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## Preface

### Overview

This document introduces how to use the official Buildroot distribution to build and adapt the development of hardware features based on the Rockchip ARM platform.

[Buildroot](#) is a tool that uses cross-compilation to build a complete Linux system for embedded systems, which is simple and automatic. Based on the original Buildroot, Rockchip has integrated BSP configurations for related chips, configurations for accelerated functions of various hardware modules, and in-depth customization development of third-party packages, making it convenient for customers to deeply customize and develop secondary products.

### Chip Support Status

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### Target Audience

This document (this guide) is mainly applicable to the following engineers:

Technical support engineers

Software development engineers

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# 1. Buildroot Third-Party Package Download Mechanism

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The SDK integrates the Buildroot third-party package download mechanism to ensure effective downloads for customers. A more flexible mechanism has now been adopted, which adds an `archives` directory based on original `dl`, pre-storing third-party packages. If unable to connect to Google, it will switch to using the domestic kgithub mirror, and prioritize downloading from the source specified in the `mk` script. If that fails, it will attempt the mirror source configured in the `mk` script and `defconfig`, and finally resort to the official backup source.

In the official tree, most source codes are obtained using `wget`; only a small portion is through their respective `git`, `mercurial`, or `svn` repositories.

## 2. Setting Environment Variables

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In the SDK directory:

```
source buildroot/envsetup.sh <config_name>
```

`config_name` can be listed with `source buildroot/envsetup.sh` to select the specific platform for compilation.

## 3. Compilation Modules and Systems

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Choose an appropriate compilation platform, and then you can compile each package, which mainly consists of three parts: `config`, `build`, and `install`. The detailed steps are as follows. Enter the buildroot directory:

Run `make <package>` to build and install a package and its dependencies. For packages that depend on Buildroot, there are many special `make` targets that can be called independently. Like this:

```
make <package>-<target>
```

Command/target	Description
source	Get the source code (download tarball, clone source repositories, etc.)
depends	Build and install all dependencies required for building the software package
extract	Place the source code in the package build directory (extract tarball, copy source code, etc.)
patch	Apply patches, if any
configure	Run the configure command, if any
build	Run the compilation command
install-staging	Target package: Perform the necessary installation of the package in the staging directory
install	Target package: Run the previous two installation commands Host package: Run the package installation in the host directory

Additionally, there are other useful targets

command/target	Description
show-depends	Show the dependencies required to build the software package
clean	Run the package clean command, can also uninstall the software from the target and staging directories; note that this is not implemented for all packages
dirclean	Delete the entire package build directory
rebuild	Re-run the compilation command
reconfigure	Re-run the configuration command

For example, to build, configure, install, and rebuild modifications for the `rockchip-test` package:

```
### Compile package
buildroot$ make rockchip-test-configure
buildroot$ make rockchip-test-build
buildroot$ make rockchip-test-install

### Rebuild package
buildroot$ make rockchip-test-reconfigure
buildroot$ make rockchip-test-rebuild
buildroot$ make rockchip-test-reinstall

### Clean package
buildroot$ make rockchip-test-dirclean
```

If you need to modify the configuration, you can run `make menuconfig`, for example:

```
buildroot$ make menuconfig
```

In the configuration tool, you can find relevant help describing the purpose of each menu entry. Once the tool completes the configuration, it will generate a `.config` file containing the configuration description. This file will be used by the Makefile to perform the required tasks. Then, execute the make command.

To build the Buildroot system, simply run `make`.

```
buildroot$ make
```

Save to rootfs configuration file

```
buildroot$ make update-defconfig
```

The output of Buildroot compilation is in the output directory, which contains several subdirectories:

- **images:** The storage directory for all images (file systems, such as ext2/4, squashfs, cpio, and other format images).
- **build:** All components are compiled (this includes the tools required to run on the host Buildroot and the packages compiled for the target). The `build/` directory contains a subdirectory for each component.
- **staging:** The hierarchy is similar to the hierarchy of root file system. This directory contains the installation package of the cross-compilation toolchain and all user space packages selected for the target. However, this directory is not intended to become the target's root file system: it contains many development files, unstripped binaries, and libraries, which are also very large for embedded systems. These development files are used to provide the compilation libraries and other libraries required by the target dependencies.
- **target:** It almost contains the complete root file system for the target: everything needed is present (Buildroot cannot create them because Buildroot does not run as root and does not want to run as root). In addition, it does not have the correct permissions (for example, the `setuid` for the `busybox` binary). Therefore, this directory should not be used for your target. Instead, you should use one of the images built in the `images/` directory. If you need to mount an external image in the root file system with NFS, you must generate the image in the `images/` directory as the root user. Compared to `staging/`, `target/` only contains the files and libraries required to run the selected target applications: development files (header files) do not exist, and binaries are stripped.
- **host:** Contains the installation of tools compiled for the host, which are necessary for the proper execution of Buildroot, including the cross-compilation toolchain.

## 4. Cross-Compilation Toolchain

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Buildroot provides different solutions for building cross-compilation toolchains:

- The internal toolchain backend, referred to as the Buildroot toolchain in the configuration interface.

- The external toolchain backend, referred to as the external toolchain in the configuration interface.

```
$ make menuconfig
-> Toolchain
|   -> Toolchain type (<choice> [=y])
```

The SDK defaults to using the internal toolchain.

## 4.1 Internal Toolchain Backend

The internal toolchain backend is a built-in backend that constructs a cross-compilation toolchain before building, which is used for user space applications and libraries in the target embedded system. This backend is the historical backend of Buildroot and is limited to the use of the uClibc C library (i.e., glibc and eglibc C libraries are not supported by this backend. For solutions using glibc or eglibc, see the external toolchain backend and cross-system toolchain backend).

Advantages:

- Good compatibility with Buildroot
- Fast, only builds what is necessary

Disadvantages:

- Requires rebuilding the toolchain during a clean process, which takes time. Consider using the external toolchain backend if you want to reduce your build time.
- Limited to the uClibc C library.

## 4.2 External Toolchain Backend

The external toolchain backend allows the use of existing prebuilt cross-compilation toolchains. Buildroot can recognize several common cross-compilation toolchains (ARM's Linaro, ARM's Sourcery CodeBench, x86, x86-64, PowerPC, MIPS, and SuperH, ADI's Blackfin toolchain, Xilinx for Microblaze toolchain, etc.) and can download them automatically, or it can point to a custom toolchain that can be downloaded or installed locally.

Advantages:

- Allows the use of well-known, well-tested cross-compilation toolchains.
- Avoids the build time of the cross-compilation toolchain, which is usually very important in the overall build time of the embedded Linux system.
- Not limited to uClibc: glibc and eglibc toolchains are supported.

Disadvantages:

- If your prebuilt external toolchain has defects, it may be difficult to get a solution from the toolchain vendor unless you build the external toolchain with a cross toolchain.

The SDK directory comes with built-in cross-compilation. When Buildroot's external toolchain uses prebuilt cross-compilation in the SDK prebuilts directory, it is as follows:

Directory	Description
prebuilts/gcc/linux-x86/aarch64/gcc-arm-10.3-2021.07-x86_64-aarch64-none-linux-gnu	gcc arm 10.3.1 64-bit toolchain
prebuilts/gcc/linux-x86/arm/gcc-arm-10.3-2021.07-x86_64-arm-none-linux-gnueabi	gcc arm 10.3.1 32-bit toolchain

The toolchain can be downloaded from the following Baidu Cloud disk as follows:

#### [Toolchain Download](#)

If the SDK needs to build a single module or third-party application, a cross-compilation environment needs to be configured. For example, the cross-compilation tools for RK3562 are located in the `buildroot/output/rockchip_rk3562/host/usr` directory. The `bin/` directory of the tools and the `aarch64-buildroot-linux-gnu/bin/` directory need to be set as environment variables. Run the script to automatically configure the environment variables in the top-level directory:

```
source buildroot/envsetup.sh rockchip_rk3562
```

Enter the command to view:

```
cd buildroot/output/rockchip_rk3562/host/usr/bin
./aarch64-linux-gcc --version
```

At this point, the following information will be printed:

```
aarch64-linux-gcc.br_real (Buildroot) 12.3.0
```

If the external toolchain requires the toolchain built in the SDK, the relevant configurations of `configs/rockchip/toolchain/*` can be integrated.

## 5. Using ccache Buildroot

By default, SDK compilation of Buildroot has ccache enabled, which is a compiler cache. The cache is located at `$HOME/.buildroot-ccache`. If you want to delete the cache, simply remove this directory. You can also obtain statistical information about the cache (its size, hit count, misses, etc.) by running `make ccache-stats`.

## 6. Package Download Location

The various tarballs downloaded by Buildroot are located in `BR2_DL_DIR`, which is the `dl` directory by default. Presetting the `dl` package can improve compilation efficiency and solve some issues with third-party package download failures. The SDK download location can be specified by setting the `BUILDROOT_DL_DIR` environment variable.



```
$ export BUILDROOT_DL_DIR <shared download location>
```

Add the above line to ~/.bashrc to **set** the environment variable

The download location can also be set in the .config file by BR2\_DL\_DIR option. This value will be overridden by the BUILDROOT\_DL\_DIR environment variable.

## 7. How to Add New Software Packages in Buildroot

How to integrate new software packages (user space libraries or applications) into Buildroot. Please refer to the related packages in `buildroot/package/rockchip/*` for adding new packages.

### 7.1 Create a Directory for Your Software in the Package Directory

For example, `package/rockchip`

### 7.2 Config.in File

Next, create a Config.in file, which will contain the option descriptions related to our rockchip software that are used and displayed in the configuration tool. It should basically include:

```
menuconfig BR2_PACKAGE_ROCKCHIP
    bool "Rockchip Platform"

if BR2_PACKAGE_ROCKCHIP

config BR2_PACKAGE_ROCKCHIP_HAS_ISP1
    bool
    help
        Has Rockchip ISP1
```

### 7.3 .mk Files

This is the most difficult part. Create a file named rockchip.mk. It describes how to download, configure, build, install, etc. Depending on the type of package, the .mk files must be written in different ways, using different infrastructure:

- Makefile for general software packages (not using automated tools or CMake): These are based on an infrastructure similar to that used for packages based on automated tools, but require more work from developers. They specify what configurations, compilations, installations, and cleaning of the package should be done. This infrastructure must be used

for all packages that do not use automated tools as their build system. In the future, other specialized infrastructure systems may be written for other builds.

- Makefile for software based on automated tools (autoconf, automake, etc.): We provide specialized infrastructure for these packages because automated tools are a very common build system. This infrastructure must be used for new software packages that rely on them using the build system automated tools.
- Makefile for software based on CMake: We provide a dedicated infrastructure for these packages because CMake is an increasingly common build system with standardized behavior. This infrastructure must be used for new software packages that rely on CMake.

## 8. Relationships Between Package Name, Configuration Items' Name and Makefile Variable

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In Buildroot, there are some relationships:

- the package name, which is the package directory name (and the name of the \*.mk file);
- the configuration items' name is declared in the Config.in file;
- the Makefile variable prefix.

The following rules must be used to maintain consistency between these elements:

- The package directory and the \*.mk name are the package name itself (e.g., package/foo-bar\_boo/foo-bar\_boo.mk);
- The target name is the package name itself (e.g., foo-barboo);
- The configuration items is the package name in capital '-' characters replaced with '' *and prefixed with BR2\_PACKAGE* (e.g., BR2\_PACKAGE\_FOO\_BAR\_BOO);
- The .mk variable suffix starts with the capital package name as the prefix, '-' characters replaced with '\_' (e.g., FOO\_BAR\_BOO\_VERSION).

## 9. How to Add a Software Package from GitHub

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Software packages managed on GitHub generally do not have a download link for the released package. However, it is possible to directly download the software package from the GitHub repository.

```
FOO_VERSION = v1.0 # tag or (abbreviated) commit ID
FOO_SITE = http://github.com/<user>/<package>/tarball/$(FOO_VERSION)
```

Note

- FOO\_VERSION can be either a tag or a commit ID.
- The tarball name generated by GitHub matches the default value of Buildroot (e.g., foo-1234567.tar.gz), so it does not need to be specified in the .mk file.
- When using a commit ID as the version, generally, the first 7 characters of the SHA1 are sufficient.

## 10. Custom Module Development

Refer to the configuration switches in `<SDK>/buildroot/configs/rockchip*` for custom development of each module.

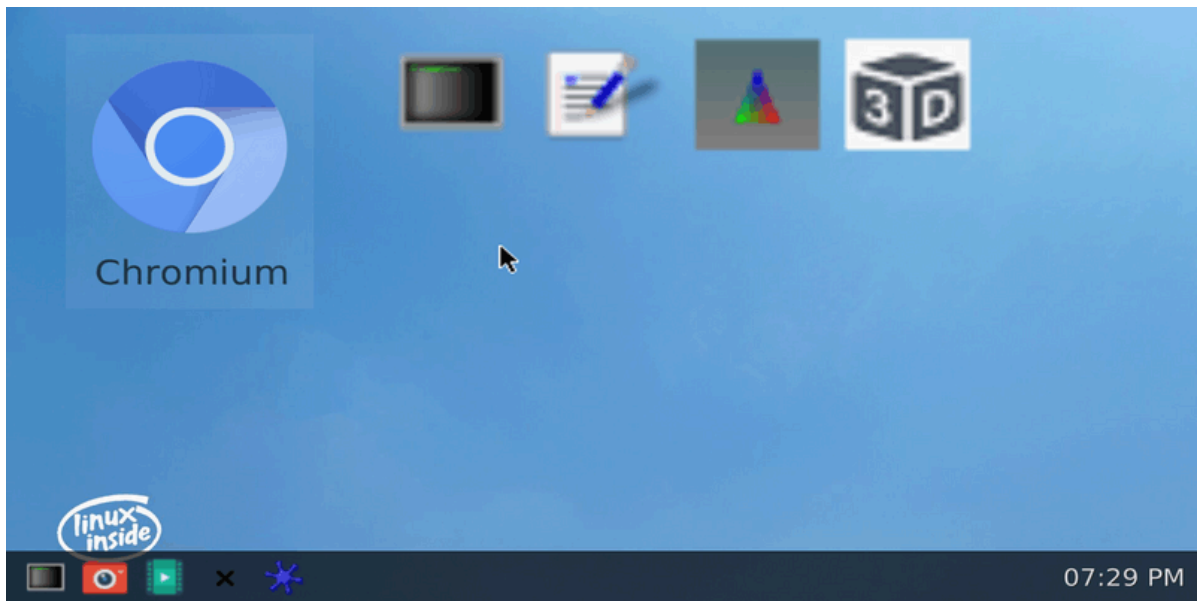
```
buildroot$ tree -L 2 configs/rockchip/
configs/rockchip/
├── base # General base packages
│   ├── base.config
│   ├── common.config
│   ├── kernel.config
│   ├── recovery.config
│   └── tiny.config
├── benchmark.config # Benchmark scoring test tools
├── chips # Chip-related configurations
│   ├── rk3036_arm.config
│   ├── rk3036.config
│   ├── rk312x_arm.config
│   ├── rk312x.config
│   ├── rk3288_arm.config
│   ├── rk3288.config
│   ├── rk3308_aarch64.config
│   ├── rk3308_arm.config
│   ├── rk3308.config
│   ├── rk3326_aarch64.config
│   ├── rk3326_arm.config
│   ├── rk3326.config
│   ├── rk3399_aarch64.config
│   ├── rk3399_arm.config
│   ├── rk3399.config
│   ├── rk3399pro_aarch64.config
│   ├── rk3399pro_arm.config
│   ├── rk3399pro.config
│   ├── rk3399pro_npu_aarch64.config
│   ├── rk3399pro_npu_arm.config
│   ├── rk3399pro_npu.config
│   ├── rk3528_aarch64.config
│   ├── rk3528.config
│   ├── rk3562_aarch64.config
│   ├── rk3562_arm.config
│   ├── rk3562.config
│   ├── rk3566_rk3568_aarch64.config
│   ├── rk3566_rk3568_arm.config
│   ├── rk3566_rk3568.config
│   ├── rk3588_aarch64.config
│   ├── rk3588_arm.config
│   └── rk3588.config
├── chromium.config # Chromium browser
├── debug.config # Debug tool configuration
├── electric.config # Electric power configuration
├── font # Font configuration
│   ├── chinese.config
│   └── font.config
└── fs # File system format configuration
```

```
|   ├── e2fs.config
|   ├── exfat.config
|   ├── ntfs.config
|   ├── ubifs.config
|   └── vfat.config
├── gdb.config # GDB debugging
├── gpu # GPU configuration
|   └── gpu.config
├── libcamera.config # libcamera configuration
├── locale
|   ├── chinese.config
|   └── locale.config
├── multimedia # Multimedia configuration
|   ├── audio.config
|   ├── camera.config
|   ├── gst
|   ├── mpp.config
|   └── rokit.config
├── npu2.config # NPU configuration
├── powermanager.config # Power management configuration
├── rknn_demo.conf
├── tee_aarch64_v2.config
├── test.config
├── toolchain # Toolchain configuration
|   ├── arm_10_aarch64.config
|   ├── arm_10_armhf.config
|   └── arm_8_armhf.config
├── weston.config # Weston configuration
├── wifibt # RKWIFI network configuration
|   ├── bt.config
|   ├── network.config
|   └── wireless.config
└── x11.config # X11 configuration
...
```

## 11. Desktop Applications

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Buildroot uses Weston DRM based on the Wayland protocol as the display backend by default. As shown in the following figure:



These Weston applications provide some basic configuration options for status bars, backgrounds, such as Chromium browser, Terminal, Launchers configuration, camera preview, multi-channel video, GPU, mouse, and other demos. For more demos, they can be added through the configuration in `/etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini.d/*`. For more information on Weston parameter configuration and usage, refer to [Weston Development](#).

Note: Third-party UI frameworks may involve the risk of infringement without commercial authorization. If using Buildroot QT/Enlightenment/Minigui/LVGL, or other UI frameworks on the Rockchip platform, third-party authorization and technical support are required, as Rockchip officially does not provide related technical support and maintenance.

## 11.1 Weston Applications

Applications related to Weston clients used on Wayland:

```
/usr/bin/#
├─ weston-calibrator
├─ weston-clickdot
├─ weston-cliptest
├─ weston-confine
├─ weston-content_protection
├─ weston-debug
├─ weston-dnd
├─ weston-editor
├─ weston-eventdemo
├─ weston-flower
├─ weston-fullscreen
├─ weston-image
├─ weston-multi-resource
├─ weston-presentation-shm
├─ weston-resizer
├─ weston-scaler
├─ weston-screenshooter
├─ weston-simple-damage
├─ weston-simple-dmabuf-egl
├─ weston-simple-dmabuf-v4l
```

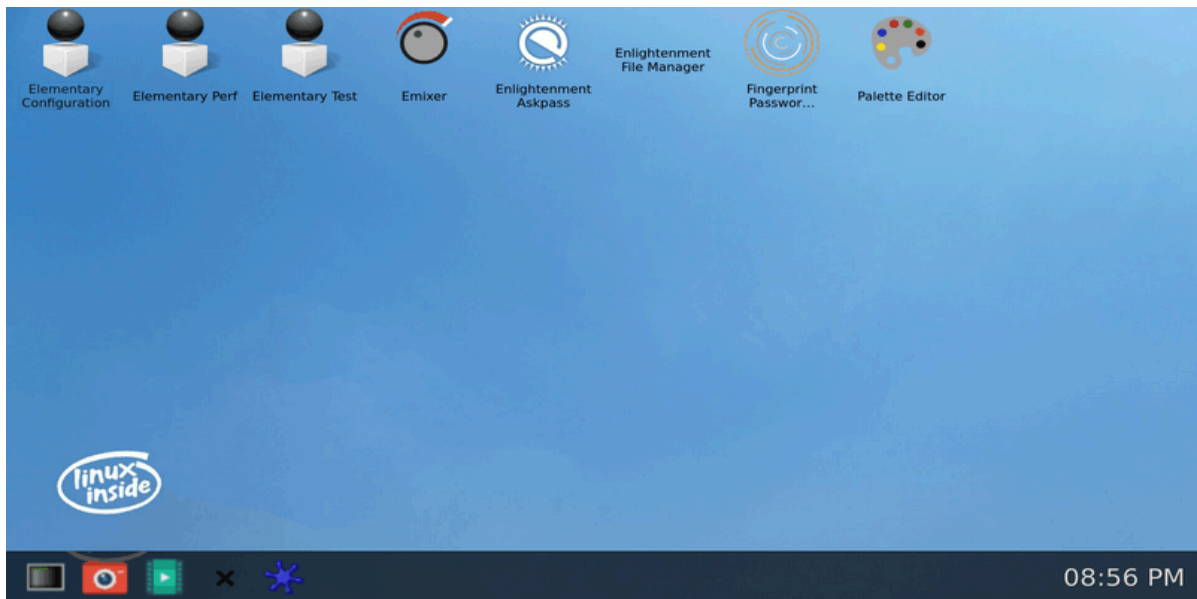
```
|─ weston-simple-egl
|─ weston-simple-shm
|─ weston-simple-touch
|─ weston-smoke
|─ weston-stacking
|─ weston-subsurfaces
|─ weston-tablet
|─ weston-terminal
|─ weston-touch-calibrator
|─ weston-transformed
```

## 11.2 Enlightenment Desktop Application

Simply enable the relevant configurations as follows:

```
BR2_PACKAGE_EFL=y
BR2_PACKAGE_LUAJIT=y
BR2_PACKAGE_EFL_GSTREAMER1=y
BR2_PACKAGE_ENLIGHTENMENT=y
BR2_PACKAGE_EFL_WAYLAND=y
```

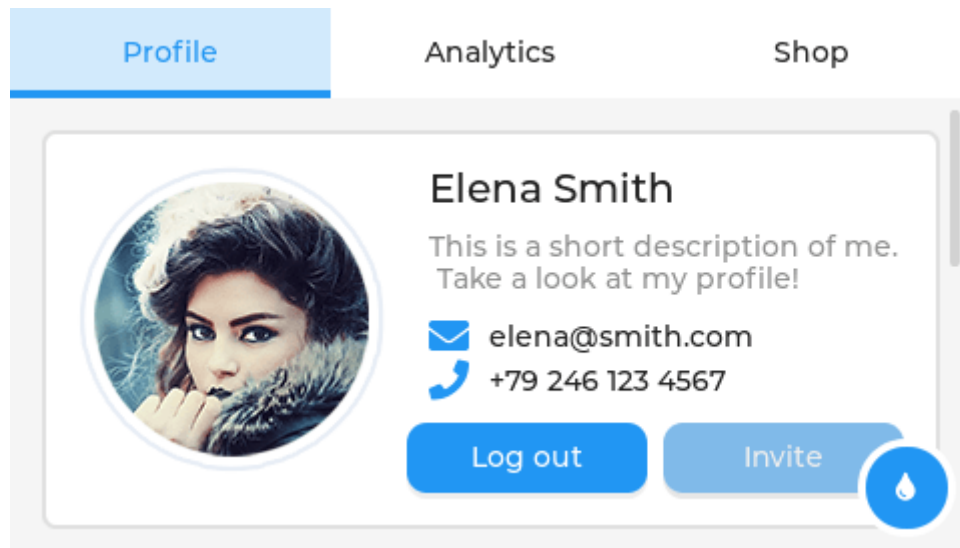
The actual running interface is shown in the following image:



## 11.3 LVGL Desktop Application

The relevant configurations can be enabled as follows:

```
BR2_PACKAGE_LVGL=y
BR2_PACKAGE_LVGL_COLOR_DEPTH=32
BR2_PACKAGE_LV_DRIVERS=y
BR2_PACKAGE_LV_DRIVERS_USE_DRM=y
BR2_PACKAGE_LVGL_DEMO=y
BR2_PACKAGE_RK_DEMO=y
BR2_PACKAGE_LVGL_DEMO_USE_DRM=y
BR2_PACKAGE_FREETYPE=y
```



## 12. User and Password

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User: root

Password: rockchip

## 13. Weston Development

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Weston is the official reference implementation of the Wayland open-source display protocol, and the display service of the Rockchip Buildroot SDK defaults to using the Weston drm backend.

### 13.1 Configuration Ways

There are several ways to configure Weston in Buildroot SDK:

#### a. Boot Parameters

These are the parameters carried by the command when starting Weston, such as `weston --tty=2`. It is located in `/etc/init.d/S49weston`, and the corresponding location in the SDK code is: `buildroot/package/weston/S49weston`.

#### b. weston.ini Configuration File

The .ini files Located in `/etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini` and `/etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini.d/` .

The corresponding location in the SDK code is, for example:

```
buildroot/board/rockchip/common/base/etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini.
```

Reference:<https://fossies.org/linux/weston/man/weston.ini.man>

#### c. Special Environment Variables

These types of environment variables are generally set in `/etc/profile.d/weston.sh`, and the corresponding location in the SDK code is: `buildroot/package/weston/weston.sh` .

#### d. Dynamic Configuration File

For the drm backend display function, Weston in Buildroot SDK provides some dynamic configuration support. The default path is `/tmp/.weston_drm.conf` , which can be specified by the environment variable `WESTON_DRM_CONFIG` .

#### e. Udev Rules

Some configurations of input devices in Weston need to be done through udev rules.

## 14. Specific Configuration

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### 14.1 Screen Identification

Weston distinguishes screen devices using the output (head) name. Specific information can be obtained through the Weston boot log:

```
# weston&
[02:11:29.746] DRM: head 'DSI-1' found ...
```

### 14.2 Mouse Style and Size

Weston supports setting the mouse style and size in the shell section of the weston.ini configuration file, as follows:

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini

[shell]
cursor-theme=whiteglass # Buildroot SDK supports
comix/obsidian/xcursor/xcursor-transparent mouse theme packages
cursor-size=24
```



## 14.3 Status Bar Configuration

Weston supports setting the status bar background color, position and scaling in the `shell` section of `weston.ini` configuration file, and setting quick start programs in the `launcher` section, such as:

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini

[shell]
panel-color=0x90ff0000
# Color format is ARGB8888

panel-position=bottom
# top|bottom|left|right|none, none means disabled

panel-scale=4
# 4x scaling

[launcher]
icon=/usr/share/icons/gnome/24x24/apps/utilities-terminal.png
# Icon path

path=/usr/bin/gnome-terminal
# Shortcut launch command
```

## 14.4 Background Configuration

Weston supports setting background patterns and colors in the `shell` section of the `weston.ini` configuration file, as well as setting quick start programs in the `desktop-launcher` section, such as:

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini

[shell]
background-image=/usr/share/backgrounds/gnome/Aqua.jpg
# Absolute path of the background pattern (wallpaper)

background-type=tile
# scale|scale-crop|tile

background-color=0xff002244
# Color format is ARGB8888, takes effect when no background pattern is set

[desktop-launcher]
icon=/usr/share/icons/hicolor/256x256/apps/chromium.png
# Icon path

path=/usr/bin/chromium www.baidu.com
# Shortcut launch command
```

```
displayname=chromium
# Display name
```

## 14.5 Standby and Lock Screen Configuration

The idle standby duration for Weston can be configured in the startup parameters or in the core section of the weston.ini file, as follows:

```
# /etc/init.d/S49weston
start_weston()
{
    /usr/bin/weston --idle-time=0& # 0 means no standby, unit is seconds
}
```

Or:

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini

[core]
idle-time=10
```

The lock screen for Weston can be configured in the shell section of the weston.ini file, as follows:

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini

[shell]
locking=false
# Disable lock screen

lockscreen-icon=/usr/share/icons/gnome/256x256/actions/lock.png
# Unlock button image

lockscreen=/usr/share/backgrounds/gnome/Garden.jpg
# Lock screen background
```

## 14.6 Display Color Format Configuration

The default display format for Weston in Buildroot SDK is ARGB8888. For some low-performance platforms, it can be configured as RGB565 in the core section of weston.ini, as follows:

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini

[core]
gbm-format=rgb565
# xrgb8888|argb8888|rgb565|xrgb2101010
```

The display format for each screen can also be individually configured in the output section of weston.ini, as follows:

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini

[output]
name=LVDS-1

gbm-format=rgb565
# xrgb8888|argb8888|rgb565|xrgb2101010
```

## 14.7 Screen Orientation Configuration

The screen display orientation of Weston can be configured in the output section of weston.ini, as follows:

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini

[output]
name=LVDS-1

transform=rotate-90
# normal|rotate-90|rotate-180|rotate-270|flipped|flipped-90|flipped-
180|flipped-270
```

If dynamic screen orientation configuration is required, it can be configured through a dynamic configuration file, as follows:

```
echo "output:all:rotate90" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Rotate all screens by 90
degrees
echo "output:eDP-1::rotate180" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Rotate eDP-1 by 180
degrees
```

## 14.8 Resolution and Scaling Configuration

The screen resolution and scaling for Weston can be configured in the output section of the weston.ini file, as follows:

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini

[output]
name=LVDS-1

mode=1280x800
# Must be a valid resolution supported by the screen

scale=2
# Must be an integer multiple, support applications to achieve scaling
```

If you need to scale to a specific resolution (with the physical resolution remaining unchanged), you can configure the size of all screens through the WESTON\_DRM\_VIRTUAL\_SIZE environment variable, as follows:

```
# /etc/profile.d/weston.sh
export WESTON_DRM_VIRTUAL_SIZE=1024x768
```

If you need to dynamically configure the resolution and scaling, you can use a dynamic configuration file, as follows:

```
echo "output:HDMI-A-1:mode=800x600" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Change the
resolution of HDMI-A-1 to 800x600
echo "output:EDP-1:rect=<10,20,410,620>" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Display
EDP-1 at position (10,20), scaled to a size of 400x600
echo "output:HDMI-A-1:size=1920x1080" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Scale HDMI-A-
1 to 1080p, with the physical resolution unchanged
```

When scaling, if the hardware VOP display module does not support scaling, it is necessary to rely on RGA for processing.

## 14.9 Freeze Screen

During the startup of Weston, there is a brief transition from the boot logo to the UI display where the screen goes black. If you need to prevent the screen from going black, you can briefly freeze the content of the Weston screen with the following methods:

Use the custom `--warm-up` parameter to start displaying after the UI starts.

```
# /etc/init.d/S49weston
start_weston()
{
    /usr/bin/weston --warm-up&
}
```

Or

```
# /etc/init.d/S49weston
start_weston()
{
    export WESTON_FREEZE_DISPLAY=/tmp/.weston_freeze # Set special
configuration file path
    touch /tmp/.weston_freeze # Freeze display
    /usr/bin/weston&
    sleep 1 && rm /tmp/.weston_freeze& # Unfreeze after 1 second
}
```

Or

```
# /etc/init.d/S49weston
start_weston()
{
    echo "output:all:freeze" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Freeze display
    /usr/bin/weston&
    ...
    sleep 1 && echo "output:all:unfreeze" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf& # Unfreeze
after 1 second
}
```

## 14.10 Screen Status Configuration

The DRM framework supports forcing screen status configuration:

```
echo on > /sys/class/drm/card0-HDMI-A-1/status # Force HDMI-A-1 to be in the
connected state
# on|off|detect, detect for hot-plug
```

For more specific dynamic screen status configuration, you can use dynamic configuration files, such as:

```
echo "output:DSI-1:off" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Turn off DSI (without
unplugging)
echo "output:HDMI-A-1:freeze" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Freeze HDMI-A-1
echo "output:EDP-1:on" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Turn on eDP
echo "compositor:state:off" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Suspend display
echo "compositor:state:sleep" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Suspend display, wake
up with touch screen
echo "compositor:state:freeze" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Freeze display
echo "compositor:state:on" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Wake up display
```

## 14.11 Multi-screen Management

The Weston in Buildroot SDK supports multi-screen mirroring display, multi-screen extend display, screen position configuration, and hot-plug functions.

For mirrored display, if the hardware VOP display module does not support scaling, it would try to use RGA for processing.

Related configurations are set through environment variables, such as:

```
# /etc/profile.d/weston.sh
export WESTON_DRM_PRIMARY=HDMI-A-1 # Specify HDMI-A-1 as primary monitor
export WESTON_DRM_SINGLE_HEAD=1 # Force using single monitor
export WESTON_DRM_MIRROR=1 # In mirror mode (multi-screen with the same
display), without setting this environment variable will be with different
display
export WESTON_DRM_KEEP_RATIO=1 # In mirror mode, scaling maintains the aspect
ratio, without setting this variable will be full screen by force
export WESTON_DRM_HEAD_MODE=primary # Only enable primary monitor
```

```
export WESTON_DRM_HEAD_MODE=internal # Only enable internal monitors
export WESTON_DRM_HEAD_MODE=external # Only enable external monitors
export WESTON_DRM_HEAD_MODE=external-dual # Enable all monitors, and prefer
the external ones
export WESTON_DRM_HEAD_FALLBACK=1 # Fallback to any available monitor when
none matched
export WESTON_DRM_MASTER=1 # Allow disabling unused monitors

export WESTON_OUTPUT_FLOW=horizontal # Laying outputs horizontally by default
export WESTON_OUTPUT_FLOW=vertical # Laying outputs vertically by default
export WESTON_OUTPUT_FLOW=same-as # Laying outputs at (0,0) by default
```

It also supports disabling specific screens individually in the output section of weston.ini:

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini

[output]
name=LVDS-1

mode=off
# off|current|preferred|<WIDTHxHEIGHT@RATE>
```

Dynamic configuration files can also be used, such as:

```
echo "output:HDMI-A-1:pos=100,200" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Set HDMI display
position
echo "output:HDMI-A-1:prefer" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Set applications to
default display on HDMI
echo "output:HDMI-A-1:primary" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Set HDMI as the
primary display
```

## 14.12 Configuration of Input Devices

The Weston service requires at least one input device by default. If there is no input device, the special settings in the `core` section of weston.ini is needed:

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini

[core]
require-input=false
```

If there are multiple screens in Weston, you can bind input devices to screens through udev rules's WL\_OUTPUT env, such as:

```
# /lib/udev/rules.d/99-goodix-ts.rules
ATTRS{name}=="goodix-ts", ENV{WL_OUTPUT}="HDMI-A-1"
```

Or configure WL\_SEAT:

```
# /lib/udev/rules.d/99-goodix-ts.rules
ATTRS{name}=="goodix-ts", ENV{WL_SEAT}="seat1"
```

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini
```

```
[output]
name=LVDS-1

seat=seat1
```

Or through dynamic configuration files, such as:

```
echo "output:HDMI-A-1:input=*" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Match all devices
echo "output:HDMI-A-1:input=" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # Disable input
echo "output:HDMI-A-1:input=event6" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf
echo "output:HDMI-A-1:input=goodix*" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf
echo "output:HDMI-A-1:input=goodix-ts" > /tmp/.weston_drm.conf
```

The vendor id, product id, and device name of the input device can be obtained by the evtest tool, such as:

```
# evtest /dev/input/event8 | head -3
Input driver version is 1.0.1
Input device ID: bus 0x18 vendor 0xdead product 0xbeef version 0x28bb
Input device name: "goodix-ts"
```

## 14.13 Touchscreen Calibration

If Weston requires touchscreen calibration, it can be done through the WESTON\_TOUCH\_CALIBRATION environment variable, as follows:

```
# /etc/profile.d/weston.sh
export WESTON_TOUCH_CALIBRATION="1.013788 0.0 -0.061495 0.0 1.332709
-0.276154"
```

Alternatively, it can be configured through udev rules, as shown below:

```
# /lib/udev/rules.d/99-goodix-ts.rules
ATTRS{name}=="goodix-ts", ENV{LIBINPUT_CALIBRATION_MATRIX}="1.013788 0.0
-0.061495 0.0 1.332709 -0.276154"
```

The calibration parameters can be obtained using the Weston calibration tool: weston-calibrator. After running the tool, it generates a number of random points. Once clicked in sequence, the calibration parameters are output, as follows: Final calibration values: 1.013788 0.0 -0.061495 0.0 1.332709 -0.276154

Alternatively, another calibration tool provided by Weston can be used: weston-touch-calibrator. It requires configuration as follows:

```
# /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini

[libinput]
touchscreen_calibrator=true
calibration_helper=/bin/weston-calibration-helper.sh
```

## 14.14 Configuration on the Platform without GPU

The Weston in the SDK uses GPU for render acceleration by default. For platforms without GPUs or GPU is not powerful enough, Rockchip RGA 2D acceleration can also be used instead.

The detailed configuration requires to enable BR2\_PACKAGE\_LINUX\_RGA and BR2\_PACKAGE\_WESTON\_DEFAULT\_PIXMAN in the Buildroot SDK.

## 14.15 ARM AFBC Modifier Configuration

When the chip supports AFBC, Weston in the SDK supports the use of GPU-based AFBC compression format for display.

Specific configuration:

```
# /etc/profile.d/weston.sh
# export WESTON_DISABLE_ATOMIC=1
export WESTON_ALLOW_GBM_MODIFIERS=1
```

## 14.16 Reduce UI Resolution

When UI performance or DDR bandwidth is insufficient, you can reduce the UI resolution.

Specific configuration:

```
echo "output:HDMI-A-1:down-scale=0.5" >> /tmp/.weston_drm.conf # UI scaling
by 0.5x
```

For more details, you can refer to the Weston development documentation

<SDK>/docs/cn/Linux/Graphics/Rockchip\_Developer\_Guide\_Buildroot\_Weston\_CN.pdf.

## 15. Screenshot Function

```
buildroot:/# killall weston
buildroot:/# weston --debug&
buildroot:/# weston-screenshooter
```

This will capture the current screen.



## 16. Support for Chinese Display

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Configuration for Weston as follows:

```
$ cat /etc/xdg/weston/weston.ini
[terminal]
font=Source Han Sans CN Medium
font-size=14
term=xterm-256color
```

Import the `chinese.config` from buildroot's `configs/rockchip/locale/` or enable the following configurations:

```
BR2_TOOLCHAIN_GLIBC_GCONV_LIBS_COPY=y
BR2_PACKAGE_BUSYBOX_UNICODE=y
# BR2_ENABLE_LOCALE_PURGE is not set
BR2_GENERATE_LOCALE="zh_CN.UTF-8"
```

Setting of environment variables in buildroot:

```
root@rk3588:/# cat /etc/profile.d/lang.sh
export LANG=zh_CN.utf8
```

Related commits in buildroot as follows:

```
buildroot$ git log --oneline
c476944fee configs: locale.config: Disable BR2_ENABLE_LOCALE_PURGE
f9654d67c8 localedef: Sync with 2018 SDK
2cbb75a54c coreutils: Support bypassing Unicode when printing
15340338dc busybox: Support bypassing Unicode when printing
5e9b8ba00c configs: rockchip: Add locale.config
863eed048e busybox: Support enabling unicode

device/rockchip$ git log --oneline
5c42211 post-rootfs.sh: Support setting LANG environment
```