boot switch settings to control the boot storage for Rev. C boards with LPDDR4.

Table 10. Boot device switch settings

Boot device switch	SW1101 (1-10 bit)	SW1102 (1-10 bit)
SD boot	0110110010	0001101000
Download mode	1010xxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
eMMC boot	0110110001	0001010100

To test booting from SD, change the board Boot\_Mode switch to SW1101 0110110010 (1-10 bit) and SW1102 0001101000 (1-10 bit).

To test booting from eMMC, change the board Boot\_Mode switch to SW1101 0110110010 (1-10 bit) and SW1102 0001010100 (1-10 bit).

The default environment is in boot.img. 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 there is no `bootargs` defined in U-Boot.*

6.1.2 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)
SD boot	1100
eMMC boot	0100
Download mode	1000

- 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 1-4 bit).

The default environment is in `boot.img`. 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 there is no `bootargs` defined in U-Boot.*

6.1.3 Booting from SD/eMMC on the i.MX 8M Plus EVK board

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

Table 12. Boot device switch settings

Boot mode switch	SW4
SD boot	0011
eMMC boot	0010
Download mode	0001

- To boot from SD, change the board `Boot_Mode` switch SW4 to 0011 (from 1-4 bit).
- To boot from eMMC, change the board `Boot_Mode` switch SW4 to 0010 (from 1-4 bit).

The default environment is in `boot.img`. 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 there is no bootargs defined in U-Boot.*

**6.1.4 Booting from SD/eMMC on the i.MX 8M Quad WEVK/EVK board**

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

**Table 13. Boot device switch settings**

Boot device switch	External SD card	eMMC
SW01 (1-2 bit)	1100	0010

**Table 14. Boot mode switch settings**

Boot mode switch	Download Mode (MfgTool mode)	Boot mode
SW02 (1-2 bit)	01	10

To test booting from SD, change the board Boot\_Mode switch to 10 (1-2 bit) and SW801 1100 (1-4 bit).

To test booting from eMMC, change the board Boot\_Mode switch to 10 (1-2 bit) and SW801 0010 (1-4 bit).

The default environment is in `boot.img`. 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 there is no bootargs defined in U-Boot.*

**6.1.5 Booting from eMMC on the i.MX 8ULP EVK board**

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

**Table 15. Boot device switch settings**

Boot mode switch	SW5 (from 1-8 bit)
eMMC boot	00000001
Download mode	00000010

The default environment is in `boot.img`. 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
```

6.1.6 Booting from SD/eMMC on the i.MX 8QuadMax MEK board

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

Table 16. Boot device switch settings

Boot mode switch	SW2 (from 1-6 bit)
SD boot	001100
eMMC boot	000100
Download mode	001000

To test booting from SD, change the board `Boot_Mode` switch to 001100 (1-6 bit).

To test booting from eMMC, change the board `Boot_Mode` switch to 000100 (1-6 bit).

The default environment is in `boot.img`. 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 there is no `bootargs` defined in U-Boot.*

6.1.7 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 17. Boot device switch settings

Boot mode switch	SW2 (from 1-4 bit)
SD boot	1100
eMMC boot	0100
Download mode	1000

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 is in `boot.img`. 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 there is no bootargs defined in U-Boot.*

6.1.8 Booting from SD/eMMC on the i.MX 95 EVK board

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

Table 18. Boot device switch settings

Boot mode switch	SW7 (from 1-4 bit)
SD boot	1011
eMMC boot	1010
Download mode	1001

To test booting from SD, change the board Boot\_Mode switch to SW7 1011 (from 1-4 bit).

To test booting from eMMC, change the board Boot\_Mode switch to SW7 1010 (from 1-4 bit).

The default environment is in boot.img. 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 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 configurations.

6.2.1 U-Boot environment

- **bootcmd:** the first command to run after U-Boot boot.
- **bootargs:** the kernel command line, which the bootloader passes to the kernel. As described in [Section 6.2.2](#), 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
```

If the environment variable append\_bootargs is set, the value of append\_bootargs is appended to bootargs automatically, which facilitates the feature enable/disable during development. However, all kernel command lines should be fixed in code and the append\_bootargs should be disabled in formal release images. See Section "Disabling development options in U-Boot" in the i.MX Android Security User's Guide (UG10158).

- **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` variable in your U-Boot environment). To boot up the Android system, execute the following command:

```
> 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 19. Kernel boot parameters

Kernel parameter	Description	Typical value	Used when
<code>console</code>	Where to output kernel log by <code>printk</code> .	<code>console=ttymxc0</code>	i.MX 8M Mini uses <code>console=ttymxc1</code> .
<code>init</code>	Tells kernel where the <code>init</code> file is located.	<code>init=/init</code>	All use cases. <code>init</code> in the Android platform is located in <code>/</code> instead of in <code>/sbin</code> .
<code>androidboot.console</code>	The Android shell console. It should be the same as <code>console=</code> .	<code>androidboot.console=ttymxc0</code>	To use the default shell job control, such as <code>Ctrl+C</code> to terminate a running process, set this for the kernel.
<code>cma</code>	CMA memory size for GPU/VPU physical memory allocation.	<code>cma=800M</code> or <code>cma=1280M</code> or <code>cma=800M@0x960M-0xe00M</code> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For i.MX 8M Mini and i.MX 8Quad Max, it is 800 MB by default.</li><li>For i.MX 8M Quad WEVK/EVK, it is 1280 MB by default.</li><li>For i.MX 8QuadXPlus and 8Quad Max, it is 800 MB by default.</li><li>For i.MX 95 EVK, it is 1024M@0xBF0M-0xFF0M by default.</li></ul>	Start address is 0x96000000 and end address is 0xDFFFFFFF. The CMA size can be configured to other value, but cannot exceed 1184 MB, because the Cortex-M4 core also allocates memory from CMA and Cortex-M4 cannot use the memory larger than 0xDFFFFFFF.
<code>androidboot.selinux</code>	Argument to disable selinux check when <code>userdebug/eng</code> build images are used. For details about selinux, see <a href="#">Security-Enhanced Linux in Android</a> .	<code>androidboot.selinux=permissive</code>	Setting this argument also bypasses all the selinux rules defined in Android system. It is recommended to set this argument for internal developer.

Table 19. Kernel boot parameters...continued

Kernel parameter	Description	Typical value	Used when
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-DSI-to-HDMI display.	androidboot.lcd_density=160	-
androidboot.displaymode	It is used to configure the kernel/driver work mode/ fps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4K display should be configured as: androidboot.displaymode=4k. The default fps is 60 fps. To configure fps, change this value to 4kp60/4kp50/4kp30.</li><li>• 1080p display should be configured as: androidboot.displaymode=1080p. The default fps is 60fps. To configure fps, change this value to 1080p60/1080p50/1080p30.</li><li>• 720p display should be configured as: androidboot.displaymode=720p. The default fps is 60fps. To configure fps, change this value to 720p60/720p50/720p30.</li><li>• 480p display should be configured as: androidboot.displaymode=480p. The default FPS is 60fps. To configure fps, change this value to 480p60/480p50/480p30.</li><li>• For other displaymode which is not 4k/1080p/720p/480p or fps is not 60/50/30, for example: 1024x768p24 display should be configured as: androidboot.displaymode=1024x768p24.</li><li>• 1080p60 display can be configured as: androidboot.displaymode=1920x1080p60 or androidboot.displaymode=1080p.</li></ul>	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-DSI-to-HDMI display or MIPI panel display.

Table 19. Kernel boot parameters...continued

Kernel parameter	Description	Typical value	Used when
androidboot.dpu_composition	It is used to determine if DPU composition can be enabled	Default Vaule: androidboot.dpu_composition=0 it means use GPU to do composition by default.	Setting it to 1 means gralloc allocate layer buffer without tiled format and 2d (DPU) compostion is used. In this case, setprop vendor.hwc.prefer.2d-composition 0 and restarting the hardware composer service can switch to use the GPU to do composition.
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. For details, see the <a href="#">i.MX Android Frequently Asked Questions</a> .	androidboot.wificountrycode=CN	-
moal.mod_para	It is used to set driver load arguments for NXP mxmdriver Wi-Fi driver.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>moal.mod_para=wifi_mod_para_sd8987.conf</li><li>moal.mod_para=wifi_mod_para_powersave.conf</li></ul>	-
transparent_hugepage	It is used to change the sysfs boot time defaults of Transparent Hugepage support.	transparent_hugepage=never/always/madvise	-
loop.max_part	Defines how many partitions to be able to manage per loop device.	loop.max_part=7	-
swiotlb	It is used to configure the SWIOTLB size. The kernel default value is 64 MB.	swiotlb=65536	i.MX 8M Plus EVK is configured to 128 MB (swiotlb=65536) to fix SWIOTLB overflow issue of the Wi-Fi driver.

Table 19. Kernel boot parameters...continued

Kernel parameter	Description	Typical value	Used when
androidboot.vendor.sysrq	It is used to enable sysrq.	androidboot.vendor.sysrq=1	-
androidboot.powersave.usb	It is used to enable USB runtime_pm (auto).	androidboot.powersave.usb=true	-
androidboot.secureime	It is used to enable NXP Secure IME. It is only available on i.MX 8ULP with MIPI panel as display.	androidboot.secureime=enabled	-
androidboot.lpa.enable	It is used to enable Low Power Audio (LPA), only available on i.MX 8M Plus EVK, i.MX 8M Mini EVK, and i.MX 8ULP EVK.	androidboot.lpa.enable=1	-
snd_pcm.max_alloc_per_card	It is used to set the maximum total allocation bytes per card, required by LPA case. For details, see <a href="#">Section 8.2.1</a> .	snd_pcm.max_alloc_per_card=134217728	-
androidboot.lpa.enable	It is used to enable LPA, only available on i.MX 8M Plus EVK, i.MX 8M Mini EVK, and i.MX 8ULP EVK.	androidboot.lpa.enable=1	
snd_pcm.max_alloc_per_card	It is used to set max total allocation bytes per card, required by LPA case. For details, see <a href="#">Section 8.2.1</a> .	snd_pcm.max_alloc_per_card=134217728	

### 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 convenience 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
```

### 6.2.4 Full reset for i.MX 8QuadMAX/8QuadXPlus and i.MX 95

For i.MX 8QuadMAX/8QuadXPlus and i.MX 95, a normal reboot command does not trigger a full board reset because of the existence of system manager or system control unit on the device. Instead, to trigger a full board reset, run the following command on the U-Boot command line interface:

```
U-Boot=> reboot
```

Also, you can use the following command on the device console on boot-up:

```
reboot board_reset
```

To trigger a full board reset at the Android application layer, call the reboot method provided by the `PowerManager`. The following is an example:

```
PowerManager pm = (PowerManager) getSystemService(Context.POWER_SERVICE);
pm.reboot("board_reset");
```

## 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_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
$ ./imx-make.sh bootloader kernel -j4
$ 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_8mm/obj/PACKAGING/
target_files_intermediates/evk_8mm-ota-**.zip
```

#### 7.1.2 Building a full update package

A full update is one where the entire final state of the device (system, boot, product, 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_8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
$ ./imx-make.sh bootloader kernel -j4
$ make otapackage -j4
```

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

```
${MY_ANDROID}/out/target/product/evk_8mm/evk_8mm-ota-**.zip
```

evk\_8mm-ota-\*\*.zip includes payload.bin and payload\_properties.txt. These two files are used for full update, which is called full-ota.zip for convenience.

#### 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}
$ out/host/linux-x86/bin/ota_from_target_files -i PREVIOUS-target_files.zip NEW-target_files.zip incremental-ota.zip
```

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

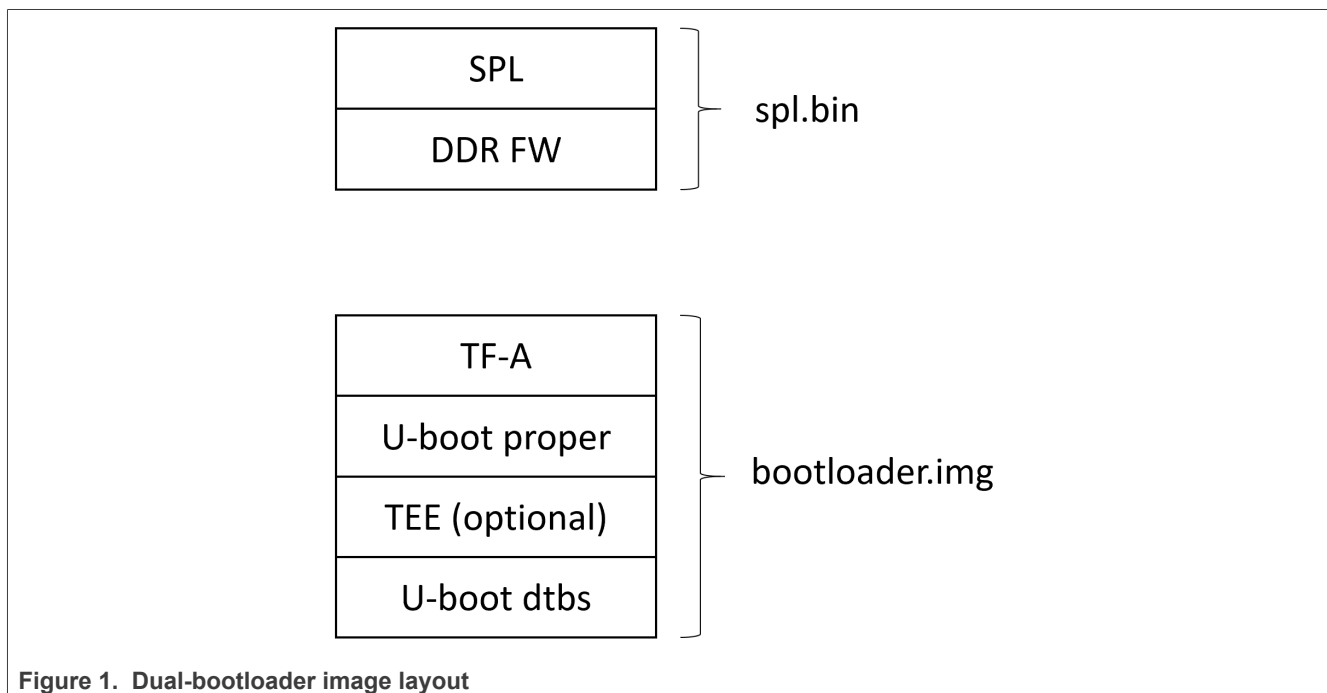
**Note:**

Distribute an incremental package only to devices that run exactly the same previous build used as the incremental package's starting point. Flash the images in `PREVIOUS-target_files.zip` instead of the ones under the `PRODUCT_OUT` directory.

For more information about incremental updates, see <https://source.android.com/docs/core/ota/tools#incremental-updates>.

### 7.1.4 Building an OTA package for single-bootloader image

The dual-bootloader feature divides the default `u-boot.imx` into two parts: `spl.bin` and `bootloader.img`. `spl.bin` leads to the `bootloader0` partition, which is managed by U-Boot itself, while `bootloader.img` leads to the `bootloader_a/bootloader_b` partitions, which are managed by GPT. Taking i.MX 8M Mini as an example, the layout of the dual-bootloader images is as follows.



The dual-bootloader feature is the default configuration and it's useful as it can provide a secure way to update the bootloader image. But if the single-bootloader image is used, to build the OTA package, some configurations need to be made. Taking i.MX 8M Mini as an example, add the following changes to `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp`:

```
diff --git a/imx8m/evk_8mm/AndroidBoard.mk b/imx8m/evk_8mm/AndroidBoard.mk
index 3305270b4..c402abc05 100644
--- a/imx8m/evk_8mm/AndroidBoard.mk
+++ b/imx8m/evk_8mm/AndroidBoard.mk
```

```

@@ -7,5 +7,3 @@ include $(FSL_PROPRIETARY_PATH)/fsl-proprietary/media-profile/
media-profile.mk
include $(FSL_PROPRIETARY_PATH)/fsl-proprietary/sensor/fsl-sensor.mk
-include $(IMX_MEDIA_CODEC_XML_PATH)/mediacodec-profile/mediacodec-profile.mk

-BOARD_PACK_RADIOIMAGES += bootloader.img
-INSTALLED_RADIOIMAGE_TARGET += $(PRODUCT_OUT)/bootloader.img
diff --git a/imx8m/evk_8mm/BoardConfig.mk b/imx8m/evk_8mm/BoardConfig.mk
index c6f94c82f..66414a65d 100644
--- a/imx8m/evk_8mm/BoardConfig.mk
+++ b/imx8m/evk_8mm/BoardConfig.mk
@@ -67,7 +67,6 @@ BOARD_PREBUILT_DTBOIMAGE := $(OUT_DIR)/target/product/
$(PRODUCT_DEVICE)/dtbo-imx
BOARD_USES_METADATA_PARTITION := true
BOARD_ROOT_EXTRA_FOLDERS += metadata

-AB_OTA_PARTITIONS += bootloader

# -----@block_security-----
ENABLE_CFI=false

```

Note that Trusty is not integrated in the single-bootloader image.

### 7.1.5 Building an OTA package with the postinstall command

Postinstall is a mechanism to execute a specified command in the updated partition during the OTA process. To enable this mechanism, add some build configurations.

This release provides a demonstration for enabling the vendor partition postinstall command. You can find the following code in the repository under the `$(MY_ANDROID)/device/nxp` directory:

```

AB_OTA_POSTINSTALL_CONFIG += \
RUN_POSTINSTALL_vendor=true \
POSTINSTALL_PATH_vendor=bin/imx_ota_postinstall \
FILESYSTEM_TYPE_vendor=erofs \
POSTINSTALL_OPTIONAL_vendor=false

```

The preceding configurations are as follows:

- The vendor partition postinstall command is enabled.
- After the vendor partition is updated, the vendor partition with updated image is mounted on the `/postinstall` directory, and the `/postinstall/bin/imx_ota_postinstall` command is executed.
- The updated vendor partition is of `erofs` type.
- The vendor partition postinstall command is not optional. If the command fails, the whole OTA process will not be marked as success.

As you can find in the source code, the preceding configurations do not take effect by default unless a variable named `IMX_OTA_POSTINSTALL` is assigned with an appropriate value. For example, assign a value when executing the command to build an OTA package as follows:

```

$ cd $(MY_ANDROID)
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk_8mm-trunk staging-userdebug
$ ./imx-make.sh bootloader kernel -j4
$ make otapackage -j4 IMX_OTA_POSTINSTALL=1

```

This postinstall mechanism is not mutually exclusive with full update package or incremental update package. It can be used with both of them.

In the demonstration, `imx_ota_postinstall` corresponds to a shell script, and the source code is under the `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/imx/ota_postinstall/` directory. It is used to update the `bootloader0` partition, which does not have a/b slot.

**Note:** Be aware of the risk that the update of the `bootloader0` partition may fail and there is no way to roll back.

During the execution of this command, it invokes the `dd` command to write the file `/postinstall/etc/bootloader0.img` to the appropriate offset of the boot device. You can modify the configuration source code to decide which file is copied to the vendor partition and named as `bootloader0.img`. Taking i.MX 8M Mini EVK as an example, the following code lines in the release code can copy the U-Boot image with Trusty OS to vendor partition and name it as `bootloader0.img`. If the dual-bootloader feature is enabled, the SPL image should be copied. If the board is closed, the image should be signed first.

```
PRODUCT_COPY_FILES += \
    $(OUT_DIR)/target/product/$(firstword $(PRODUCT_DEVICE))/obj/UBOOT_COLLECTION/
    u-boot-imx8mm-trusty.imx:$(TARGET_COPY_OUT_VENDOR)/etc/bootloader0.img
```

See the *i.MX Android Security User's Guide* (UG10158) about how to sign the `bootloader0` image with CST. In the default configuration, an SPL image is copied to be `bootloader0.img` because dual-bootloader is recommended.

Implement your own postinstall command and perform the operations as needed during the OTA process.

### 7.1.6 Building an OTA package with encrypted boot enabled

A full upgrade image is needed during OTA when Encrypted Boot is enabled. Currently, only dual-bootloader enabled images support encrypted boot OTA. The following table lists the target SPL and bootloader images, which are supported by encrypted boot OTA.

Table 20. Target SPL and bootloader images

Board	Target SPL image	Target bootloader image
i.MX 8M Mini EVK Board	<code>spl-imx8mm-trusty-dual.bin</code>	<code>bootloader-imx8mm-trusty-dual.img</code>
i.MX 8M Nano EVK Board	<code>spl-imx8mn-trusty-dual.bin</code>	<code>bootloader-imx8mn-trusty-dual.img</code>
i.MX 8M Plus EVK Board	<code>spl-imx8mp-trusty-dual.bin</code>	<code>bootloader-imx8mp-trusty-dual.img</code>
i.MX 8M Quad EVK Board	<code>spl-imx8mq-trusty-wevk-dual.bin</code>	<code>bootloader-imx8mq-trusty-wevk-dual.img</code>
i.MX 8ULP 9x9 EVK Board	<code>spl-imx8ulp-trusty-9x9-dual.bin</code>	<code>bootloader-imx8ulp-trusty-9x9-dual.img</code>
i.MX 8QuadMax MEK Board	<code>spl-imx8qm-trusty-dual.bin</code>	<code>bootloader-imx8qm-trusty-dual.img</code>
i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK Board	<code>spl-imx8qxp-trusty-dual.bin</code>	<code>bootloader-imx8qxp-trusty-dual.img</code>
i.MX 8QuadXPlus C0 MEK Board	<code>spl-imx8qxp-trusty-c0-dual.bin</code>	<code>bootloader-imx8qxp-trusty-c0-dual.img</code>

#### 7.1.6.1 Building SPL and bootloader images with encrypted boot enabled

Before compilation begins, see Section "Building Android images to construct the containers" and Section "Enabling the encrypted boot support in U-Boot" in the *i.MX Android Security User's Guide* (UG10158) to enable the encrypted boot function by modifying the target defconfig files.

Images including the encrypted boot enabled SPL and bootloader can be generated with the following commands:

```
$ cd ${MY_ANDROID}
$ source build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch evk 8mm-trunk_staging-userdebug
$ BUILD_ENCRYPTED_BOOT=true ./imx-make.sh bootloader -j24
```

### 7.1.6.2 Encrypting SPL and bootloader images

To encrypt SPL and bootloader images, see Section "Encrypted boot with AHAB" and Section "Encrypted boot with HABv4" in the *i.MX Android Security User's Guide* (UG10158). But there are two differences:

- Do not insert the Encryption Key (DEK) Blob to final images. Save these DEK Blob files such as `dek_blob_spl.bin` and `dek_blob_bl.bin`, which are necessary for encrypted boot OTA.
- To facilitate remote upgrades, all the CST commands that encrypt images should be appended with the `-d` parameter. This parameter requires CST to reuse DEK Blob files that already exist in the current directory.

### 7.1.6.3 Building an OTA package with encrypted boot

Move the encrypted target SPL and bootloader images to the directory of `${MY_ANDROID}/out/tagret/product/${TARGET_PRODUCT}/obj/UBOOT_COLLECTION/`. Override the original target files.

Execute the following command to generate an OTA package, which includes the encrypted SPL and bootloader images.

```
$ ./imx-make.sh kernel -j4
$ BUILD_ENCRYPTED_BOOT=true make otapackage -j24 IMX_OTA_POSTINSTALL=1
```

Then the OTA package includes the encrypted SPL and bootloader images. Besides the OTA package, DEK Blobs of SPL and bootloader images need to be provisioned into the device before applying the OTA package. For how to provision DEK Blobs into devices and enable the encrypted boot OTA, see Section "Setting up encrypted boot OTA" in the *i.MX Android Security User's Guide* (UG10158).

## 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 `full-ota.zip` or `incremental-ota.zip` (generated on [Section 7.1.2](#) and [Section 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=IcRS3NqoglyppyCZouWKbo5f08IPokhlUfHDmz77WQ=`
  - `METADATA_SIZE=46866`
4. Input the following command on the board's console to update:

```
su
```

```
update_engine_client --payload=http://192.168.1.1:10888/payload.bin --update
--headers="FILE_HASH=0fSBbXonyTjaAzMpwtBgM9AVtlBeyOigpCCgkoOfHKY=
FILE_SIZE=379074366
METADATA_HASH=Icrs3NqoglyzppyCZouWKbo5f08IPokhlUfHDmz77WQ=
METADATA_SIZE=46866"
```

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

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

1. Unzip `full-ota.zip` or `incremental-ota.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 storage: `adb push payload.bin /data/ota_package`.
3. Cat the content of `payload_properties.txt` as follows:
  - `FILE_HASH=0fSBbXonyTjaAzMpwtBgM9AVtlBeyOigpCCgkoOfHKY=`
  - `FILE_SIZE=379074366`
  - `METADATA_HASH=Icrs3NqoglyzppyCZouWKbo5f08IPokhlUfHDmz77WQ=`
  - `METADATA_SIZE=46866`
4. Input the following command on the board's console to update:

```
su
update_engine_client --payload=file:///data/ota_package/payload.bin --update
--headers="FILE_HASH=0fSBbXonyTjaAzMpwtBgM9AVtlBeyOigpCCgkoOfHKY=
FILE_SIZE=379074366
METADATA_HASH=Icrs3NqoglyzppyCZouWKbo5f08IPokhlUfHDmz77WQ=
METADATA_SIZE=46866"
```

5. The system will update in the background. After it finishes, it displays "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

Google has provided a reference OTA application (named as `SystemUpdaterSample`) under `${MY_ANDROID}/bootable/recovery/updater_sample`, which can do the OTA operations. Perform the following steps to use this application:

1. Generate a JSON configuration file from the OTA package.

```
out/host/linux-x86/bin/gen_update_config \
--ab_install_type=STREAMING \
--ab_force_switch_slot \
full-ota.zip \
full-ota.json \
http://192.168.1.1:10888/full-ota.zip
```

And you can use the following command to generate incremental OTA JSON file:

```
out/host/linux-x86/bin/gen_update_config \
--ab_install_type=STREAMING \
--ab_force_switch_slot \
incremental-ota.zip \
incremental-ota.json \
http://192.168.1.1:10888/incremental-ota.zip
```

**Note:**

<http://192.168.1.1:10888/full-ota.zip> is a remote server address, which can hold the OTA package.

2. Set up the HTTP server (for example, Lighttpd, Apache).

You need one HTTP server to hold the OTA packages.

```
scp full-ota.zip ${server_ota_folder}
scp incremental-ota.zip ${server_ota_folder}
```

**Note:**

- `server_ota_folder` is one folder on your remote server to hold OTA packages.
- `full-ota.zip` and `incremental-ota.zip` are built from [Section 7.1.2](#) and [Section 7.1.3](#).

3. Push JSON files to the board.

- a. Use the following command to push JSON files to the board:

```
adb push full-ota.json /data/local/tmp
adb push incremental-ota.json /data/local/tmp
```

- b. Use the following command to move JSON files to the private folder of the SystemUpdaterSample application:

```
su
mkdir -m 777 -p /data/user/0/com.example.android.systemupdatersample/files
mkdir -m 777 -p /data/user/0/com.example.android.systemupdatersample/
files/configs
cp /data/local/tmp/*.json /data/user/0/
com.example.android.systemupdatersample/files/configs
chmod 777 /data/user/0/com.example.android.systemupdatersample/files/
configs/*.json
```

**Note:**

If you use the Android Automotive system, move JSON files to the `user/10` folder as follows:

```
su
mkdir -m 777 -p /data/user/10/com.example.android.systemupdatersample/files
mkdir -m 777 -p /data/user/10/com.example.android.systemupdatersample/files/
configs
cp /data/local/tmp/*.json /data/user/10/
com.example.android.systemupdatersample/files/configs
chmod 777 /data/user/10/com.example.android.systemupdatersample/files/
configs/*.json
```

4. Open the SystemUpdaterSample OTA application.

There are many buttons on the UI. The following are their brief description:

```
Reload - reloads update configs from device storage.
View config - shows selected update config.
Apply - applies selected update config.
Stop - cancel running update, calls UpdateEngine#cancel.
Reset - reset update, calls UpdateEngine#resetStatus, can be called only when
update is not running.
Suspend - suspend running update, uses UpdateEngine#cancel.
Resume - resumes suspended update, uses UpdateEngine#applyPayload.
Switch Slot - if ab_config.force_switch_slot config set true, this button
will be enabled after payload is applied, to switch A/B slot on next reboot.
```

First, choose the desired JSON configuration file. Then, click the **APPLY** button to do the update. After the update is complete, you can see "SUCCESS" in the **Engine error** text field, and "REBOOT\_REQUIRED" in the **Updater state** text field. Finally, reboot the board to finish the whole OTA update.

**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/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mm/BoardConfig.mk`:

```
TARGET_BOARD_DTS_CONFIG ?= imx8mm-ddr4:imx8mm-ddr4-evk.dtb
TARGET_BOARD_DTS_CONFIG += imx8mm:imx8mm-evk-usd-wifi.dtb
TARGET_BOARD_DTS_CONFIG += imx8mm-mipi-panel:imx8mm-evk-rm67199.dtb
TARGET_BOARD_DTS_CONFIG += imx8mm-mipi-panel-rm67191:imx8mm-evk-rm67191.dtb
TARGET_BOARD_DTS_CONFIG += imx8mm-m4:imx8mm-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_8mm/dtbo-imx8mm.img
```

Therefore, the default OTA package can only be applied for `evk_8mm` with single MIPI-DSI-to-HDMI display. To generate an OTA package for `evk_8mm` with an RM67199 MIPI panel display, modify this `BOARD_PREBUILT_DTBOIMAGE` as follows:

```
BOARD_PREBUILT_DTBOIMAGE := out/target/product/evk_8mm/dtbo-imx8mm-mipi-panel.img
```

To generate an OTA package for `evk_8mm` with an RM67191 MIPI panel display, modify this `BOARD_PREBUILT_DTBOIMAGE` as follows:

```
BOARD_PREBUILT_DTBOIMAGE := out/target/product/evk_8mm/dtbo-imx8mm-mipi-panel-rm67191.img
```

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

For detailed information about the SystemUpdaterSample application, see [https://android.googlesource.com/platform/bootable/recovery/+refs/heads/master/updater\\_sample/](https://android.googlesource.com/platform/bootable/recovery/+refs/heads/master/updater_sample/).

## 8 Customized Configuration

### 8.1 Camera configuration

Camera HAL on running reads the information in `/vendor/etc/configs/camera_config_${ro.boot.soc_type}.json` to configure the camera. `${ro.boot.soc_type}` is the value of property `ro.boot.soc_type`. The source of this json file is in the repository under `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/`. To configure the camera, make modifications on this source file.

Some parameters have default values in the camera HAL. It is not necessary to set these parameters in the JSON file if the default values can have cameras work normally.

#### 8.1.1 Configuring the rear and front cameras

`camera_type` and `camera_name` can be used together in the camera configuration JSON file to specify the camera used as the front or rear camera.

The value of `camera_type` can be "front" and "back". "front" represents the front camera, and "back" represents the rear camera.

The value of "camera\_name" represents the camera. It should be either

`v4l2_dbg_chip_ident.match.name` returned from `v4l2's VIDIOC_DBG_G_CHIP_IDENT ioctl` or `v4l2_capability.driver` returned from `v4l2's VIDIOC_QUERYCAP ioctl`. `v4l2_dbg_chip_ident`



and `v4l2_capability` are structure types defined in camera HAL. Camera HAL goes through all the V4L2 device present in the system to find the corresponding camera and output the information to `logcat`.

`OmitFrame` is used to skip the first several frames. `cam_blit_csc` is used to specify the hardware used to do csc in camera HAL. `cam_blit_copy` is used to specify the hardware used to do memory copy in camera HAL.

`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 21. Media profile parameters

Profile file name	Rear camera	Front camera
<code>media_profiles_1080p.xml</code>	Maximum to 1080P, 30FPS and 8 Mbps for recording video	Maximum to 720P, 30FPS, and 3 Mbps for recording video
<code>media_profiles_720p.xml</code>	Maximum to 720P, 30FPS, and 3 Mbps for recording video	Maximum to 720P, 30FPS, and 3 Mbps for recording video
<code>media_profiles_480p.xml</code>	Maximum to 480P, 30FPS, and 2 Mbps for recording video	Maximum to 480P, 30FPS, and 2 Mbps for recording video
<code>media_profiles_qvga.xml</code>	Maximum to QVGA, 15FPS, and 128 Kbps for recording video	Maximum to QVGA, 15FPS, and 128 Kbps for recording video
<code>media_profiles_95.xml</code>	maximum to 1080P, 60FPS, and 16Mb/s for recording video	maximum to 480P, 30FPS, and 2Mb/s 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.*

8.1.2 Configuring 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 following table lists the parameters for camera sensor. These parameters can be configured in the camera configuration JSON file.

Table 22. Camera sensor parameters

Parameter	Description
<code>ActiveArrayWidth</code>	Maximum active pixel width for camera sensor.
<code>ActiveArrayHeight</code>	Maximum active pixel height for camera sensor.
<code>PixelArrayWidth</code>	Maximum pixel width for camera sensor.
<code>PixelArrayHeight</code>	Maximum pixel height for camera sensor.
<code>orientation</code>	If ( <code>PixelArrayWidth &gt; PixelArrayHeight</code> ), and the screen is portrait( <code>w &lt; h</code> ), set it to <b>90</b> . If ( <code>PixelArrayWidth &lt; PixelArrayHeight</code> ), and the screen is landscape( <code>w &gt; h</code> ), set it to <b>90</b> . Otherwise, set it to <b>0</b> .
<code>FocalLength</code>	Focal length.
<code>MinFrameDuration</code>	Minimum FPS.
<code>MaxFrameDuration</code>	Maximum FPS.
<code>MaxJpegSize</code>	Maximum JPEG size.



Table 22. Camera sensor parameters...continued

Parameter	Description
PhysicalWidth	PixelArrayWidth * siz_of_one_pixel (For OV5640, it is 1.4 um; For max9286, it is 4.2 um. For ap1302, it's 3.0um)
PhysicalHeight	PixelArrayHeight * siz_of_one_pixel (For OV5640, it is 1.4 um; For max9286, it is 4.2 um. For ap1302, it's 3.0um)

8.1.3 Making cameras work on i.MX 8M Plus EVK with non-default images

The default image for i.MX 8M Plus EVK supports OS08A20 + OS08A20 and the cameras can work after the image is flashed and boot up. To make cameras work with non-default images, execute the following additional commands:

- Basler (CSI1) + OV5640 (CSI2) or only Basler (CSI1) on the host

```
# flash the image
sudo ./fastboot_imx_flashall.sh -f imx8mp -a -e -d basler-ov5640 // or "-d
  basler" for Only basler(CSI1)

# set bootargs
# In serial console, enter into uboot command mode, run below commnads:
# If enable basler 4k size, also add androidboot.camera.ispsensor.maxsize=4k.
setenv append_bootargs androidboot.camera.layout=basler-ov5640
saveenv
boota
```

- Only OV5640 (CSI1) on the host

```
# flash the image
sudo ./fastboot_imx_flashall.sh -f imx8mp -a -e -d ov5640

# set bootargs
# In serial console, enter into uboot command mode, run below commad:
setenv append_bootargs androidboot.camera.layout=only-ov5640
saveenv
boota
```

**Note:**  
-d ov5640 can be replaced by one of below:  
-d lvds, -d lvds-panel, -d mipi-panel, -d mipi-panel-rm67191, -d rpmsg, -d sof.

- OS08A20 (CSI1) + OV5640 (CSI2) Or Only OS08A20 (CSI1)

```
# flash the image
sudo ./fastboot_imx_flashall.sh -f imx8mp -a -e -d os08a20-ov5640 # or "-d
  os08a20" for Only os08a20(CSI1)

# set bootargs
# In serial console, enter into uboot command mode, run below commnads:
# If enable os08a20 4k size, also add androidboot.camera.ispsensor.maxsize=4k.
setenv append_bootargs androidboot.camera.layout=os08a20-ov5640
saveenv
boota
```

- Basler (CSI1) + Basler (CSI2)

```
# flash the image
sudo ./fastboot_imx_flashall.sh -f imx8mp -a -e -d dual-basler

# set bootargs
```

```
# In serial console, enter into uboot command mode, run below commad:
setenv append_bootargs androidboot.camera.layout=dual-basler
saveenv
boota
```

8.1.4 Making the AP1302 camera work on i.MX 95

To make the AP1302 camera work on i.MX 95 EVK, a third party firmware not in this release is needed. When trying with the release image, follow the steps below to get the firmware and push it to the device to make the AP1302 work.

- 1. Remount the filesystems on the device to get the write permission on the vendor partition.
- 2. Get the AP1302 firmware from: [https://github.com/ONSemiconductor/ap1302\\_binaries/commit/cfdcf8aab37b3704a9fbabfdce5ecabcfcc9029](https://github.com/ONSemiconductor/ap1302_binaries/commit/cfdcf8aab37b3704a9fbabfdce5ecabcfcc9029).
- 3. Rename the firmware NXP\_i.MX93/ap1302\_60fps\_ar0144\_27M\_2Lane\_awb\_tuning.bin to ap130x\_ar0144\_single\_fw.bin.
- 4. Execute the command adb push ap130x\_ar0144\_single\_fw.bin /vendor/firmware.
- 5. Execute the command adb reboot.

8.1.5 DeviceAsWebcam feature

Android Device as Webcam allows Android devices to act as webcams for laptops and desktops. The feature works by connecting the device to the computer through USB and sending the video data to the computer. This means that users can use their device's camera as a high-quality webcam without having to buy a separate webcam.

The following boards have enabled this feature:

- i.MX 8M Mini EVK Board
- i.MX 8M Quad EVK Board
- i.MX 8QuadMax MEK Board
- i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK Board

Note:

- This feature requires camera support, so make sure that camera can work properly with the image you flash.
- Supports MJPG streams in 1920 x 1080 and 1280 x 720 resolutions.
- Preview FPS can be checked using PotPlayerSetup.exe on Windows. Make sure your USB cable is connected properly.
- The preview for OV5640 is always 30 fps, but the reason 30 fps cannot be achieved with this feature is that the encoding takes a lot of time (YUV420SP->I420->MJPG), and the time taken here is related to performance.

The FPS listed below are for reference.

Table 23.

Platform	VideoFmt	Resolutions	FPS
i.MX 8M Mini	MJPEG	1920 x 1080 1280 x 720	28 fps 30 fps
i.MX 8M Quad	MJPEG	1920 x 1080 1280 x 720	25 fps 30 fps
i.MX 8QuadMax	MJPEG	1920 x 1080 1280 x 720	30 fps 30 fps
i.MX 8QuadXPlus	MJPEG	1920 x 1080 1280 x 720	15 fps 30 fps

## 8.2 Audio configuration

### 8.2.1 Enabling 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 keep 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 adds `AUDIO_OUTPUT_FLAG_DIRECT` for this track, and this stream plays from `DirectOutputThread`.

In low-power audio mode, the default audio period time is 500 milliseconds, and the whole buffer can hold 20 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 20
> setprop vendor.audio.lpa.period_ms 500
```

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

1. Add `-d m4 -m` or `-d rpmsg -m` when flashing images to support audio playback based on MCU FreeRTOS, for example:
  - For i.MX 8M Mini EVK: `uuu_imx_android_flash.sh -f imx8mm -e -d m4 -m`
  - For i.MX 8M Plus EVK: `uuu_imx_android_flash.sh -f imx8mp -e -d rpmsg -m`
  - For i.MX 8ULP EVK: `uuu_imx_android_flash.sh -f imx8ulp -e -d lpa -u trusty-lpa-dual -m`
2. For i.MX 8ULP EVK, set the board boot switch to dual-boot mode: 0100\_0001 (SW5, from 1-8 bit). For i.MX 8M Mini EVK and i.MX 8M Plus EVK, add `bootmcu` to `bootcmd`.

```
setenv bootcmd "bootmcu && boota"
```

3. Add `androidboot.lpa.enable=1 snd_pcm.max_alloc_per_card=134217728` to `append_bootargs` in U-Boot command line.

```
# for i.MX 8ULP EVK
setenv append_bootargs androidboot.lpa.enable=1
snd_pcm.max_alloc_per_card=134217728

# for i.MX 8M Plus EVK
setenv append_bootargs androidboot.lpa.enable=1
snd_pcm.max_alloc_per_card=134217728 clk-imx8mp.mcore_booted=1

# for i.MX 8M Mini EVK.
setenv append_bootargs androidboot.lpa.enable=1
snd_pcm.max_alloc_per_card=134217728 clk-imx8mm.mcore_booted=1

saveenv
```

4. Boot up the system, and push the `.wav` audio files to `/sdcard/`. It is better to use a long-duration audio file.
5. Open the `DirectAudioPlayer` application, and select a file from the spinner. The file selected is listed under the spinner.

- Click the **Play** button to play audio.
- Press the ON/OFF button on the board. The system then enters suspend mode, and the audio can keep playing.

**Note:**

- Only *i.MX 8M Mini EVK*, *i.MX 8M Plus EVK*, and *i.MX 8ULP EVK* support this feature.
  - For *i.MX 8M Mini EVK*, 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 (UG10157).
  - For *i.MX 8M Plus EVK Board* and *i.MX 8ULP EVK Board*, the audio is output from the HEADPHONE jack.
- DirectAudioPlayer* supports limited audio files, which is declared in device's `audio_policy_configuration.xml` with the `AUDIO_OUTPUT_FLAG_DIRECT|AUDIO_OUTPUT_FLAG_HW_AV_SYNC` flag. Other medians are not supported. For example, it does not support playing 44100 Hz audio.
- DirectAudioPlayer* supports 24/32 bits .wav file with sampling rates no more than 192000.

## 8.2.2 Supporting a new sound card

Perform the following steps to support a new sound card on the Android system:

- Add a new audio configuration JSON file.

Each sound card needs one JSON file under the `/vendor/etc/configs/audio` folder of the board, so that Android audio HAL code can manage this card. The content of the JSON file mainly includes the card's driver name, supported output/input device type, and mixer controls that need to be configured.

See `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/common/audio-json/readme.txt` for details to create such a JSON file. After that, copy the JSON file to the board by the following command in Android makefile:

```
PRODUCT_COPY_FILES += \
device/nxp/common/audio-json/xxx_config.json:${(TARGET_COPY_OUT_VENDOR)}/etc/
configs/audio/xxx_config.json
```

- Configure the audio mix port, device port, and route in `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mp/audio_policy_configuration.xml`.

- Mix ports describe the possible configuration profiles for streams that can be opened at the audio HAL for playback and capture.
- Device ports describe the devices that can be attached with their type.
- Routes describe which mix port can route to which device.

Take the following configuration as an example. It means that the system supports three output devices: speaker, headphone, and HDMI. If the speaker or headphone is connected, it expects that the frameworks can deliver 16 bit, 48 kHz, and stereo streams to them. If an HDMI device is connected, it expects 24 bit, 48 kHz, and stereo streams.

```
<mixPort name="primary output" role="source"
  flags="AUDIO_OUTPUT_FLAG_PRIMARY">
  <profile name="" format="AUDIO_FORMAT_PCM_16_BIT"
    samplingRates="48000" channelMasks="AUDIO_CHANNEL_OUT_STEREO"/>
</mixPort>
<mixPort name="hdmi output" role="source">
  <profile name="" format="AUDIO_FORMAT_PCM_8_24_BIT"
    samplingRates="48000" channelMasks="AUDIO_CHANNEL_OUT_STEREO"/>
</mixPort>
<devicePort tagName="Speaker" type="AUDIO_DEVICE_OUT_SPEAKER" role="sink" >
</devicePort>
<devicePort tagName="Wired Headphones"
  type="AUDIO_DEVICE_OUT_WIRED_HEADPHONE" role="sink">
</devicePort>
```

```
<devicePort tagName="HDMI Out" type="AUDIO_DEVICE_OUT_AUX_DIGITAL"
  role="sink">
</devicePort>
<route type="mix" sink="Speaker"
  sources="primary output"/>
<route type="mix" sink="Wired Headphones"
  sources="primary output"/>
<route type="mix" sink="HDMI Out"
  sources="hdmi output"/>
```

### 3. (Optional) Support device hot plug.

Android frameworks support dynamically switching default output device by catching the device's hot-plug event. The uevent can be sent in the kernel by extcon driver.

#### a. Declare which device type supports:

```
static const unsigned int xxx_extcon_cables[] = {
    EXTCON_JACK_HEADPHONE,
    EXTCON_NONE,
};
struct extcon_dev xxx_edev;
```

#### b. Allocate and register the extcon device:

```
xxx_edev = devm_extcon_dev_allocate(&pdev->dev, xxx_extcon_cables);
devm_extcon_dev_register(&pdev->dev, xxx_edev);
```

#### c. When the device is connected, execute the following command to tell frameworks that the headphone device has been connected:

```
extcon_set_state_sync(extcon_dev, EXTCON_JACK_HEADPHONE, 1);
```

#### d. When the device is disconnected, execute the following command:

```
extcon_set_state_sync(extcon_dev, EXTCON_JACK_HEADPHONE, 0);
```

## 8.2.3 Enabling powersave mode

By default, the DRAM speed is 4000 MT/s, the GIC frequency is 500 MHz, and VDD\_SOC is 0.95 V. A powersave mode can be achieved with the following conditions:

- DRAM speed is 2400 MT/s.
- VDD\_SOC is 0.85 V.
- Prohibit the eMMC module, FEC module, BT module, and Wi-Fi module from requesting high bus frequency.
- Disable LDB, ISP, and HDMI.
- USB power domain is active when the USB is in use, and enters suspending when the USB is not in use.
- When playing local audio and output with Bluetooth headset, playing local audio through LPA and output with wired headset, playing online audio and output with wired headset at the time of screen off, the DRAM speed is 400 MT/s and the GIC frequency is 100 MHz.

Perform the following steps to enable powersave mode:

1. Setup the gcc toolchain. If you have downloaded the AArch32 toolchain in [Section 3.2](#), export the toolchain path `ARMGCC_DIR` variable as `export ARMGCC_DIR=/opt/arm-gnu-toolchain-12.3.rel1-x86_64-arm-none-eabi`. The toolchain path can vary based on your actual toolchain path, you can add the export command to `/etc/profile` so it can be used directly when host boot up.

2. Upgrade the CMake version to or higher than 3.13.0. If the CMake version on your machine is not higher than 3.13.0, you can execute the following commands to upgrade it:

```
wget https://github.com/Kitware/CMake/releases/download/v3.13.2/
cmake-3.13.2.tar.gz
tar -xzf cmake-3.13.2.tar.gz; cd cmake-3.13.2;
sudo ./bootstrap
sudo make
sudo make install
```

3. Build image with POWERSAVE=true.

```
POWERSAVE=true ./imx-make.sh -j4 2>&1 | tee build-log.txt
```

Perform the following steps to play audio in powersave mode with the MCU image:

1. Use `-u trusty-powersave-dual -d powersave-non-rpmsg -m` when flashing images to enable powersave mode, for example:

```
# For imx8mp
sudo uuu_imx_android_flash.sh -f imx8mp -e -u trusty-powersave-dual -d
powersave-non-rpmsg -m
```

2. Set bootargs in U-Boot command line:

```
setenv append_bootargs androidboot.lpa.enable=1
snd_pcm.max_alloc_per_card=134217728 clk-imx8mp.mcore_booted=1
saveenv
```

3. Set bootcmd in U-Boot command line:

```
setenv bootcmd "bootmcu && boota"
saveenv
```

Make sure that only "MIPI DSI", "Debug UART", and "Power" ports are connected on the board.

4. To play local audio through LPA and output with wired headset:
  - a. Boot up the system.
  - b. Push the `.wav` audio files to `/sdcard/`. It is better to use a long duration audio file.
  - c. Open the DirectAudioPlayer application. Select a file from the spinner, and the file selected is listed under the spinner.
  - d. Click the Play button to play audio.
  - e. Press the power key on the board to make the system enter suspend mode, and the audio can keep playing.

Perform the following steps to play audio in powersave mode without the MCU image:

1. Use `-u trusty-powersave -d powersave-non-rpmsg4` when flashing images to enable the powersave mode, for example:

```
# For imx8mp
sudo uuu_imx_android_flash.sh -f imx8mp -e -u trusty-powersave -d powersave-
non-rpmsg
```

Make sure that only "MIPI DSI", "Debug UART", and "Power" ports are connected on the board.

2. To play audio and output with Bluetooth headset:
  - a. Boot up the system.
  - b. Push the `.mp3` audio files to `/sdcard/`. It is better to use a long-duration audio file.
  - c. Connect a Bluetooth headset.

- d. Play the .mp3 audio file and turn of the screen.
3. To play online audio and ouput with wired headset:
  - a. Boot up the system.
  - b. Connect to the Wi-Fi access point.
  - c. Open the Spotify application and play audio and turn off the screen.

**Note:** Only the i.MX 8M Plus EVK Board supports this feature.

## 8.3 Display configuration

### 8.3.1 Configuring 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.

The default display density value is defined in `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/` as follows:

```
BOARD_KERNEL_CMDLINE += androidboot.lcd_density=240
```

The display density value can be changed by modifying the related lines mentioned above in files under `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/` and recompiling the code or setting in U-Boot command line as `bootargs` during boot up.

**Note:**

- For the i.MX 8M Mini EVK board, the source folder is `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mm/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For the i.MX 8M Nano EVK board, the source folder is `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mn/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For the i.MX 8M Plus EVK board, the source folder is `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mp/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For the i.MX 8MQuad WEVK/EVK board, the source folder is `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mq/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For the i.MX 8ULP EVK board, the source folder is `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/imx8ulp/evk_8ulp/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For the i.MX 8QuadMax/8QuadXPlus MEK board, the source folder is `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/imx8q/mek_8q/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For the i.MX 95 EVK board, the source folder is `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/imx9/evk_95/BoardConfig.mk`.



8.3.2 Enabling multiple-display function

The following boards support more than one display.

Table 24. Boards supporting multiple displays

Board	Number of displays	Display port
i.MX 8QuadMax MEK	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If physical HDMI is used: HDMI_TX, LVDS0_CH0, LVDS1_CH0, and MIPI_DSI1</li><li>If physical HDMI is not used: LVDS0_CH0 and LVDS1_CH0, MIPI_DSI0, and MIPI_DSI1</li></ul>
i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK	2	DSI0/LVDSI0, DSI1/LVDSI1
i.MX 8M Quad WEVK/EVK	2	HDMI, MIPI-DSI-to-HDMI
i.MX 8M Plus EVK	3	MIPI-DSI, LVDS0, HDMI
i.MX 95	2	If MIPI-to-HDMI is used: MIPI-to-HDMI and LVDS1 If MIPI-to-HDMI is not used: LVDS0 and LVDS1

The two displays on i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK are enabled by default.

The three displays on i.MX 8M Plus EVK are enabled by default.

To evaluate the multiple-display feature with physical HDMI on i.MX 8QuadMax MEK, flash `dtbo-imx8qm-md.img`. It implies a limitation of the resolution of the physical HDMI. To use multiple displays, do not use the physical HDMI with the resolution of 4K.

To evaluate the multiple-display feature on i.MX 8MQuad EVK, flash `dtbo-imx8mq-dual.img`.

To evaluate the multiple display feature on i.MX 95 EVK, `dtbo-imx95-lvds-dualdisp.img` or `dtbo-imx95-mipi-lvds1.img` should be flashed.

8.3.2.1 Binding the display port with the input port

The display port and input port are bound together based on the input device location and display-ID. `/vendor/etc/input-port-associations.xml` is used to do this work when the system is running, but the input device location and display-ID changes with the change of connection forms of these ports with corresponding input and display devices, which means the input location and display-ID need to be retrieved before the connection is fixed.

The source file of `/vendor/etc/input-port-associations.xml` is in the repository under the `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/` directory.

Take i.MX 8M Plus EVK as an example:

1. Use the following commands to obtain the display port number:

```
dumpsys SurfaceFlinger --display-id
Display 4693505326422272 (HWC display 0): port=0 pnpId=DEL displayName="DELL
P2314T"
Display 4693505326422273 (HWC display 1): port=1 pnpId=DEL displayName="DELL
P2314T"
Display 4692921138614786 (HWC display 2): port=2 pnpId=DEL displayName="DELL
S2740L"
```

2. Use the following commands to obtain the touch input location:

```
getevent -i | grep location
location: "usb-xhci-hcd.0.auto-1.3.4/input0"
```



```
location: "usb-xhci-hcd.0.auto-1.2.4/input0"
location: "usb-xhci-hcd.0.auto-1.1.4/input0"
```

3. Bind the display port and input location as follows and modify the configuration file. This file needs to be modified according to actual connection. One display port can be bound with multiple input ports.

```
<ports>
  <port display="0" input="usb-xhci-hcd.0.auto-1.1.4/input0" />
  <port display="1" input="usb-xhci-hcd.0.auto-1.2.4/input0" />
  <port display="2" input="usb-xhci-hcd.0.auto-1.3.4/input0" />
</ports>
```

To make the modifications take effect, modify the source file under the `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/` directory and rebuild the images. Keep the connection of display devices and input devices unchanged and reflash the images. Or you can disable DM-verity on the board and then use the `adb push` command to push the file to the vendor partition to overwrite the original one.

### 8.3.2.2 Launching applications on different displays

When multiple displays are connected, the default `SecondaryHomeLauncher` of the non-primary display is used to launch any application through a pop-up window. You can choose different applications for different displays.

### 8.3.3 Enabling low-power display function

Currently, only the i.MX 8ULP EVK board supports the low-power display function. This demo demonstrates the shared display switching between the Application domain (APD) and the Realtime domain (RTD). It provides a possible solution for smart watch to optimize power consumption when the screen is on.

#### 8.3.3.1 Enabling low-power display on i.MX 8ULP EVK

Perform the following steps to enable the low-power display:

1. As the dual-boot mode is used to enable the low-power display feature, the MUC image should be built and flashed separately. Add `-u trusty-dualboot-dual -d lpd -m` when flashing images to flash image separately, for example:

```
uuu_imx_android_flash.sh -f imx8ulp -e -u trusty-dualboot-dual -d lpd -m
```

2. To update the MCU binary only, use the UUU script to flash the MCU image only:

```
uuu_imx_android_flash.sh -f imx8ulp -u trusty-dualboot-dual -mo
```

3. After flashing the image, set the board boot switch to dual-boot mode to boot up the board normally:  
`1000_0010 (SW5).`

#### 8.3.3.2 Some test commands in low-power display demo

This feature on the MCU side is based on FreeRTOS and the console function is added to test this feature easily.

- When the system boots up, this feature works as the default behavior (described in next section). Use the following command to switch to the `auto sleep` behavior:

```
autosleep 10
```

The RTD UI turns off after 10 seconds (this value should be larger than 0). To disable this behavior, just input `autosleep 0` to switch to the default behavior.

- The backlight of the RTD UI can be adjusted by the following commands:

```
adjust backlight to maximum: bl 100
turn off backlight: bl 0
```

### 8.3.3.3 Test procedure for low-power display demo

#### Default behavior

When the system boots up, this low-power display works as the default behavior.

- When the Android system boots up, make Android enter SUSPEND mode (remove the USB, press the ON/OFF button). Then RTD takes over the display and shows the watch dial and updates the time all the time.
- Press the ON/OFF button again to resume the Android system. APD takes over the display again and shows the Android UI.

**Note:** Sometimes the alarm wakes up APD, but does not light up the Android UI. The screen keeps dialing, and then updates the time again when APD suspends again.

#### Auto Sleep behavior

The UART console on the MCU side supports to input some commands to make RTD UI (watch dial) turn off in some time. Press the RTD BUTTON1 (Vol+) to show the dial again. If such a button is pressed when the RTD UI is showing, it wakes up APD and shows the Android UI. When the Android UI is showing, press RTD BUTTON1 (Vol+), which can make the Android audio volume up.

- Input `autosleep 10` to make the RTD UI turn off in 10s. `autosleep 0` disables such behavior.
- When the display is turned off, pressing RTD BUTTON1 makes the RTD UI show again. It turns off the display again if there is no other action.
- When the RTD UI (dial) is showing, pressing RTD BUTTON1 wakes up APD and shows the Android UI.
- When the Android UI is showing, pressing RTD BUTTON1 works as the Vol+ button.

**Note:** When the auto sleep feature is enabled, only RTD BUTTON1 can make the RTD UI show again (APD in suspend mode).

### 8.3.4 HDMI-CEC feature

Consumer Electronics Control (CEC) is a feature of HDMI designed to allow users to command and control devices connected through HDMI by using only one remote control.

#### 8.3.4.1 Implementation on i.MX platforms

Before the test, you need to know the following:

- Currently, only the platforms with physical HDMI support this feature, so the feature is enabled on i.MX 8M Quad, i.MX 8QuadMax, and i.MX 8M Plus EVK boards. Pay attention to the images flashed.

```
./fastboot_imx_flashall.sh -f imx8mq -a -e -u trusty-dual
./fastboot_imx_flashall.sh -f imx8qm -a -e -u hdmi -d hdmi
./fastboot_imx_flashall.sh -f imx8mp -a -e -u trusty-dual
```

- TV input is restricted to HDMI1. Other connector port inputs are not supported.
- For i.MX 8QuadMax, TV input is restricted to HDMI1, and other input ports are not supported. For i.MX 8M Quad and i.MX 8M Plus, there is no such restrictions, and the hotplug is supported.
- Most TVs and devices support HDMI-CEC, but it may be referred to by different branded trade names, so check your device's settings to enable it. For most TVs, there is a CEC-related introduction for your reference.
- An i.MX 8 device acts as a playback device (logical address 4).

8.3.4.2 Test procedure for HDMI-CEC End-User features

Not all End-User features are supported (One Touch Play, System Standby are definitely supported), and some features involve whether the TV remote control provides commands (Deck Control, Device Menu Control, Remote Control Pass Through).

Ensure that the device boots up and the TV displays the HOME UI properly.

CEC End-User feature	Test Step
One Touch Play	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Set TV to other display (the HDMI connector is not actually connected to the Internet TV).</li><li>Press the <b>on</b> button. Then the TV switches to the relevant HDMI connector and display.</li></ol>
System Standby	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Press the device <b>off</b> button. Then the TV enters the standby state. You can check the TV state by the TV remote control: Press the <b>standby</b> button. Then the TV recovers from the standby state, which means that it truly entered into standby.</li><li>Press the device <b>on</b> button. Then the TV exits the standby state.</li></ol> <p><b>Note:</b> Only device control TV is supported, and TV control device is not supported.</p>
Deck Control	Media functions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prepare a test video (or record a video through camera), opened by <b>Gallery</b>.</li><li>Perform <b>Play</b> and <b>Pause</b> video playback through TV remote control.</li></ol> <p><b>Note:</b> Other commands, such as fast forward, rewind, and stop, are not supported.</p>
Device Menu Control	Use your TV remote control to navigate the menu settings on a connected source device. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Contents</b> Menu: Open <b>Gallery</b>, and then press <b>content list</b>. The menu is then displayed in the current view.</li><li><b>Home</b> Menu: On other displays (enter an <code>apk</code> or <code>swipe up</code> to open the detailed application menu), press <b>Home</b>. The system returns to the HOME UI.</li></ol> <p><b>Note:</b> The operations depend on whether the TV remote control has these buttons. Other menus were not tested.</p>
Remote Control Pass Through	Select; Up; Down; Left; Right; Exit; 0 1 2... <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Run <code>swipe up</code> to open the detailed application menu.</li><li>Use TV remote control to move the cursor to select the application and enter the application, or Exit the application.</li></ol> <p><b>Note:</b> The operations depend on whether the TV remote control has these buttons. Other commands were not tested.</p>
One touch Record	It is not supported, and it needs to be used as a recording device.
Timer Programming	It is not supported, and it needs to be used as a recording device.
Tuner Control	It is not supported, and it needs to be used as a tuner device.
System Audio Control	It is not supported, and it needs to be used as an audio system.

8.4 Wi-Fi/Bluetooth configuration

8.4.1 Enabling or disabling Bluetooth profile

Default enabled Bluetooth profiles for Android build are configured in files named `product.prop` which can be found under `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/`.

For example, `bluetooth.profile.asha.central.enabled?=false` indicates that the ASHA profile is disabled. `bluetooth.profile.a2dp.source.enabled?=true` indicates that the A2DP profile is enabled.

To change enabled Bluetooth profiles, change the default Bluetooth profile configuration.

The following is an example to set ASHA enabled and A2DP disabled for the i.MX 8M Mini board.

The file to be changed is `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mm/product.prop`.

```
bluetooth.profile.asha.central.enabled?=ture
bluetooth.profile.a2dp.source.enabled?=false
```

## 8.5 USB configuration

### 8.5.1 Enabling USB 2.0 in U-Boot for i.MX 8QuadMax/8QuadXPlus MEK

There are both USB 2.0 and USB 3.0 ports on i.MX 8QuadMax/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 8QuadMax, to enable USB 2.0 for the `u-boot-imx8qm.imx`, make the following changes under `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/uboot-imx`:

```
diff --git a/configs/imx8qm_mek_android_defconfig b/configs/imx8qm_mek_android_defconfig
index fec2840430..c1c963bef3 100644
--- a/configs/imx8qm_mek_android_defconfig
+++ b/configs/imx8qm_mek_android_defconfig
@@ -136,7 +136,7 @@ CONFIG_SPL_PHY=y
CONFIG_SPL_USB_GADGET=y
CONFIG_SPL_USB_SDP_SUPPORT=y
-CONFIG_SPL_SDP_USB_DEV=1
+CONFIG_SPL_SDP_USB_DEV=0
CONFIG_SDP_LOADADDR=0x80400000
CONFIG_FASTBOOT=y
@@ -147,7 +147,7 @@ CONFIG_FASTBOOT_UUU_SUPPORT=n
CONFIG_FASTBOOT_BUF_ADDR=0x98000000
CONFIG_FASTBOOT_BUF_SIZE=0x19000000
CONFIG_FASTBOOT_FLASH=y
-CONFIG_FASTBOOT_USB_DEV=1
+CONFIG_FASTBOOT_USB_DEV=0
CONFIG_BOOTAUX_RESERVED_MEM_BASE=0x88000000
CONFIG_BOOTAUX_RESERVED_MEM_SIZE=0x01000000
diff --git a/include/configs/imx8qm_mek_android.h b/include/configs/imx8qm_mek_android.h
index 1fb6b45768..c60f924f02 100644
--- a/include/configs/imx8qm_mek_android.h
+++ b/include/configs/imx8qm_mek_android.h
@@ -19,7 +19,6 @@
#define IMX_HDMITX_FIRMWARE_SIZE 0x20000
#define IMX_HDMIRX_FIRMWARE_SIZE 0x20000
-#define CONFIG_FASTBOOT_USB_DEV 1
#undef CONFIG_EXTRA_ENV_SETTINGS
#undef CONFIG_BOOTCOMMAND
```

For i.MX 8QuadXPlus, to enable USB 2.0 for the `u-boot-imx8qxp.imx`, 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 2dbd3f3f91..57aec56b0c 100644
--- a/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android_defconfig
+++ b/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android_defconfig
@@ -138,7 +138,7 @@ CONFIG_SPL_PHY=y
CONFIG_SPL_USB_GADGET=y
CONFIG_SPL_USB_SDP_SUPPORT=y
-CONFIG_SPL_SDP_USB_DEV=1
+CONFIG_SPL_SDP_USB_DEV=0
```

```

CONFIG_SDP_LOADADDR=0x80400000
CONFIG_FASTBOOT=y
@@ -149,7 +149,7 @@ CONFIG_FASTBOOT_UUU_SUPPORT=n
CONFIG_FASTBOOT_BUF_ADDR=0x98000000
CONFIG_FASTBOOT_BUF_SIZE=0x19000000
CONFIG_FASTBOOT_FLASH=y
-CONFIG_FASTBOOT_USB_DEV=1
+CONFIG_FASTBOOT_USB_DEV=0
CONFIG_SYS_I2C_IMX_VIRT_I2C=y
CONFIG_I2C_MUX_IMX_VIRT=y
diff --git a/include/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android.h b/include/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android.h
index 7e70e92f49..d8e420114f 100644
--- a/include/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android.h
+++ b/include/configs/imx8qxp_mek_android.h
@@ -16,8 +16,6 @@
#define FSL_FASTBOOT_FB_DEV "mmc"
-#define CONFIG_FASTBOOT_USB_DEV 1
-
#undef CONFIG_EXTRA_ENV_SETTINGS
#undef CONFIG_BOOTCOMMAND

```

More than one defconfig files are used to build U-Boot images for one platform. Make the same changes on defconfig files as above to enable USB 2.0 for other U-Boot images. You can use the following command under the `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/uboot-imx/` directory to list all the related defconfig files:

```
ls configs | grep "imx8q.*android.*"
```

## 8.5.2 Changing the VID/PID values of the USB Gadget

### 8.5.2.1 USB Gadget in U-Boot

The USB Gadget functions in the U-Boot stage include fastboot and SPL Serial Download Protocol (SDP).

The VID/PID values for fastboot are **0x1fc9/0x0152**, they are configured with two defconfig items as follows. They can be found in the defconfig file.

```

CONFIG_USB_GADGET_VENDOR_NUM=0x1fc9
CONFIG_USB_GADGET_PRODUCT_NUM=0x0152

```

The VID/PID values for SPL SDP are **0x1fc9/0x0151**. The VID value is the same as before, and the PID value is changed to **0x0151** with the following function. The corresponding source code file is `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/uboot-imx/arch/arm/mach-imx/spl.c`.

```

int g_dnl_bind_fixup(struct usb_device_descriptor *dev, const char *name)
{
    put_unaligned(0x0151, &dev->idProduct);
    return 0;
}

```

The UUU tool relies on the VID/PID value, the reference values can be found in the UUU source code [config.cpp](#). Therefore, if the values are changed, UUU may not work. But the U-Boot image used with UUU is not flashed to the board, so the one in prebuilt images can be used during development if the VID/PID values need to be changed.

### 8.5.2.2 USB Gadget on the Android platform

There are many VID/PID value sets on the Android platform. They are set in the USB Gadget HAL with the following function. The corresponding source code file is `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/imx/`

usb/gadget/aidl/UsbGadget.cpp. Search for the name of the following function in the source code file. Different PID/VID values are used when the Gadget provides different functions. Change the values based on your requirement.

```
static Status setVidPid(const char *vid, const char *pid)
```

### 8.5.2.3 USB Gadget in Recovery

The USB Gadget functions in Recovery include `adb` and `fastbootd`. The VID/PID values are set in `${MY_ANDROIDID}/bootable/recovery/etc/init.rc`. The following lines can be found in the file:

```
write /config/usb_gadget/g1/idVendor 0x18D1
write /config/usb_gadget/g1/idProduct 0xD001
write /config/usb_gadget/g1/idProduct 0x4EE0
```

Change the value in preceding lines based on your requirement.

## 8.6 Trusty OS/security configuration

Trusty OS firmware is used in i.MX Android 14 release as TEE, which supports security features.

The i.MX Trusty OS is based on the AOSP Trusty OS and supports for i.MX 8M Mini EVK, i.MX 8M Nano EVK, i.MX 8M Plus EVK, i.MX 8M Quad EVK, i.MX 8ULP EVK, i.MX 8QuadMax MEK, i.MX 8QuadXplus MEK, and i.MX 95 EVK Board. This section provides some basic configurations to make Trusty OS work on EVK/MEK boards. For more configurations about security-related features, see the *i.MX Android Security User's Guide* (UG10158).

Customers can modify the Trusty OS code to make different configurations and enable different features. First, use the following commands to fetch code and build the target Trusty OS binary.

```
# firstly create a directory for Trusty OS code and enter into this directory
$ repo init -u https://github.com/nxp-imx/imx-manifest.git -b imx-android-14 -m
  imx-trusty-android-14.0.0_2.0.0.xml
$ repo sync
$ source trusty/vendor/google/aosp/scripts/envsetup.sh
$ ./trusty/vendor/google/aosp/scripts/build.py imx8mm #i.MX 8M Mini EVK Board
$ cp ${TRUSTY_REPO_ROOT}/build-imx8mm/lk.bin ${MY_ANDROIDID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-
  proprietary/u-boot-firmware/imx8m/tee-imx8mm.bin
```

Then, build the images, and the `tee-imx8mm.bin` file is integrated into `bootloader-imx8mm-trusty-secure-unlock-dual.img` and `bootloader-imx8mm-trusty-dual.img`.

Flash the `spl-imx8mm-trusty-dual.bin` and `bootloader-imx8mm-trusty-dual.img` files to the target device.

#### Note:

- For i.MX 8M Nano EVK, it uses the same Trusty target as i.MX 8M Mini EVK. Use the parameter `imx8mm` to build the Trusty OS image, and copy the file `lk.bin` to `${MY_ANDROIDID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/u-boot-firmware/tee-imx8mn.bin`.
- For i.MX 8M Plus EVK, use the parameter `imx8mp` to build the Trusty OS image, and copy the file `lk.bin` to `${MY_ANDROIDID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/u-boot-firmware/tee-imx8mp.bin`.
- For i.MX 8M Quad EVK, use the parameter `imx8m` to build the Trusty OS image, and copy the final `lk.bin` to `${MY_ANDROIDID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/u-boot-firmware/imx8m/tee-imx8mq.bin`.
- For i.MX 8ULP EVK, use the parameter `imx8ulp` to build the Trusty OS image, and copy the final `lk.bin` to `${MY_ANDROIDID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/u-boot-firmware/imx8ulp/tee-imx8ulp.bin`.

- For i.MX 8QuadMax MEK, use the parameter `imx8qm` to build the Trusty OS image, and copy the final `lk.bin` to `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/uboot-firmware/imx8q_car/tee-imx8qm.bin`.
- For i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK, use the parameter `imx8qxp` to build the Trusty OS image, and copy the final `lk.bin` to `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/uboot-firmware/imx8q_car/tee-imx8qx.bin`.
- For i.MX 95 EVK, use parameter `imx95` to build the Trusty OS image, and copy the file `lk.bin` to `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/uboot-firmware/imx9/tee-imx95.bin`.
- `${TRUSTY_REPO_ROOT}` is the root directory of the Trusty OS codebase.
- `${MY_ANDROID}` is the root directory of the Android codebase.

### 8.6.1 Initializing the secure storage for Trusty OS

Trusty OS uses the secure storage to protect userdata. This secure storage is based on RPMB on the eMMC chip. RPMB needs to be initialized with a key, and default execution flow of images does not make this initialization.

Initialize the RPMB with hardware bound key or vendor specified key are both supported. The RPMB key cannot be changed once it is set.

- To set a **hardware bound** key, perform the following steps:  
Make your board enter fastboot mode, and then execute the following commands on the host side:

```
- fastboot oem set-rpmb-hardware-key
```

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

- To set a **vendor specified** key, perform the following steps:  
Make your board enter fastboot mode, and then execute the following commands on the host side:

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

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

**Note:**

- This method doesn't work on platforms without CAAM (for example, i.MX 95).
- The RPMB key should start with magic "RPMB" and be followed with 32 bytes hexadecimal key.
- A prebuilt `rpmb_key_test.bin` whose key is fixed 32 bytes hexadecimal `0x00` is provided. It is generated with the following shell commands:

```
- touch rpmb_key_test.bin
- echo -n "RPMB" > rpmb_key_test.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' >> rpmb_key_test.bin
```

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

- **Note:**  
For more details, see the i.MX Android Security User's Guide (UG10158).

### 8.6.2 Provisioning the AVB key

The AVB key consists of public key and private key. The private key is used by the host to sign the vbmeta struct in vbmeta image, and the public key is used by AVB to authenticate the vbmeta image. The following figure shows the relationship between the private key, public key, and vbmeta image. Without Trusty OS, the public key is hard-coded in U-Boot, while with Trusty OS, it is saved in secure storage.



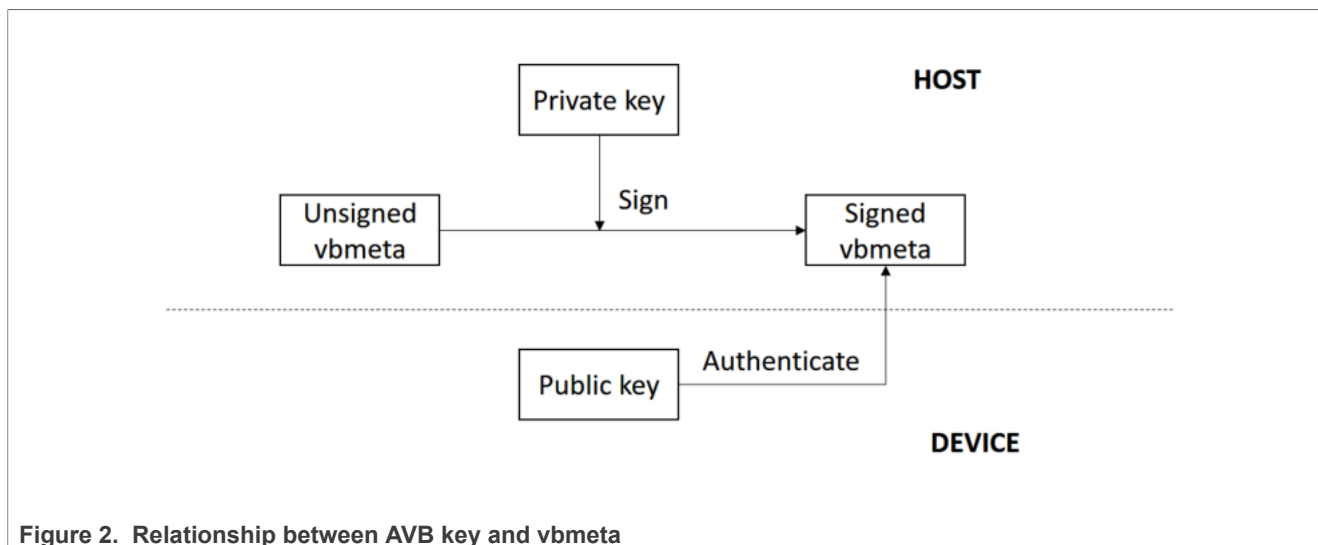


Figure 2. Relationship between AVB key and vbmeta

#### 8.6.2.1 Generating the AVB key to sign images

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

#### 8.6.2.2 Storing the AVB public key to a secure storage

The public key must be stored in the Trusty OS backed RPMB for Android if Trusty OS is enabled. 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 private key you have specified. But if you do not specify any private key, you should set the public key as `prebuilt_testkey_public_rsa4096.bin`, which is extracted to form the default private key `testkey_rsa4096.pem`.

### 8.6.3 AVB boot key

The boot image is built as chained partition and the vbmeta struct in boot image is signed by a pair of asymmetric keys (AVB boot key). For more information about the chained partition, see <https://android.googlesource.com/platform/external/avb/+master/README.md>.

By default, the Android platform uses the test AVB boot key to sign the boot image. It is located at:

```
${MY_ANDROID}/external/avb/test/data/testkey_rsa2048.pem
```

Custom keys should be used for production. See [Section 8.6.2.1](#) to generate the custom private key. The AVB boot key and algorithm can be overridden by setting the following configurations:

```
BOARD_AVB_BOOT_ALGORITHM := <algorithm-type>
BOARD_AVB_BOOT_KEY_PATH  := <key-path>
```

### 8.6.4 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" that 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, 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 that 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
```

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
```

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.

Besides, secure provision provides a way to prevent the plaintext attestation keys and certificates from exposure. For more details, see the *i.MX Android Security User's Guide* (UG10158).

## 8.7 SCFW configuration

SCFW is a binary stored in `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/uboot-firmware`, built into bootloader.

To customize SCFW, download the SCFW porting kit on the [i.MX Software and Development Tools](#) page. For this release, click "Embedded Linux", and then click the "RELEASES" tab. Find the Linux 6.6.23\_2.0.0 release and download its corresponding SCFW Porting kit. Then decompress the file with the following commands:

```
tar -zxvf imx-scfw-porting-kit-1.16.0.tar.gz
cd packages
chmod a+x imx-scfw-porting-kit-1.16.0.bin
./imx-scfw-porting-kit-1.16.0.bin
cd imx-scfw-porting-kit-1.16.0/src
tar -zxvf scfw_export_mx8qm_b0.tar.gz      # for i.MX 8QuadMax MEK
tar -zxvf scfw_export_mx8qx_b0.tar.gz      # for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK
```

The SCFW porting kit contains prebuilt binaries, libraries, and configuration files. For the board configuration file, take i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK as an example, it is `scfw_export_mx8qx_b0/platform/board/mx8qx_mek/board.c`. Based on this file, some changes are made for Android and the file is stored in `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/uboot-firmware/imx8q/board-imx8qxp.c`.

You can copy `board.c` in `vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary` to 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 GCC tool from the [arm Developer GNU-RM Downloads](#) page. It is suggested to download the version of "6-2017-q2-update" as it is verified.
2. Unzip the GCC tool to `/opt/scfw_gcc`.
3. Export `TOOLS="/opt/scfw-gcc"`.
4. Copy the board configuration file from `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp/fsl-proprietary/uboot-firmware/imx8q/board-imx8qxp.c` to the 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
```

5. Build SCFW.

```
cd scfw_export_mx8qx_b0      # enter the directory just uncompressed for i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK
make clean
make qx R=B0 B=mek
```

6. 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
```

7. Build the bootloader.

```
cd ${MY_ANDROID}
./imx-make.sh bootloader -j4
```

### Note:

To build SCFW for i.MX 8QuadMax MEK, use `qm` to replace `qx` in the steps above.

## 8.8 Miscellaneous configurations

### 8.8.1 Changing the boot command line in boot.img

After `boot.img` is used, the default kernel boot command line is inside this image. It packages together during the Android build.

You can change this by changing the value of `BOARD_KERNEL_CMDLINE` in the `BoardConfig.mk` file under `$(MY_ANDROID)/device/nxp`.

**Note:**

- For *i.MX 8M Mini EVK Board*, the source folder is `$(MY_ANDROID)/device/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mm/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For *i.MX 8M Nano EVK Board*, the source folder is `$(MY_ANDROID)/device/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mn/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For *i.MX 8M Plus EVK Board*, the source folder is `$(MY_ANDROID)/device/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mp/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For *i.MX 8M Quad WEVK/EVK Board*, the source folder is `$(MY_ANDROID)/device/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mq/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For *i.MX 8ULP EVK Board*, the source folder is `$(MY_ANDROID)/device/nxp/imx8ulp/evk_8ulp/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For *i.MX 8QuadMax/8QuadXPlus MEK*, the source folder is `$(MY_ANDROID)/device/nxp/imx8q/mek_8q/BoardConfig.mk`.
- For *i.MX 95 EVK Board*, the source folder is `$(MY_ANDROID)/device/nxp/imx9/evk_95/BoardConfig.mk`.

### 8.8.2 Modifying the super partition

The partition of super is used to hold logical partitions. Metadata describing the layout of logical partitions in super partition is at the beginning of the super partition. When the system boots up, the init program parses the metadata in super partition and creates logical partitions to mount.

With virtual A/B feature, the super partition can only have the size for one slot of logical partitions. Now the size of super partition is 4.0 GB. 10 MB reserved in this 4.0 GB for metadata. You can find the code as follows in `$(MY_ANDROID)/device/nxp`:

```
BOARD_SUPER_PARTITION_SIZE := 4294967296
BOARD_NXP_DYNAMIC_PARTITIONS_SIZE := 4284481536
```

Refer to the following patch to change the super partition size to 4 GB:

```
diff --git a/common/partition/device-partitions-13GB-ab_super.bpt b/common/partition/device-partitions-13GB-ab_super.bpt
index e6e7f1a..829821c 100644
--- a/common/partition/device-partitions-13GB-ab_super.bpt
+++ b/common/partition/device-partitions-13GB-ab_super.bpt
@@ -39,7 +39,7 @@
     },
     {
-        "label": "super",
-        "size": "4096 MiB",
+        "label": "super",
+        "size": "3584 MiB",
         "guid": "auto",
         "type_guid": "c1dedb9a-a0d3-42e4-b74d-0acf96833624"
     },
diff --git a/imx8m/BoardConfigCommon.mk b/imx8m/BoardConfigCommon.mk
index 20d65a3..ae42220 100644
--- a/imx8m/BoardConfigCommon.mk
```

```

+++ b/imx8m/BoardConfigCommon.mk
@@ -135,8 +135,8 @@ ifeq ($(TARGET_USE_DYNAMIC_PARTITIONS),true)
    BOARD_NXP_DYNAMIC_PARTITIONS_SIZE := 4024434688
    endif
    else
-    BOARD_SUPER_PARTITION_SIZE := 4294967296
-    BOARD_NXP_DYNAMIC_PARTITIONS_SIZE := 4284481536
+    BOARD_SUPER_PARTITION_SIZE := 3758096384
+    BOARD_NXP_DYNAMIC_PARTITIONS_SIZE := 3747610624
    endif
    ifeq ($(IMX_NO_PRODUCT_PARTITION),true)
        BOARD_NXP_DYNAMIC_PARTITIONS_PARTITION_LIST := system system_ext vendor
diff --git a/imx8q/BoardConfigCommon.mk b/imx8q/BoardConfigCommon.mk
index 85d3561..c7352a2 100644
--- a/imx8q/BoardConfigCommon.mk
+++ b/imx8q/BoardConfigCommon.mk
@@ -164,8 +164,8 @@ ifeq ($(TARGET_USE_DYNAMIC_PARTITIONS),true)
    BOARD_NXP_DYNAMIC_PARTITIONS_SIZE := 4024434688
    endif
    else
-    BOARD_SUPER_PARTITION_SIZE := 4294967296
-    BOARD_NXP_DYNAMIC_PARTITIONS_SIZE := 4284481536
+    BOARD_SUPER_PARTITION_SIZE := 3758096384
+    BOARD_NXP_DYNAMIC_PARTITIONS_SIZE := 3747610624
    endif
    ifeq ($(IMX_NO_PRODUCT_PARTITION),true)
        BOARD_NXP_DYNAMIC_PARTITIONS_PARTITION_LIST := system system_ext vendor

```

## 8.9 Notices before the debugging work

When doing the customization work, you may need to do some debugging work. The debugging work will be convenient and flexible if the read-only filesystems are remounted as writable, so that files in it can be replaced with the `adb push` command. It helps to avoid flashing the images again and saves time.

To remount the read-only filesystems, perform the following steps:

1. Unlock the device.
2. Boot up the system to Android platform.
3. Execute the following commands on the host. The second command takes seconds to finish.

```

$ adb root
$ adb disable-verity

```

4. Reboot the device, and execute the following command on the host:

```

$ adb root
$ adb remount

```

Then, the images can be pushed to the board with the `adb push` command. Before the further debugging work, be aware of the following notices:

- Do not erase the "userdata" partition after `adb disable-verity` is executed.  
With the dynamic partition feature enabled in i.MX Android images, and the size is not specified for `system`, `system_ext`, `vendor`, and `product` partitions when building the images. `overlayfs` is used when remounting the read-only filesystems. An upper directory that can be written in `overlayfs` is needed in this condition. When the `adb push` command is executed, the files are pushed to the upper directory of `overlayfs`, while the original read-only filesystems are not modified.  
i.MX Android images use only one partition named "super" to store images in logical partitions, and `ext4` filesystem is used for the userdata partition, which is mounted on `/data`. When executing the `adb`

`disable-verity` command, an image is allocated under `/data/gsi/remount/scratch.img.0000`. Its size is half the size of the "super" partition and should not be greater than 2 GB. The layout information of this image is stored in `/metadata/gsi/remount/lpmetadata` in the format logical partition metadata.

When rebooting the system, at the first stage of the init program, the information in `/metadata/gsi/remount/lpmetadata` is used to create a logical partition named "scratch", and it is mounted on `/mnt/scratch`. This is used as the upper directory in overlays used in remount. When the `adb push` command is executed to modify the originally read-only filesystems, files are written to the "scratch" partition.

At the first stage of the init program, the userdata partition is not mounted. The code judges whether the backing image of the scratch partition exists in the userdata partition by checking whether the `/metadata/gsi/remount/lpmetadata` file can be accessed. Therefore, if the userdata partition is erased, but the logical partition is still created, this could be catastrophic and may make the system crash.

- To modify the files from the console, execute `remount` on the console first.

`adb` and `sh` are in different mount namespaces. `adb remount` does not change the mount status that `sh` sees.

- For MEK boards, if files need to be pushed to `/vendor/etc`, `/vendor/lib64` and `/vendor/firmware/tee`, push them to another path.

Images for i.MX 8Quad Max MEK and i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK are built together with one target. Media codec configuration files' names and paths are hardcoded in framework, while these two SoCs need different media codec configurations. It means that the media codec configuration files for these two boards with different content should have the same name and being accessed with the same path. Therefore, overlays is used, and images for these two boards have different overlays upper directories. The mount command can be found in `$(MY_ANDROID)/device/nxp/imx8q/mek_8q/init.rc`:

```
mount overlay overlay /vendor/etc ro lowerdir=/vendor/vendor_overlay_soc/
${ro.boot.soc_type}/vendor/etc:/vendor/etc,override_creds=off
mount overlay overlay /vendor/lib64 ro lowerdir=/system/lib64/
vendor_widevine_overlay_soc/${ro.boot.soc_type}/vendor/lib64:/vendor/
lib64,override_creds=off
mount overlay overlay /vendor/firmware/tee ro lowerdir=/vendor/
vendor_widevine_overlay_soc/${ro.boot.soc_type}/vendor/firmware/tee:/vendor/
firmware/tee,override_creds=off
```

The value of `$(ro.boot.soc_type)` can be `imx8qxp` or `imx8qm` here.

With the preceding command executed, access to files under `/vendor/etc` can access files both under `/vendor/etc` and `/vendor/vendor_overlay_soc/${ro.boot.soc_type}/vendor/etc`. The `/vendor/vendor_overlay_soc/${ro.boot.soc_type}/vendor/etc:/vendor/etc` directory is the upper directory in overlays and `/vendor/etc` is both the lower directory and mount point.

After remount, the lower directory `/vendor/etc` is still read-only, and files can be pushed to other sub-paths under `/vendor` except `/vendor/etc`. To push a modified file, which should be accessed from `/vendor/etc`, push it to `/vendor/vendor_overlay_soc/${ro.boot.soc_type}/vendor/etc`, and then reboot the system to make it take effect.

For example, if you modified the file `cdnhdmi_config.json`, a file should be under `/vendor/etc/configs/audio/`. Execute the following commands on the console:

```
su
umask 000
cd /vendor/vendor_overlay_soc/imx8qm/vendor/etc/
mkdir -p configs/audio/
```

Then, execute the following commands on the host:

```
sudo adb push cdnhdmi_config.json /vendor/vendor_overlay_soc/imx8qm/vendor/etc/
```

At last, reboot the device to make this change take effect.

There are two limitations here:

- To delete a file under `/vendor/etc/`, you can only rebuild the image and flash the vendor image again.

- The overlaysfs is mounted with a command in an init .rc file. The init .rc files are all parsed by the init program before the overlaysfs is mounted. Therefore, to modify init .rc files under /vendor/etc, you can only rebuild the image and flash the vendor image again.
- For i.MX 8M Plus EVK boards, if files need to be pushed to /vendor/etc/configs/isp, push them to another path.

Similar to the condition of images for MEK boards, the images for i.MX 8M Plus EVK board support different Cameras, which require different configurations. The different configuration files have the same name, and need to be accessed from the same directory of /vendor/etc/configs/isp, so overlaysfs is used and mounted on this directory for some camera usages, and this directory is still read-only after remount.

The mount commands can be found in \${MY\_ANDROID}/device/nxp/imx8m/evk\_8mp/init.rc.

```
# default is for dual os08a20
on property:ro.boot.camera.layout=""
    mount overlay overlay /vendor/etc/configs/isp ro lowerdir=/vendor/
vendor_overlay_sensor/os08a20/vendor/etc/configs/isp:/vendor/etc/configs/
isp,override_creds=off

# setenv append_bootargs androidboot.camera.layout=basler-ov5640
on property:ro.boot.camera.layout=basler-ov5640
    setprop ro.media.xml_variant.profiles _8mp-ispsensor-ov5640
    mount overlay overlay /vendor/etc/configs/isp ro lowerdir=/vendor/
vendor_overlay_sensor/basler/vendor/etc/configs/isp:/vendor/etc/configs/
isp,override_creds=off

# setenv append_bootargs androidboot.camera.layout=only-ov5640
on property:ro.boot.camera.layout=only-ov5640
    setprop ro.media.xml_variant.profiles _8mp-ov5640

on property:ro.boot.camera.layout=os08a20-ov5640
    setprop ro.media.xml_variant.profiles _8mp-ispsensor-ov5640
    mount overlay overlay /vendor/etc/configs/isp ro lowerdir=/vendor/
vendor_overlay_sensor/os08a20/vendor/etc/configs/isp:/vendor/etc/configs/
isp,override_creds=off

on property:ro.boot.camera.layout=dual-basler
    mount overlay overlay /vendor/etc/configs/isp ro lowerdir=/vendor/
vendor_overlay_sensor/basler/vendor/etc/configs/isp:/vendor/etc/configs/
isp,override_creds=off
```

Files need to be pushed to the following directories based on the camera you are debugging with:

- /vendor/vendor\_overlay\_sensor/basler/vendor/etc/configs/isp
- /vendor/vendor\_overlay\_sensor/os08a20/vendor/etc/configs/isp

The limitations described in the preceding part for MEK images also exist in the images for i.MX 8M Plus EVK board:

- To delete a file under /vendor/etc/configs/isp, you can only rebuild the image and flash the vendor image again.
- The overlaysfs is mounted with a command in an init .rc file. The init .rc files are all parsed by init before the overlaysfs is mounted. Therefore, to modify init .rc files under /vendor/etc/configs/isp, you can only rebuild the image and flash the vendor image again.

If only one kind of camera usage is needed, the overlaysfs mount commands can be removed from the init.rc file and put the corresponding config files directly under /vendor/etc/configs/isp.

## 9 Generic Kernel Image (GKI) Development

## 9.1 GKI introduction

The Generic Kernel Image (GKI) project addresses kernel fragmentation by unifying the core kernel and moving SoC and board support out of the core kernel into loadable modules. The GKI kernel presents a stable Kernel Module Interface (KMI) for kernel modules, so modules and kernel can be updated independently.

Devices that launch with the Android 14 (2023) platform release using kernel versions v5.15 or higher are required to ship with the GKI kernel.

The following boards have enabled GKI:

- i.MX 8M Mini Board
- i.MX 8M Nano Board
- i.MX 8M Plus EVK Board
- i.MX 8M Quad WEVK/EVK Board
- i.MX 8ULP EVK Board
- i.MX 8QuadMax MEK Board
- i.MX 8QuadXPlus MEK Board
- i.MX 95 EVK Board

## 9.2 Changes after GKI enabled

There are some changes after GKI is enabled.

- `boot.img`  
After GKI is enabled, the `boot.img` is a composite image that includes the AOSP generic kernel Image and boot parameters.  
It is built from one prebuilt `boot.img`, stored in the android source code `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/imx-gki/boot.img`. This `boot.img` is certified and released from AOSP, and then signed with the AVB key to generate final `boot.img`.  
By default, the UUU and fastboot script flash this image.  
To build `boot.img`, run `./imx-make.sh` or `make bootimage`.
- `system_dlkim.img`  
`system_dlkim.img` is signed by Google using the kernel build-time key pair and are compatible only with the GKI they are built with. There is no ABI stability between `boot.img` and `system_dlkim.img`. For modules to load correctly during runtime, `boot.img` and `system_dlkim.img` must be built and updated together.
- `boot-imx.img`  
`boot-imx.img` is built from the i.MX kernel tree for debug purposes. By default, it is built out by `imx-make.sh` with `TARGET_IMX_KERNEL=true`, and then renamed from `boot.img` to `boot-imx.img`. For details, see the last piece of code in the `imx-make.sh` build script.

**Note:** `boot.img` and `boot-imx.img` are generated by the `imx-make.sh` script as follows:

```
TARGET_IMX_KERNEL=true make ${parallel_option} ${build_bootimage}
${build_vendorbootimage} ${build_dtboimage} ${build_vendordlkmimage} || exit
if [ -n "${build_bootimage}" ] || [ ${build_whole_android_flag} -eq 1 ]; then
    if [ ${TARGET_PRODUCT} = "evk_8mp" ] || [ ${TARGET_PRODUCT} = "evk_8mn" ] \
    || [ ${TARGET_PRODUCT} = "evk_8ulp" ] || [ ${TARGET_PRODUCT} = "mek_8q" ] \
    || [ ${TARGET_PRODUCT} = "evk_8mm" ] || [ ${TARGET_PRODUCT} = "evk_8mq" ] \
    || [ ${TARGET_PRODUCT} = "evk_95" ]; then
        if [ ${sign_gki} -eq 1 ]; then
            mv ${OUT}/boot.img ${OUT}/boot-imx.img
            make bootimage
        fi
    fi
fi
```



To build `boot-imx.img`, run `./imx-make.sh` or `TARGET_IMX_KERNEL=true make bootimage` && `mv ${OUT}/boot.img ${OUT}/boot-imx.img`.

- Kernel `defconfig`

Kernel `.config` is generated by one generic `gki_defconfig` along with one board specific config, like `imx8mm_gki.fragment`.

- Driver modules

As GKI requires, all vendor drivers need to be built as module. Their configurations are set to `m` in above-mentioned board-specific configuration file.

In addition, explicitly install those modules on board by adding them to the following two Android predefined macros. For example, see `${MY_ANDROID}/device/nxp/imx8m/evk_8mm/SharedBoardConfig.mk`:

- `BOARD_VENDOR_RAMDISK_KERNEL_MODULES`

Modules under this macro are copied to `${MY_ANDROID}/out/target/product/evk_8mm/vendor_ramdisk/lib/modules`, and then built as `vendor_boot.img`.

They are installed to the kernel in the first stage of initialization. In general, put essential modules here and be careful of the sequence.

- `BOARD_VENDOR_KERNEL_MODULES`

Modules under this macro are copied to `${MY_ANDROID}/out/target/product/evk_8mm/vendor_dlm/lib/modules`, and then built as `vendor_dlm.img`.

They are installed later than `vendor_ramdisk`, after the Android file system is ready.

- **Note:** Due to SoC errata *TKT340553* in *i.MX 8QuadMax*, it has not fully enabled GKI. The `boot_8q.img` and `system_dlm_staging_8q` are built locally for both *i.MX 8QuadMax* and *i.MX 8QuadXPlus*.

### 9.3 How to update the GKI image

Download GKI `boot.img` from Google. Put `boot.img` in `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/imx-gki/boot.img`. Run the following command to build signed `boot.img`:

```
./imx-make.sh bootimage
or
make bootimage
```

Download GKI `system_dlm_staging_archive.tar.gz` from Google. Put

`system_dlm_staging_archive.tar.gz` in `${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/imx-gki/system_dlm_staging_archive.tar.gz`. Unzip `system_dlm_staging_archive.tar.gz` to `system_dlm_staging`.

Remove `{MY_ANDROID}/out/target/product/{TARGET_PRODUCT}/system_dlm`.

Run the following command to build `system_dlm.img`.

```
make system_dlmimage
```

Get the `boot.img` and `system_dlm_staging_archive.tar.gz` from <https://source.android.com/docs/core/architecture/kernel/gki-release-builds>.

### 9.4 How to add new drivers

Perform the following steps to add new drivers (Taking `hdmirx` driver on *i.MX 8Quad Max*/*i.MX 8QuadXPlus* as an example):

1. Set the driver configuration to `m` in the configuration fragment file of the board:

```
diff --git a/arch/arm64/configs/imx8q_gki.fragment b/arch/arm64/configs/imx8q_gki.fragment
index 51ce20e5920d..e54f96cc5469 100644
```



```

--- a/arch/arm64/configs/imx8q_gki.fragment
+++ b/arch/arm64/configs/imx8q_gki.fragment
@@ -148,3 +148,4 @@ CONFIG_TRUSTY_CRASH_IS_PANIC=y
CONFIG_SOC_IMX8M=m
CONFIG_I2C_MUX=m
CONFIG_I2C_MUX_GPIO=m
+CONFIG_MHDP_HDMIRX=m

```

## 2. Add the driver .ko files to the board:

```

diff --git a/imx8q/mek_8q/SharedBoardConfig.mk b/imx8q/mek_8q/
SharedBoardConfig.mk
index 280c067f8568..0837e352a4a7 100644
--- a/imx8q/mek_8q/SharedBoardConfig.mk
+++ b/imx8q/mek_8q/SharedBoardConfig.mk
@@ -227,7 +227,8 @@ BOARD_VENDOR_KERNEL_MODULES += \
$(KERNEL_OUT)/drivers/watchdog/imx_sc_wdt.ko \
$(KERNEL_OUT)/drivers/rtc/rtc-imx-sc.ko \
$(KERNEL_OUT)/drivers/nvmem/nvmem-imx-ocotp-scu.ko \
-$(KERNEL_OUT)/drivers/soc/imx/secvio/soc-imx-secvio-sc.ko
+$(KERNEL_OUT)/drivers/soc/imx/secvio/soc-imx-secvio-sc.ko \
+$(KERNEL_OUT)/drivers/staging/media/imx/hdmirx/cdns_mhdp_hdmirx.ko

```

**Note:** If other driver modules depend on them, put them before others.

## 3. Fix symbol issues encountered when the driver is loaded.

If some symbols are not exported but used by the added driver modules, perform the following steps:

- a. Export symbols with `EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(xxx)`.

**Note:** If symbols are in core kernel code (which means not in loadable modules), such changes must upstream to the AOSP GKI Kernel tree.

- b. Add symbols to the AOSP GKI Kernel tree `android/abi_gki_aarch64.stg`.

In this case, the following errors are encountered when init tries to load this module:

```

cdns_mhdp_hdmirx: Unknown symbol v4l2_enum_dv_timings_cap (err -2)
cdns_mhdp_hdmirx: Unknown symbol kthread_freezable_should_stop (err -2)

```

After checking the kernel code, the two symbols are already exported by `EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL()`, but are not present in the `android/abi_gki_aarch64.stg` file. Therefore, follow the next section to add the two symbols to the .stg file and upstream this change to AOSP as follows:

<https://android-review.googlesource.com/c/kernel/common/+2685966>

Once the patch has been merged into the ACK tree, it usually takes a month or two to get it into the GKI release image. To speed up this process, see the following link to request an emergency respin release:

<https://source.android.com/docs/core/architecture/kernel/gki-releases#emergency-respin>

## 9.5 How to export new symbols

AOSP GKI image only exports those symbols listed at `android/abi_gki_aarch64.stg`. To update them, see the official document: <https://source.android.com/devices/architecture/kernel/abi-monitor>.

The following is a quick start guide to export new symbols.

### 1. Generate the device symbol list (`android/abi_gki_aarch64_imx`).

```

mkdir gki && cd gki (Make sure folder gki is not inside of ${MY_ANDROID})
epo init -u https://android.googlesource.com/kernel/manifest -b common-
android15-6.6
repo sync

```

```
cd common
```

**Note:** Switch kernel in this common folder from AOSP to its own device kernel and apply all your local patches that may require new symbols.

```
git remote add device <device kernel git URL>
git remote update
git checkout device/<device kernel branch>
git apply <all device patches if needed>
cd ..
(Due to ISP and wifi code is out of kernel tree, set it explicitly to collect
their symbols)
ln -s ${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/verisilicon_sw_isp_vvcam
verisilicon_sw_isp_vvcam
ln -s ${MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/nxp-mwifiex nxp-mwifiex
tools/bazel run //common:imx_abi_update_symbol_list
```

Then, common/android/abi\_gki\_aarch64\_imx is updated.

2. Update the AOSP symbol list (android/abi\_gki\_aarch64.stg).

```
cd gki
cp common/android/abi_gki_aarch64_imx /tmp/abi_gki_aarch64_imx
cd common
```

**Note:** Switch the kernel in this common folder from its own device kernel to the AOSP kernel.

```
git reset --hard
git checkout aosp/android15-6.6
cp /tmp/abi_gki_aarch64_imx android/abi_gki_aarch64_imx
cd ..
tools/bazel run //common:kernel_aarch64_abi_update
```

Then, common/android/abi\_gki\_aarch64.stg is updated.

3. Build Android boot.img and system\_dlkim.img locally.

```
tools/bazel run //common:kernel_aarch64_dist
cp out/kernel_aarch64/dist/boot.img {MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/imx-
gki/boot.img
cp system_dlkim_staging_archive.tar.gz {MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/imx-
gki/system_dlkim_staging_archive.tar.gz
```

See [Section 9.3](#) to build boot.img and system\_dlkim.img.

Then, boot.img and system\_dlkim.img built locally export those symbols.

4. If you want AOSP released GKI image to export these symbols, make a patch and send the patch upstream to AOSP:

```
android/abi_gki_aarch64_imx android/abi_gki_aarch64.stg
```

## 9.6 How to build GKI locally

In development stage, it is useful to build a GKI image locally to verify drivers.

1. Prepare the GKI Kernel build repo (Taking 6.6 kernel as an example):

```
mkdir gki && cd gki
repo init -u https://android.googlesource.com/kernel/manifest -b common-
android15-6.6
repo sync
```

2. (Optional) Enable the early console.

Early console is useful, if the system is stuck at "Starting kernel ...".

Apply the following patch in the GKI Kernel tree: gki/common:

```
{MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/imx-gki/debug_patches/0001-MA-19811-tty-imx_earlycon-Support-lpuart-earlycon.patch
```

### 3. Build the GKI Image.

```
tools/bazel run //common:kernel_aarch64_dist
```

The GKI boot.img is obtained from out/kernel\_aarch64/dist/boot.img.

The GKI system\_dlmk\_staging\_archive.tar.gz is obtained from out/kernel\_aarch64/dist/system\_dlmk\_staging\_archive.tar.gz.

### 4. Build Android boot.img and system\_dlmk.img:

```
cp out/kernel_aarch64/dist/boot.img {MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/imx-gki/boot.img
cp system_dlmk_staging_archive.tar.gz {MY_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/imx-gki/system_dlmk_staging_archive.tar.gz
```

Refer to "9.3 How to update GKI image" to build boot.img and system\_dlmk.img.

### 5. Build Android boot\_8q.img and system\_dlmk\_8q.img (Only for i.MX 8QuadXPlus and 8QuadMax MEK Board)

To address TKT340553 Errata and support for multiple states domains, i.MX 8QuadXPlus and 8QuadMax require boot\_8q.img and system\_dlmk\_8q.img. The boot\_8q.img and system\_dlmk\_staging\_8q are built locally with aosp/android15-6.6-2024-07. Then, the following patches from {MY\_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/imx-gki/boot\_8q\_patches are added.

```
0001-MLK-16005-2-arm64-tlb-add-the-SW-workaround-for-i.MX.patch
0002-ANDROID-ABI-Update-symbol-list-for-imx.patch
0003-PM-Domains-Move-the-Subdomain-check-into-genpd_powe.patch
0004-PM-Domains-Support-enter-deepest-state-for-multiple-.patch
0005-PM-Domains-Choose-the-deepest-state-to-enter-if-no-d.patch
0006-PM-Domains-remove-no-governor-for-states-warning.patch
```

### 6. Build Android boot\_95.img and system\_dlmk\_95.img (only for the i.MX 95 board).

To avoid receive timeouts when using SCMI for data transfer, i.MX 95 requires boot\_95.img and system\_dlmk\_95.img

. The boot\_95.img and system\_dlmk\_staging\_95.img are built locally with aosp/android15-6.6-2024-07. Then, the following patch from {MY\_ANDROID}/vendor/nxp-opensource/imx-gki/boot\_95\_patches is added:

```
0001-LF-10669-2-firmware-arm_scmi-mailbox-enlarge-rx-time.patch
```

## 10 imx-chip-tool application

Matter (previously known as Project CHIP) is a universal IPv6-based application-layer communication protocol for smart home devices. Matter supports UDP and TCP at the transport layer, and supports Ethernet, Wi-Fi, Thread, Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) at the link layer. Depending on the networking technologies supported by a device, discovery and commissioning are possible using BLE, Wi-Fi technologies, or over IP, if a device is already on an IP network. Devices that use Thread networking technology must also support BLE for the purposes of discovery and commissioning.

The imx-chip-tool application is a pre-installed apk on the i.MX 8M Nano. It is a Matter Controller implementation that allows users to discover and commission a Matter device on the network and communicate with it using Matter messages. This application currently supports two commissioning methods:

- Provision chip device with Wi-Fi

This method is used to discover and communicate with Matter devices that support Wi-Fi. The Android device connected to a Wi-Fi AP that supports IPv6 discovers a Matter lighting device through BLE, joins the Matter device to the Wi-Fi network, and then communicates with it over the Wi-Fi network.

- Provision chip device with Thread  
This method is used to discover and communicate with Matter devices that support Thread. The Android device discovers a Thread lighting device through BLE, joins the Thread device to the Matter network through the Open Thread Board Router (OTBR), and then communicates with the Thread device over IP.  
**Note:** *The Android device and the OTBR are on the same Wi-Fi network, and the OTBR and the Thread device are on the same Thread network. They form a Matter network together.*

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