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Welcome to the CloverBootloader

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- Support forum discussion [AppleLife](#) (Russian) [Insanelymac](#) (English) [macos86.it](#) (Italian)

Building

macOS ↴

```
cd ~
mkdir src
cd src
git clone --recurse-submodule https://github.com/CloverHackyColor/CloverBootloader.git
cd CloverBootloader
./buildme
```

Ubuntu 19.10 ↴

```
sudo apt install build-essential nasm uuid-dev genisoimage
cd ~/Desktop/
git clone --recurse https://github.com/CloverHackyColor/CloverBootloader.git
cd CloverBootloader
../edksetup.sh
./ebuild.sh -fr
```

Configuration

Creating a configuration file

Clover will perform an automatic configuration based on the computer's hardware. Nevertheless, an automatic unit is never perfect and this is why the user can permanently change several parameters in the configuration file `config.plist` or on the fly in the GUI. The configuration file is written in XML but it can be handy to view it as a text file. It can be edited by simple text editors or by plist editors like PlistEdit or Xcode. Clover is shipped with a version with all possible configuration options.

The configuration file (`config.plist`) must be put in the EFI/CLOVER folder.

** Here you will find the `config-sample.plist` used by the Clover package, you can adapt it to your hardware configuration.

- View > [config-sample.plist](#) Download > [config-sample.plist](#)

This way you get a nearly complete configuration file with the parameters used to successfully load the OS. Some more manual work is needed to finish it.

Config.plist structure

ACPI: ↴

```
<key>ACPI</key>
<dict>
...
</dict>
```

Parameter group affecting various corrections of ACPI tables. This is a rather complex topic. There are several versions of ACPI specifications and additionally Mac has its own requirements. Often vendors are too lazy to write proper tables and internal devices may not be listed or CPU definitions are missing completely.

ResetAddress and ResetValue

```
<key>ResetAddress</key>
<string>0x64</string>
<key>ResetValue</key>
<string>0xFE</string>
```

These two parameters serve a very important purpose: to fix restart. These values theoretically should be in the *FADT* table, but it is not always the case. Furthermore, FADT may be shorter than required and not contain them at all. Default values are `0x64` / `0xFE`, which means a restart through the PS2 controller. However, this does not work on every system and you can alternatively use `0x0CF9` / `0x06`, which indicates a restart through the PCI rail. This is the default value for real Macs but does not always work on a hackintosh. The difference is clear: a hackintosh additionally has a PS2 controller, which may prevent rebooting, if not disabled. Last but not least you can set them to `0x0` / `0x0` to allow the use of default FACP values. If not present, the default values states above will be used instead.

smartUPS

```
<key>smartUPS</key>
<true/>
```

This parameter affects the power profile, which will be written into table FADT.

| Value | Type | Power supply type |
|-------|---------|-------------------|
| 1 | Desktop | AC |
| 2 | Mobile | Battery |
| 3 | Server | SmartUPS |

Clover will choose between 1 and 2 according to the mobility bit and according to the `Mobile` parameter in SMBIOS. It is, for example, possible to fake a mobile MacMini. Value 3 will be chosen if this parameter is enabled.

PatchAPIC

```
<key>PatchAPIC</key>
<false/>
```

Some systems can either be started using the kernel parameter `cpus=1`, or by using a patched kernel (Lapic NMI). It turns out that in these case the table MADT is incomplete and missing the NMI section. Enabling this parameter will cause Clover to automatically correct this table. If the table already is complete, then nothing will be changed.

HaltEnabler

```
<key>HaltEnabler</key>
<true>
```

It works as OpenHaltRestart, clearing SLP_SMI_EN at start of OSX system.

UseSystemIO

```
<key>UseSystemIO</key>
<true>
```

Key UseSystemIO at SSDT section will serve to choose in the generated _CST tables between:

```
Register (FFixedHW,
Register (SystemIO,
```

DSDT

```
<key>DSDT</key>
<dict>
...
</dict>
```

Parameter group affecting DSDT.

DSDT / Name

```
<key>Name</key>
<string>DSDT.aml</string>
```

File name of the binary DSDT file to load and inject. If you dont want to load extra DSDT you may set BIOS.aml and the DSDT from BIOS will be used.

DSDT / Fixes

```
<key>Fixes</key>
<dict>
...
</dict>
```

See separate section for fixing DSDT

DSDT / Patches

Binary DSDT patching

```
<key>Patches</key>
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>Find</key>
    <data>W4IeQkFUMQhfSElEDEHQDAoIX1VJRAEUCF9TVEEApAA=</data>
    <key>Replace</key>
    <data></data>
  </dict>
  <dict>
    <key>Find</key>
    <data>UFhTWAhfQURSAAhfUFJXEgYC</data>
    <key>Replace</key>
    <data>UFhTWAhfQURSAAhfU1V0CgQIX1BSVxIGA==</data>
  </dict>
</array>
```

Rev 4314

Limit scope of binary DSDT patch by "Device" section with specified name in additional "TgtBridge" tag by goodwin_c.

Config.plist sample:

```
<dict>
  <key>Comment</key>
  <string>Rename PXSX to SSD0</string>
  <key>Disabled</key>
  <false/>
  <key>Find</key>
  <data>UFhTWA==</data>
  <key>Replace</key>
  <data>U1NEMA==</data>
  <key>TgtBridge</key>
  <data>ULAw0Q==</data>
</dict>
<dict>
  <key>Comment</key>
  <string>Rename PXSX to SSD0 2</string>
  <key>Disabled</key>
  <false/>
  <key>Find</key>
  <data>ULAw0S5QWFNY</data>
  <key>Replace</key>
  <data>ULAw0S5TU0Qw</data>
  <key>Skip</key>
  <integer>0</integer>
</dict>
```

Rev 4468

More exact renaming Devices in DSDT and SSDT taking into account its bridge.

Example:

```

<key>RenameDevices</key>
  <dict>
    <key>_SB.PCI0.RP02.PSXS</key>
    <string>ARPT</string>
    <key>_SB.PCI0.EHC1</key>
    <string>EH01</string>
    <key>_SB.PCI0.POP2.PEGP</key>
    <string>GFX0</string>
  </dict>

```

Complex case such as this DSDT is also taken into account.

```

_SB.PCI0.RP02.PSXS
We have to take into account fields like
Scope(\_SB)
{
  Device (PCI0)
  {
    Device(RP02)
    {
      Device(PSXS) <- to patch
      {
        Method(_ON)
        {
        }
        Method(_OFF)
        {
        }
      }
      PSXS._ON() <- to patch
    }
    Scope(RP02)
    {
      PSXS._OFF() <- to patch
    }
    Device(RP03)
    {
      Device(PSXS) <- to not patch
      {
      }
      PSXS._ON() <- to not patch
    }
  }
}

```

DSDT / SuspendOverride

```

<key>SuspendOverride</key>
<true/>

```

Influences the DSDT patch **FixShutdown** and extends the fix from state 5 to 3, 4 and 5 (sleep and suspend).

DSDT / ReuseFFFF

```

<key>ReuseFFFF</key>
<true>

```

Some OEM DSDT contains some device with **Name (_ADR, 0xFFFF)**. This is a big problem as we can convert it to ADR=0 and inject properties but this is dangerous patch, it may lead to panic on IOPCIFamily.kext. So this key is proposed which will convert this device to (ADR, 0) and reused for injection. (FakeID for example)

DSDT / PNLF_UID

```

<key>PNLF_UID</key>
<string>0x0A</string>

```

Assign the value for your PNLF device. If you have no PNLF device then you should use DSDT fix AddPNLF. The _UID value changes it

behaviour for brightness control. Each UID corresponds to some MacBook value. If you have exactly the same screen then use the value from those book. If unsure then don't use UID substitution. Clover knows what to do.

DSDT / Rtc8Allowed

```
<key>Rtc8Allowed</key>
<false>
```

Some users claim that RTC length may be 8 bytes without CMOS reset, but others claim that the reset is still occurring. For those who wants len=8 it should be set to true. Default is false.

SSDT

```
<key>SSDT</key>
<dict>
...
</dict>
```

Parameter group affecting SSDTs.

SSDT / DropOem

```
<key>DropOem</key>
<true/>
```

Drops all internal SSDT tables to avoid conflicts when generating an SSDT for your processor, which contains P- and C-States. Clover can do this automatically or you can specify an external file, which will be loaded from EFI/OEM/[model]/ACPI/patched.

SSDT / Generate

```
<key>Generate</key>
<false/>
```

Generate an SSDT with p-states and c-states.

SSDT / Generate / CStates

```
<key>Generate</key>
<dict>
  <key>CStates</key>
  <true/>
</dict>
```

Automatic SSDT table generation, which extends the processor section with `_CST` methods for each core. `_CST` generation is affected by parameters `EnableC2`, `EnableC4`, `EnableC6`, `EnableISS`, `C3Latency`. There is no need to comment them as everything will work either way. Experiment by yourself. Besides, Clover already has obtained the processor type and core count. Not using this parameter will result in following error message: `ACPI_SMC_PlatformPlugin::pushCPU_CSTData - _CST evaluation failed.`

SSDT / Generate / PStates

```
<key>Generate</key>
<dict>
  <key>PStates</key>
  <true/>
</dict>
```

Automatic SSDT table generation, which extends the processor section with `_PPC`, `_PPC` and `_PSS` methods.

- `_PCT` - *Performance control*. Controls SpeedStep functions
- `_PPC` - *Performance Present Capabilities*. SpeedStep capabilities. This method returns a value limiting the frequency. Look further for `PLimitDict`.
- `_PSS` - *Performance Supported States*. An array containing possible CPU states - P-States. `PLimitDict`, `UnderVoltStep` and `Turbo` will be taken into consideration when generated this array.

SSDT / EnableC2

```
<key>EnableC2</key>
<true/>
```

This key allows you to enable the C2 states generator. Disabled by default.

SSDT / EnableC4

```
<key>EnableC4</key>
<true/>
```

This key allows you to enable the C4 states generator. Disabled by default.

SSDT / EnableC6

```
<key>EnableC6</key>
<true/>
```

This key allows you to enable the C6 states generator.

SSDT / EnableC7

```
<key>EnableC7</key>
<true/>
```

This key allows you to enable the C7 states generator. Disabled by default.

SSDT / PLimitDict

```
<key>PLimitDict</key>
<integer>1</integer>
```

Limits the maximal CPU frequency.

- `0` - No limit.
- `1` - Reduce frequency by one step
- `2` - Reduce frequency by two steps

Example: A Core2Duo T8300 with 2400 MHz operates at a maximal frequency of 2000 MHz when limited by two steps. This parameter might be used to reduce heating in mobile systems.

The same parameter exists in platform plists, for example

in: `System/Library/Extensions/IOPlatformPluginFamily.kext/Contents/PlugIns/ACPI_SMC_PlatformPlugin.kext/Contents/Resources/MacBook5_1.plist`. They will be discussed later.

Other CPUs may need other values. This value has a reversed effect on a Core2Quad for instance. The optimal value is `1` in this case. It might be a DSDT error, though.

SSDT / UnderVoltStep

```
<key>UnderVoltStep</key>
<integer>1</integer>
```

This parameter lowers the CPU voltage and indirectly affects the temperature. Possible values are **0**, **1**, **2**, etc. Clover will only allow sane values, meaning it is safe to increase this value until the CPU stops working correctly.

SSDT / MinMultiplier

```
<key>MinMultiplier</key>
<integer>7</integer>
```

Minimal CPU multiplier. Usually a value of 16 is ported, resulting in a frequency of 1600 MHz but you should use lower values when using SpeedStep, like **8** or even **7**.

SSDT / MaxMultiplier

```
<key>MaxMultiplier</key>
<integer>30</integer>
```

Introduces as an analogy to the minimal multiplier but not really necessary. It is not advised to set it.

DropTables

```
<key>DropTables</key>
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>Signature</key>
    <string>SSDT</string>
    <key>TableId</key>
    <string>SataTab</string>
  </dict>
  <dict>
    <key>Signature</key>
    <string>BGRT</string>
  </dict>
  <dict>
    <key>TableId</key>
    <string>A M I</string>  -- WARNING: DO NOT DO THIS!!!!!!
  </dict>
  ...
</array>
```

Drop OEM ACPI tables by signature and/or table identifier.

Additionally, now you can drop tables by their length. Why? Because we found Acer laptop where all SSDT have the same TableID.

```
<key>DropTables</key>
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>Signature</key>
    <string>SSDT</string>
    <key>Length</key>
    <integer>720</integer>
  </dict>
</array>
```

FixHeaders

Rev 4427-4429

FixHeaders should be in common ACPI section, it is not DSDT-only fix.


```
<key>FixHeaders</key>
<true/>
```

The fix is recommended to all users even if you are not going to fix DSDT. Anyway the fix is safe. The reason for the fix is sometimes an ACPI table to have a name with national characters which is impossible for macOS.

Boot: ⚡

Arguments

```
<key>Arguments</key>
<string>ARGUMENTS</string>
```

At this section you can add "Boot Flags" and "Kernel Flags" to be used by the system... Here we will list only Clover's proprietary "Boot Flags", different flags, like for example, npci=0x2000, npci=0x3000, darkwake=0, etc..., should work as expected...

- **-v** - Verbose Boot.
- **-s** - Boot OS X into Single User Mode.
- **-x** - Boot OS X into SafeBoot (Safe Mode).

Legacy

```
<key>Legacy</key>
<string>PBR</string>
```

Necessary for loading old versions of Windows and Linux. Greatly depends on hardware and BIOS. Several algorithms were developed to allow customisation:

- **LegacyBiosDefault** - for UEFI BIOS variants containing protocol *LegacyBios*
- **PBRtest** - PBR boot algorithm
- **PBR** - Another PBR boot algorithm

Additionally for UEFI boot you may specify which HDD to boot (not only the first one).

```
<key>Legacy</key>
<string>LegacyBiosDefault</string>
<key>LegacyBiosDefaultEntry</key>
<integer>2</integer>
```

Timeout

```
<key>Timeout</key>
<integer>5</integer>
```

The boot loader will pause for 5 seconds after starting before automatically loading an operating system. If a key is pressed during this period of time, the countdown is stopped. Options:

- **0** - GUI is not invoked, the OS is loaded instantly
- **-1** - GUI is invoked, automatic OS loading is turned off

Clover must have be able to find a default entry for it to automatically boot into an OS, see below.

NOTE: If the Timeout integer is set to **0**, hold any key when powering on to invoke the bootloader GUI.

DefaultVolume

```
<key>DefaultVolume</key>
<string>LastBootedVolume</string>
```

DefaultVolume is used to specify which entry is the default boot entry in Clover GUI. See also [DefaultLoader]. It can be set to:

- Volume Name - The name of the volume. E.g. `Macintosh`.
- GUID - Globally Unique ID of the volume shown in Clover's boot, preboot or debug log. E.g. `57272A5A-7EFE-4404-9CDA-C33761D0DB3C`.
- Part of Device Path - Also shown in Clover's logs. E.g. `HD(1,GPT,57272A5A-7EFE-4404-9CDA-C33761D0DB3C,0x800,0xFF000)`.
- `LastBootedVolume` - The last booted volume will be set as default one in Clover GUI.

OS X Startup Disk can be used to reboot into another volume, but for the following reboot `DefaultVolume` will be used again.

DefaultLoader

```
<key>DefaultLoader</key>
<string>boot.efi</string>
```

In addition to [DefaultVolume] above, the path of the loader can be specified as DefaultLoader. This provides more precise default entry selection for Volumes that have multiple Loaders. The value can be the complete path or a unique portion like file name.

Debug

Formerly known as "Log" before revision 3064

```
<key>Debug</key>
<false/>
```

If you are unable to boot into the Clover you can use this setting to produces a debug output to `/EFI/CLOVER/misc/debug.log`. This log then can be assessed to find out what the problem is. **!WARNING** turning on this log will dramatically increase loading time as it has to write the log to the disk as it goes. So please be patient and give plenty of time before resetting your computer.

Fast

```
<key>Fast</key>
<true/>
```

Similar to setting `Timeout` to `0` but: *nvram.plist will be searched only until first occurrence* does not search for the best video mode *does not load themes and graphics* no chance to enter the GUI

Having this parameter enabled might not really have any big effect. Instead, you can try a custom compilation: *disable GUI in CloverEFI (3 seconds difference)* only search for Sata0 drivers (9 seconds difference)

XMPDetection

```
<key>XMPDetection</key>
<true/> OR <false/> OR <string>Yes/No</string>
```

Detect best eXtreme Memory Profile when detecting memory or disable XMP detection.

```
<key>XMPDetection</key>
<integer>1/2</integer>
```

Secure

```
<key>Secure</key>
<true/>
```

Secure Boot protocol, a controversial subject, will restrict the booting process to signed binaries only. By enabling this option in your BIOS, booting of many operating systems won't be possible anymore, except Windows 8, 2013 and some Linux distributions.

The aim is to use Clover while Secure Boot is enabled. Clover's binary will need to be signed and a certificate to be loaded.

NeverHibernate

```
<key>NeverHibernate</key>
<true/>
```

Disables the hibernation state detection.

CustomLogo

```
<key>CustomLogo</key>
<true/> OR <false/> OR <string>Apple/Alternate/Theme/None/Path</string> OR <data>PNG/BMP/ICNS base64 data</data>
```

Enable the drawing of the custom boot logo.

- **true** - Uses the default boot style, Apple.
- **false** - Disables custom boot logo.
- **Apple** - Use the default gray on gray apple logo.
- **Alternate** - Use the alternate white on black apple logo.
- **Theme** - Use the theme boot screen for entry type - NOT IMPLEMENTED.
- **None** - Use no logo only background color, gray if not specified by custom entry.
- **Path** - A file path to load a custom image from
- **<data>** - A base64 encoded PNG, BMP, or ICNS data.

If no option is specified then the boot screen will be drawn only for ≥ 10.10 Yosemite, so it remains compatible with previous behavior.

The **CustomLogo** key can also be used under GUI/Custom/Entries in conjunction with BootBgColor for a different screen for every OS. However, the graphics output protocol is not in anyway modified so if the OS draws after it is started then it is after the boot screen is drawn and will overwrite the custom logo, at least for now.

HibernationFixup

Rev 4223

```
<key>HibernationFixup</key>
<true/>
```

To be used for Hibernation modes 25 & 3 with Lilu.kext and HibernationFixup.kext.

RtcHibernateAware

Rev 4450

A data leak issue was identified in the hibernation code, allowing hibernation encryption key to be passed to the system through RTC and preserved till the next hibernation without a subsequent erase. More details could be found in [this message](#). To workaround this issue a new option enabling RTC memory erase upon waking from hibernation was added: **Boot** > **RtcHibernateAware** = YES (BOOLEAN, off by default)

This option relies on a poorly documented (or rather undocumented) RTC memory access, and unspecified RTC memory layout, which is implementation-specific. While it is extremely recommended to be turned on if you rely on hibernation, it may not work on your hardware (should be fine on Ivy Bridge and newer at least), and is thus optional and disabled by default.

Note, that AppleRTC or FixRTC patches effectively break hibernation by reducing the available RTC memory and avoiding encryption key preservation. You should DISABLE them if you have no issues with BIOS preferences afterwards or use HibernationFixup. However, if RtcHibernateAware does not work for you, enabling AppleRTC patch and using HibernationFixup may be a safer workaround.

Revision 4515

Revision 4450 introduced a new key (Boot → RtcHibernateAware) which improved the situation with hibernation compatibility and reduced the impact of some security issues in this process. Starting with 10.13.6 a lot of legacy code got (finally) ditched on Apple side, and some changes are necessary to get hibernation to work on hacks. Revision 4515 incorporates them in Clover.

Mandatory stuff: 1) Clover must be r4450 and newer 2) AptioMemoryFix must be R20 (b83c025) or newer 3) Boot → RtcHibernateAware must be set to YES

Some additional notes: — Config changes (and driver updates) will benefit all the systems (starting from Yosemite if I remember correctly), not just 10.13.6 — OsxAptioFix1/2/3 will NOT work with hibernation on 10.13.6 and newer, and they may be removed from the default Clover installer in the future (time to upgrade). — If you can boot with AppleRTC/FixRTC patches OFF without BIOS settings reset, disable them, they break stuff in macOS

— If you have to use [HibernationFixup](#), you may want to update it to 1.2.1, currently only available from source.

Last, but not least: If Hibernation does not work for you... well, RIP. Believe me or not, but it is not something you should rely on. Especially if you care about security and privacy of your data.

SignatureFixup

Rev 4270

```
<key>SignatureFixup</key>
<false/>
```

Rev 4291

If not SignatureFixup, it will be zeroed.

Anyway, the Signature must be fixed. If True then the value is from hibernate image If False then the value is zero and it will be copied by kernel into the image.

CPU: ⤵

```
<key>CPU</key>
<dict>
...
</dict>
```

This group of parameters helps with CPU definitions in case the internal algorithms fail.

FrequencyMHz

```
<key>FrequencyMHz</key>
<string>3200</string>
```

This number is used in the About This Mac window only and not influences on system functions.

BusSpeedkHz

```
<key>BusSpeedkHz</key>
<integer>133330</integer>
```

Bus speed in kHz. Very important value for a stable system. It is passed from the boot loader to the kernel. **If this value is not correct, the kernel will not start at all. If it is slightly incorrect, clock issues may arise and the system will behave in a strange way.**

An automatic detection was introduced with revision 1060, which relies on the ACPI timer producing much more accurate values than the ones stored in DMI.

DMI stores this value in MHz, which is not accurate in contrast to a value calculated from CPU frequency. You can choose a more accurate value, if needed. For example my DMI has a value of 100 MHz, however manually overriding it to a value of 99790 kHz produced better clocks. Some vendors use a different meaning for BusSpeed and FSBSpeed and use values four times bigger in the BIOS. You can distinguish them according to the scale: either it is from 100 MHz to 400 MHz or it matches the formula $\text{CPUFrequency} = \text{RailFrequency} * \text{CPUMultiplier}$. If ASUS uses a rail frequency of 1600 MHz and a multiplier of 8, the formula does not work - a CPU with 12,8 GHz does not exist; a division into 4 is required.

Attention: UEFI booting will produce an inaccurate value. It is recommended manually specify the value, which is calculated more accurately during a boot with Clover EFI.

UseARTFrequency

```
<key>UseARTFrequency</key>
<true/>
```

In processors SkyLake and up there is new frequency parameter so called ARTFrequency and macOS will use it for calculating the bus speed. It may be 24MHz or sometimes other values. Clover will calculate it automatically and it will be more precise value then set by other methods.

QPI

```
<key>QPI</key>
<integer>4800</integer>
```

System Profiler calls it *Processor Bus Speed* or *Bus Speed*. Chameleon has an algorithm for calculating this value for Nehalem CPUs (, which is however not correct). Clover has a corrected algorithm according to Intel datasheets. AppleSmbios sources describe two variants: either SMBIOS already contains this value as specified by the vendor, or it is calculated by the formulae $\text{BusSpeed} * 4$. After a long discussions this value was sourced into the configuration file - write what you want (in MHz). This is a purely cosmetic value. Apparently this value only makes sense for Nehalems, the rest should use the formula stated above - or nothing at all.

Note: Real Mac's report a $\text{hw.busfrequency} = 100000000$

To achieve that with Clover here's what to do: 1 - Drop SMBIOS table type 132 for Sandy Bridge and newer CPU's. Clover does this if you set QPI to a string value of 0. 2 - Set SMBIOS table type 4->ExternalClock to 0 (or 25Mhz as a real Mac). This currently has to be done in the source code and re-compile Clover.

If you don't do step 2 then for Sandy Bridge and newer CPU's, AppleSMBIOS.kext will multiply any non zero values reported by SMBIOS table type 4 -> External Clock by 4. [See DHP's posts for ref.](#)

Type

```
<key>Type</key>
<string>0x0201</string>
```

This result of this value can only be found in Apple's specification and it is used in the window *About this Mac*, which is displaying the according processor name. Otherwise "Unknown CPU" will be displayed. An invocation of CPUID was not possible due to PowerPC and due to Apple's different view of the world SMBIOS table 4 is not used either. Clover knows most values but due to the fact that hardware development does not stand still, you can specify this value. Again, this is purely cosmetic.

Latency

```
<key>Latency</key>
<string>0x03E9</string>
```

This parameter value represents the C3 entry latency issued when entering C3 state. The critical value is **0x3E8** (1000). A lower value will allow SpeedStep, a higher one will not allow it. Real Macs always use **0x3E9**, meaning SpeedStep is not turned on. Decide for yourself what you need. Notebook users should use **0x00FA** to enable power management.

Devices: ↴

```
<key>Devices</key>
<dict>
...
</dict>
```

Parameter group for tweaking setting affecting PCI devices.

Properties

```
<key>Properties</key>
<dict>
  <key>PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1,0x0)/Pci(0x0,0x0)</key>
  <dict>
    <key>@0,AAPL,boot-display</key>
    <data>
      AQAAAA==
    </data>
    <key>@0,AAPL,vram-memory</key>
    <data>
      AAAAwAAAABA=
    </data>
    <key>@0,ATY,EFIDisplay</key>
    <string>DP_INT</string>
    <key>@0,VRAM,memsize</key>
    <data>
      AAAAIAAAACA=
    </data>
    <key>@0,compatible</key>
    <string>ATY,Galago</string>
    <key>@0,connector-type</key>
    <data>
      AAQAAA==
    </data>
    <key>@0,device_type</key>
    <string>display</string>
    <key>@0,display-inverter-default-cycle</key>
    <data>
      /w==
    </data>
    <key>@0,display-link-component-bits</key>
    <data>
      CAAAAA==
    </data>
    <key>@0,display-pixel-component-bits</key>
    <data>
      CAAAAA==
    </data>
    <key>@0,display-type</key>
    <string>LCD</string>
    <key>@0,name</key>
    <string>ATY,Galago</string>
    <key>@1,AAPL,vram-memory</key>
    <data>
      AAAAwAAAABA=
    </data>
    <key>@1,VRAM,memsize</key>
    <data>
      AAAAAAAACA=
    </data>
    <key>@1,compatible</key>
    <string>ATY,Galago</string>
    <key>@1,connector-type</key>
    <data>
      AAQAAA==
    </data>
    <key>@1,device_type</key>
    <string>display</string>
    <key>@1,display-type</key>
    <string>NONE</string>
    <key>@1,name</key>
    <string>ATY,Galago</string>
    <key>AAPL,aux-power-connected</key>
```

```
<data>
AQAAAA==
</data>
<key>AAPL,backlight-control</key>
<data>
AAAAAA==
</data>
<key>AAPL00,InverterFrequency</key>
<data>
yDIAAA==
</data>
<key>AAPL00,blackscreen-preferences</key>
<data>
AAAACA==
</data>
<key>AAPL01,blackscreen-preferences</key>
<data>
AAAACA==
</data>
<key>ATY,Card#</key>
<string>109-B98505-00</string>
<key>ATY,Copyright</key>
<string>Copyright AMD Inc. All Rights Reserved. 2005-2009</string>
<key>ATY,DeviceID</key>
<data>
wGg=
</data>
<key>ATY,EFI-dpcd-post-training</key>
<data>
dwABAAAA
</data>
<key>ATY,EFI-dpcd-training-result</key>
<data>
CoIAAAAAABAB
</data>
<key>ATY,EFICompileDate</key>
<string>Apr 23 2010</string>
<key>ATY,EFIDispConfig</key>
<data>
DxAAAAAAAAA=
</data>
<key>ATY,EFIDriverType</key>
<data>
Ag==
</data>
<key>ATY,EFIEnabledMode</key>
<data>
Ag==
</data>
<key>ATY,EFIHWInitStatus</key>
<data>
AAAAAAAAAAAA=
</data>
<key>ATY,EFIOrientation</key>
<data>
AA8=
</data>
<key>ATY,EFIVersion</key>
<data>
MDEuMDAuNDE2AA==
</data>
<key>ATY,EFIVersionB</key>
<string>113-B98505-101</string>
<key>ATY,EFIVersionE</key>
<string>113-B9850E-416</string>
<key>ATY,MRT</key>
<string></string>
<key>ATY,MemRevisionID</key>
<data>
BAA=
</data>
<key>ATY,MemVendorID</key>
<data>
BgA=
</data>
<key>ATY,PlatformInfo</key>
<data>
AQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
```

```

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA=====
</data>
<key>ATY,RefCLK</key>
<data>
jAoAAA==
</data>
<key>ATY,Rom#</key>
<string>113-B9850H-133</string>
<key>ATY,VendorID</key>
<data>
AhA=
</data>
<key>MVAD</key>
<data>
PgQC//+QAEGAAAAAAAAABo2gAcgCDAAIAA4BFcEAWAFADgEgAdAAQAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA=====
</data>
<key>VRAM,totalsize</key>
<data>
AAAAIA==
</data>
<key>bksv</key>
<data>
/wAAAA==
</data>
<key>device_type</key>
<string>ATY,GalagoParent</string>
<key>graphic-options</key>
<data>
BAAAAA==
</data>
<key>model</key>
<string>ATI Radeon HD 5670</string>
<key>name</key>
<string>ATY,GalagoParent</string>
<key>saved-config</key>
<data>
PgQC//+QAEGAAAAAAAAABo2gAcgCDAAIAA4BFcEAWAFADgEgAdAAQAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAABAAAAyAAAAAMgAAAAABAAAAAAAJAB
AADIMgAA/wgICDAADwAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHcWABQsAAAYLAAAJCwA
ACAsAAAEaAAAEgGAAPiYAABILwAA1AsAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAABgAAAAyAAB/
lwAA73j0AwgBGgAGoEAAAAAYAAIAARICAESAgABEA==
</data>
</dict>
<key>PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1b,0x0)</key>
<dict>
<key>MaximumBootBeepVolume</key>
<string>M</string>
<key>PinConfigurations</key>
<data>
UEArAUABEJBCARCQIDCLARABoJAw4MsBY0BLAQ==
</data>
<key>layout-id</key>
<data>
EgAAAA==
</data>
<key>platformFamily</key>
<data>
AA==
</data>
</dict>
<key>PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1c,0x2)/Pci(0x0,0x0)/Pci(0x0,0x0)</key>
<dict>
<key>fwswappedbib</key>
<data>
AQAAAA==
</data>
</dict>
</dict>

```

More detailed instructions followed. This way we can deprecate Arbitrary section.

FakeID


```

<key>FakeID</key>
<dict>
  <key>ATI</key>
  <string>0x68181002</string>
  <key>IntelGFX</key>
  <string>0x01268086</string>
  <key>NVidia</key>
  <string>0x0</string>
  <key>LAN</key>
  <string>0x436311ab</string>
  <key>SATA</key>
  <string>0x25628086</string>
  <key>WIFI</key>
  <string>0x431214E4</string>
  <key>XHCI</key>
  <string>0x0</string>
  <key>IMEI</key>
  <string>0x1E3A8086</string>
</dict>

```

This is a method to change PCI properties DeviceID and VendorID for the device will work with native drivers. In the example above: - AMDRadeonHD7850 has unsupported DeviceID=0x6819. Change to 0x6818 - Dell Wireless 1595, DeviceID=0x4315 is not supported. Change to 0x4312 - Marvell Yukon 8056, DeviceID=0x4353. Change to 0x4363.

There are other known substitutions for unsupported devices.

This substitution will work if InjectATI (Nvidia, Intel) is set. Or if FixDsdtdMask set for the device.

Likewise, the IMEI fix will only work if the DSDT Patch `AddMCHC_0008` is enabled.

Audio

```

<key>Audio</key>
<dict>
  ...
</dict>

```

Parameter group for tweaking setting affecting audio devices.

Audio / Inject

```

<key>Inject</key>
<string>Detect</string>

```

Property injection for the sound chip. Only works when the DSDT defines `Device (HDEF)`. If you renamed it, you can also inject the other properties differently. Do not use this parameter with VoodooHDA. Possible options are:

- `No` - Injection is turned off
- `Detect` - Automatic detection of the sound chip and injection of its ID as layout ID. Actually this is nonsense but still very popular. Does not do any harm and affects the display of sound properties in System Profiler.
- `883` - Decimal number representing. Refers to Realtek ALC883 in this case.
- `0x373` - Same as above in hexadecimal.

These numbers are incorrect, you will need to find the correct value and possibly replace the layout file bundled with AppleHDA to get the chip working.

Audio / ResetHDA

```

<key>ResetHDA</key>
<true/>

```

Audio controller initialization. Some users have non-working sound after cold boot but works after restart or wake (even on Windows!). This is

a workaround that works at early boot, so it will affect Windows as well.

Audio / AFGLowPowerState

```
<key>AFGLowPowerState</key>
<false/>
```

This helps remove cracking sounds at audio output after idle mode, so sound card is always on.

USB

```
<key>USB</key>
<dict>
...
</dict>
```

Parameter group for tweaking setting affecting PCI devices.

USB / Inject

```
<key>Inject</key>
<true/>
```

Injects USB properties. You can turn it off for whatever reason, if you need. It is also disabled if the *DSDT patch mask* matches `0x1000` to prevent data duplication.

USB / FixOwnership

```
<key>FixOwnership</key>
<true/>
```

It is possible to leave USB injection enabled and only turn off the ownership fix.

This fix is not relevant for UEFI booting.

USB / AddClockID

```
<key>AddClockID</key>
<true/>
```

- `<true/>` - Enables a good, deep sleep, which cannot be exited by keyboard or mouse input.
- `<false/>` - The PC will possibly sleep and it can be woken up by keyboard or mouse; or it will be automatically woken up by some attached device

Injects the property "AAPL,clock-id" with a unique identifier for each device. Set it to your liking.

Requires USBInjection to be enabled.

Default value is set to disabled.

USB / HighCurrent

```
<key>HighCurrent</key>
<true/>
```

More power needed to charge iPad from USB ports.

UseIntelHDMI

```
<key>UseIntelHDMI</key>
<false/>
```

If TRUE, `*hda-gfx=onboard-1*` will be injected into the GFX0 and HDEF devices. Also, if an ATI or Nvidia HDMI device is present, they'll be assigned to onboard-2. If FALSE, then ATI or Nvidia devices will get onboard-1 as well as the HDAU device if present.

NoDefaultProperties

```
<key>NoDefaultProperties</key>
<false/>
```

This key will affect DSDT fixes and force them to generate an empty `_DSM`. For example, if you enable `FIX_DISPLAY` Clover will create a device for the graphics card but with an empty `_DSM`. `AddProperties` and `FakeID` values will still be injected. This works only for Display, Sound, LAN and WiFi.

SetIntelMaxBacklight

```
<key>SetIntelMaxBacklight</key>
<true/>
```

Fix MaxBrightness for Intel HD3000/4000 proposed by Dr.Hurt [here](https://www.insanelymac.com/forum/topic/284656-clover-general-discussion/page-722?p=2489740&do=findComment&comment=2489740)
New setting in config.plist

SetIntelMaxBacklight Rev 4196

Set Intel Max Backlight Value in config an in menu.

```
<key>Devices</key>
<dict>
<key>#SetIntelBacklight</key>
<false/>
<key>SetIntelMaxBacklight</key>
<true/>
<key>IntelMaxValue</key>
<integer>1808</integer>
```

The value is proposed to be decimal and common recommendation

- Sandy or IvyBridge: 1808
- Haswell or Broadwell: 2776
- Skylake or Kabylake: 1295

Disable Drivers: ↴

DisableDrivers

```
<key>DisableDrivers</key>
<array>
  <string>CsmVideoDxe</string>
  <string>VBBoxExt4</string>
</array>
```

The purpose of this parameter is to have multiple configurations in the `*OEM*` folder. Only one driver folder exists, though, and it may be necessary to disable specific drivers for different configurations. One may need `OsxAptioFixDxe`, another one `EmuVariableDxe`.

GUI: ↴

The GUI settings can be modified by changing parameters in the `GUI` section of the main configuration file `config.plist`.

```
<key>GUI</key>
</dict>
...
</dict>
```

TextOnly

```
<key>TextOnly</key>
<false/>
```

Text-only menu mode for a minimal GUI and faster loading times.

Theme

The design of the GUI depends on the chosen theme, which is set using:

```
<key>Theme</key>
<string>cesium</string>
```

Additionally you can set the theme in the preference panel. This setting overrides the one in the configuration file. In case an invalid theme name is used here (no theme.plist exists at the given path), then the configuration file setting is used again. If even here the theme name is invalid, then you will be greeted with an ugly fallback theme that will still be operational.

ScreenResolution

```
<key>ScreenResolution</key>
<string>1024x768</string>
```

You can set the desired screen resolution if it is supported by the video card and the monitor. Clover will try to set the highest available resolution, however it might fail. You can check the list of supported resolutions in the boot log. In case `PatchVBios=Yes` is used in the *Graphics* section, you will get the highest resolution supported by the monitor. In that case this parameter may be obsolete. The default value is `1024x768`.

ConsoleMode

```
<key>ConsoleMode</key>
<string>[Number]/Max/Min</string>
```

Will switch the console driver to requested console mode (which is used by shell, boot.efi, dumpueficalls, etc). It is usually not necessary to use this, and should be used only where needed.

- `0` (default) - Disabled. No switch will be done due to possible incompatibility reasons.
- `Min` - Selects lowest mode available. Useful for slow consoles, like CloverEFI, with much debug output.
- `Max` - Select highest mode available. Useful for fast consoles, where it works.
- `[Number]` - Selects specific mode. See *boot.log* from revision \geq 2496 for a list of available modes.

Language

```
<key>Language</key>
<string>en:0</string>
```

Sets language of Clover's help menu, that can be accessed with shortcut F1. Furthermore, this setting is passed to the OS and can have an influence on the language.

Available languages codes are: `en`, `ru`, `fr`, `it`, `es`, `pt`, `br`, `de`, `nl`, `pl`, `ua`, `cz`, `hr`, `id`, `ko`

CustomIcons

```
<key>CustomIcons</key>
<true/>
```

Enabling this key will load the icon from the partition itself. You may assign your own icons to each volume, and you can use different icons for different volumes, even when they have the same OS.

Mouse

```
<key>Mouse</key>
<dict>
  <key>Enabled</key>
  <true/>
  <key>Speed</key>
  <integer>2</integer>
  <key>Mirror</key>
  <false/>
  <key>DoubleClick</key>
  <integer>500</integer>
</dict>
```

- **Enabled** - The mouse may not work or even cause the whole GUI to lock up. Turn it off if this is the case.
- **Speed** - Mouse movement speed. Reasonable values range from **2** - **8** . Some mice may need a negative speed to reverse the movement. **0** turns off the mouse.
- **Mirror** - Negative movement speed on a single axis
- **DoubleClick** - Pause for double click detection in milliseconds. Until now **500** has been a good value for everyone.

Scan

```
<key>Scan</key>
<true/>
```

Enable or disable all automatic scans.

Scan / Entries

```
<key>Scan</key>
<dict>
  <key>Entries</key>
  <true/>
</dict>
```

Enable or disable the automatic UEFI entries scan.

Scan / Tool

```
<key>Scan</key>
<dict>
  <key>Tool</key>
  <true/>
</dict>
```

Enable or disable the automatic UEFI tool scan.

Scan / Legacy

```
<key>Scan</key>
<dict>
  <key>Legacy</key>
  <string>Last</string>
</dict>
```

Enable or disable automatic legacy scan. Also choose from **First** to list in the beginning, **Last** to list it in the end.

Scan / Kernel

```
<key>Scan</key>
<dict>
  <key>Kernel</key>
  <string>All/Newest/Oldest/First/Last/MostRecent/Earliest/None</string>
</dict>
```

Enable or disable automatic Linux kernel scan. Additionally you may choose between several options:

- **All** - all found kernels (default)
- **Newest** - newest file modification date
- **Oldest** - oldest file modification date
- **First** - first matching
- **Last** - last matching
- **MostRecent** - most recent version
- **Earliest** - earliest version
- **None** - no kernel scan

Hide

```
<key>Hide</key>
<array>
  <string>WindowsHDD</string>
  <string>HD(1,GPT,E223FF7F-F2DA-4DBB-B765-756F2D95B0FE)</string>
</array>
```

Hide a partition with given name or GUID.

Custom

```
<key>Custom</key>
<dict>
  ...
</dict>
```

If the automatically scan entries are not enough you can add your own custom boot entries.

Custom / Entries

```

<key>Entries</key>
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>Disabled</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Volume</key>
    <string>Volume name or GUID</string>
    <key>VolumeType</key>
    <string>Volume type</string>
    <key>Path</key>
    <string>Loader path</string>
    <key>Arguments</key>
    <string>Load options</string>
    <key>AddArguments</key>
    <string>Load options</string>
    <key>Title</key>
    <string>Display title</string>
    <key>FullTitle</key>
    <string>Full display title</string>
    <key>Image</key>
    <string>ImagePath</string>
    <key>ImageData</key>
    <string>Image hex</string> OR <data>Image base64</data>
    <key>DriveImage</key>
    <string>ImagePath</string>
    <key>DriveImageData</key>
    <string>Image hex</string> OR <data>Image base64</data>
    <key>Hidden</key>
    <true/> or <false/> or <string>Yes/No/Always</string>
    <key>InjectKexts</key>
    <true/> or <false/> or <string>Yes/No/Detect</string>
    <key>NoCaches</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Kernel</string>
    <string>All/Newest/Oldest/First/Last/MostRecent/Earliest</string>
    <key>Type</key>
    <string>OSX/OSXInstaller/OSXRecovery/Windows/Linux</string>
    <key>BootBgColor</key>
    <string>RRGGBBAA</string>
    <key>CustomLogo</key>
    <false/>
    <key>KernelAndKextPatches</key>
    <dict>
      <key>AppleRTC</key>
      <false/>
      <key>KextsToPatch</key>
      <array>
        ...
      </dict>
    <array>...</array> Or <true/> / <false/>
  </dict>
  ...
</array>

```

- **Disabled** - Disables the entry so it is not taken into account.
- **Volume** - A volume name or GUID to be used when scanning for loader.
- **VolumeType** - The type of volume you want your custom entry to match. Can be a string with one type or an array with multiple types. Valid volume types are **Internal**, **External**, **Optical** and **FireWire**.
- **Path** - Location to scan for the efi loader.
- **Arguments** - Arguments that are to be passed to the loader. Overrides the default boot arguments in [Boot / Arguments](#).
- **AddArguments** - Adds to the [default boot arguments](#). For a SubEntry it adds to the arguments of the main entry.
- **Title** - Changes the display title. Uses the format " **Boot <Title> from <VolumeName>** "
- **FullTitle** - Sets the display title to only " **<FullTitle>** " without any format.
- **Image** - Path to a custom image file. Search path is root directory of entry volume, theme directory, clover directory, clover volume root directory, and finally os icon names.
- **ImageData** - Embedded custom image. Can be PNG or BMP format.

- **DriveImage** - Path to a custom drive image file. Search path is root directory of entry volume, theme directory, clover directory, clover volume root directory, and finally os icon names.
- **DriveImageData** - Embedded custom drive image. Can be PNG or BMP format.
- **Hidden** - Hides the entry. If value is **true** the entry can be shown by pressing F3. If value is **Always** the entry can never be show.
- **InjectKexts** - Inject kexts. Valid options are **Yes**, **No** or **Detect**. Use **Detect** to inject kexts only if FakeSMC is not present in KernelCache or /S/L/E. For **OSX**, **OSXInstaller** and **OSXRecovery** type entries.
- **NoCaches** - Skip caches. For **OSX**, **OSXInstaller** and **OSXRecovery** type entries.
- **Kernel** - Set the linux kernel scan priority. If this option is not supplied Clover will show all kernels found. Valid options are **Newest**, **Oldest**, **First**, **Last**, **MostRecent**, **Earliest**. For **LinuxKernel** type entries.
- **Type** - The type of OS that is being scanned for. Valid types are **OSX**, **OSXInstaller**, **OSXRecovery**, **Windows**, **Linux**, **LinuxKernel**. If Type is not one of these it will be treated as all types.
- **BootBgColor** - Specifies the boot screen's background color. For **OSX**, **OSXInstaller** and **OSXRecovery** type entries.
- **CustomLogo** - Defines the boot screen logo style. For further information read [Boot / CustomLogo](#)
- **SubEntries** - (Default:true) Disables the default sub entries if set to false. Can also be used to create custom sub entries using the same structure as a main entry, any settings that aren't set in the sub entry will be inherited from the main entry.
- **KernelAndKextPatches** - Uses the same hierarchy and offers the same functionality found in [KernelAndKextPatches](#), so you can selectively apply patches for each entry. Only works with revision 2797 or higher.

Custom / Legacy

```
<key>Legacy</key>
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>Volume</key>
    <string>Volume name or GUID</string>
    <key>Title</key>
    <string>Display title</string>
    <key>Hidden</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Disabled</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Ignore</key>
    <true/>
    <key>Type</key>
    <string>Windows/Linux</string>
  </dict>
  ...
</array>
```

- **Volume** - A volume name or GUID to be used when scanning for loader.
- **Title** - Changes the display title. Uses the format "**Boot <Title> from <VolumeName>**"
- **Hidden** - Hides the entry but can be shown by pressing F3.
- **Disabled** - Disables the entry so that is never shown.
- **Ignore** - Entry will be ignored, or not used, so it will not affect anything.
- **Type** - The type of OS that is being scanned for. Valid types are **OSX**, **OSXInstaller**, **OSXRecovery**, **Windows**, **Linux**, **LinuxKernel**. If Type is not one of these it will be treated as all types.

Custom / Tool


```

<key>Tool</key>
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>Volume</key>
    <string>Volume name or GUID</string>
    <key>Path</key>
    <string>Loader path</string>
    <key>Arguments</key>
    <string>Load options</string>
    <key>Hotkey</key>
    <string>G</string>
    <key>Title</key>
    <string>Display title</string>
    <key>FullTitle</key>
    <string>Full Display title</string>
    <key>Hidden</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Disabled</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Ignore</key>
    <true/>
  </dict>
  ...
</array>

```

More explanation will come.

ShowOptimus

```

<key>ShowOptimus</key>
<true/>

```

Rev 4222 Tested on Dell Latitude E6430 which can be powered with Optimus enabled or disabled in BIOS.

The criteria is a number of videocard found. 2 = Embedded Intel + Discrete == "Intel" 1 = Discrete only == "Discrete"

I am not sure if someone else needed this feature so default behaviour to be not shown.

KbdPrevLang

Rev 4719

Added prelang kbd option if want to keep language when updating macOS with **native NVRAM**.

- This is the key to fixing macOS language problems when using native NVRAM.
- This is macOS bug for long time ago.
- When using only `AptioMemoryFix` or `OsxAptioFixV3` without `EmuVariableUefi`
- When using a language other than English

You can fix issues below if use this key:

```

<key>GUI</key>
<dict>
  <key>KbdPrevLang</key>
  <true/>
  <key>Language</key>
  <string>ru:0</string>      <----- you want language
</dict>

```

1. mixed language in restart popup after updating macOS.
2. always keep english when updating macOS in recovery despite to user already use other language in macOS.

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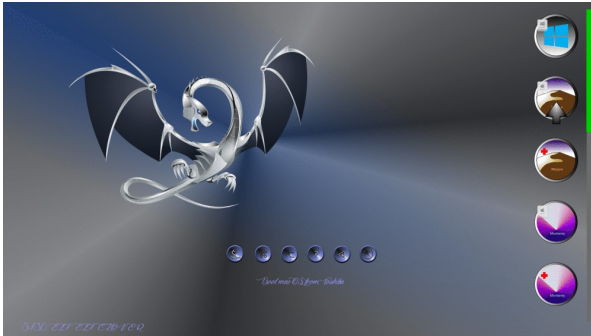
Dark/Light/Daytime themes

Rev 4644 A possibility to choose between **Light** and **Dark** embedded themes

```
<key>GUI</key>
<dict>
    <key>Theme</key>
    <string>embedded</string>
    <key>EmbeddedThemeType</key>
    <string>Dark</string>
```

Possible values Dark/Light/~~SVG~~ /Daytime

The result:



Daytime Support

Rev 4773

Daylight support in Clover GUI (like in Mojave). You should choose

```
<key>GUI</key>
<dict>
    <key>Timezone</key>
    <integer>3</integer>
    <key>Theme</key>
    <string>embedded</string>
    <key>EmbeddedThemeType</key>
    <string>Daytime</string>
```

Then BIOS time + Timezone will be compared to 8:00 of morning and 20:00 of evening and set light type or dark.

Rev 4774

Clovy SVG theme has os_mojave_night icon and Background_night to choose depending on daylight.

Disable Logging

Rev 4794

Implemented command line to manage **boot.efi** output

Explanations by [vit9696](#) [here](#).

By default I set command line as **"log=0"** it means you will not see long output from system start to ++++++

The setting can be changed in **Clover GUI** > **Options** > **System Parameters**

PlayAsync

Rev 4840

Sync and Async sound play.

Sync play - sound play before enter Clover GUI. Clover GUI started after the sound is finished.

Async play - sound started to play before Clover GUI started and continue playing when GUI is ready.

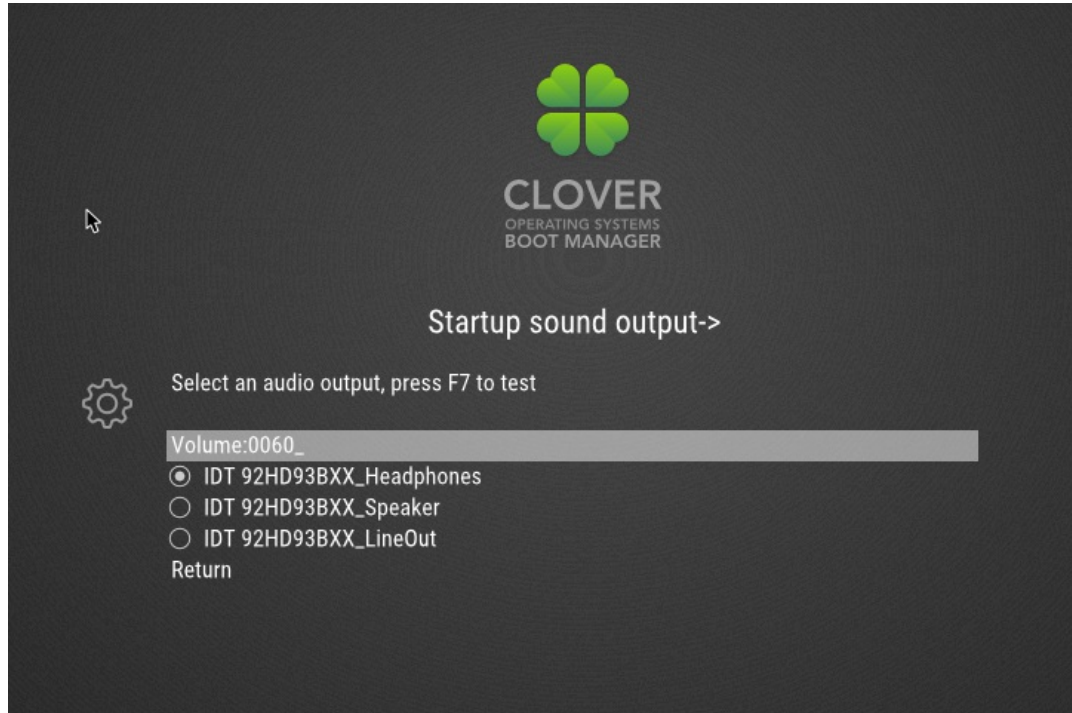
To switch edit config.plist

```
<key>GUI</key>
<dict>
  <key>PlayAsync</key>
  <false/>
</dict>
```

Startup Sound Configuration UI

Rev 4847-4852

There is interface in Clover GUI to tune startup sound parameters.



Computer will play a sound before enter Clover GUI. To do this you have to

1. Use CloverX64.efi revision 4852 or up.
2. Place AudioDxe-64.efi into drivers64 and drivers64UEFI. Playing is possible in both legacy and UEFI modes. AudioDxe.efi is included into Clover project and will be differ from original by Goldfish64 but almost compatible.
3. Place sound.wav and may be sound_night.wav into your theme folder, for example /EFI/CLOVER/theme/Clovy/. The sound must be 16bit, and 44100 or 48000Hz. But I also made conversion on the fly so 8000Hz is also supported.
4. Tune sound output in Clover GUI as on screen above. The settings will be stored in NVRAM and used next restart. With legacy Clover or systems without nvram you have to use EmuVariableUefi.efi and rc.scripts to save nvram.plist. For very new systems like Z370 where nvram is not working in macOS there is a chance that the nvram is working on Clover level and so all will works. SIC! Legacy Clover saved Variables only with Apple guid so why it will not work. After some discussing I may rebuild the system to use AppleBootGuid. In this case the system will not be compatible with the original driver but will work with legacy systems.

No more needs in BootChimeCfg and BootChimeDxe while the compatibility still remains

Graphics: ⚡

```
<key>Graphics</key>
<dict>
  ...
</dict>
```

This parameter group is made for injecting video card properties as done, for example, by *Natit.kext*. There are many different parameters that are injected, mostly constants, some of them calculated, some of them defined in the internal table and only a few parameters can be adjusted with the configuration file.

Inject

```
<key>Inject</key>
<true/>
```

Enables graphics injection, which is necessary for a working system. It is only advised to disable it, if you do not know a better method. Some video cards, for instance Nvidia GTX 6xx or AMD Radeon HD 6xxx do not require injection and it will automatically be disabled without user interaction. At least it is enough to reach the desktop.

Enabled by default.

Inject / Intel

```
<key>Inject</key>
<dict>
  <key>Intel</key>
  <true/>
</dict>
```

Inject / ATI

```
<key>Inject</key>
<dict>
  <key>ATI</key>
  <true/>
</dict>
```

Inject / NVidia

```
<key>Inject</key>
<dict>
  <key>NVidia</key>
  <true/>
</dict>
```

VRAM

```
<key>VRAM</key>
<integer>1024</integer>
```

Amount of video memory in MB. It is determined automatically but no one will be harmed if you write a correct value. However, changing it has not helped anyone yet.

LoadVBios

```
<key>LoadVBios</key>
<true/>
```

Loads a video bios from a file, which needs to be stored at the directory *EFI/CLOVER/OEM/[model]/ROM* or *EFI/CLOVER/ROM* with the name *[vendor]_[device].rom*, for instance *1002_68d8.rom*. Sometimes it makes sense to load video bios manually, for example when you need a patched version or when the video card does not show it to the system - like mobile Radeon cards. In this case it is enough to set this parameter to **Yes** without providing any file. Clover will read the video bios from legacy memory at 0xC0000, where it is present most of the times, and enable functionality. Apparently the video bios written to the card's ROM does not match the one stored at address 0xC0000 - the shadow ROM. In short:

- **<true/>** - Use for mobile Radeon cards without any external file. Can also be used to supply a legacy video bios to cards, which only contain a UEFI video bios.

- `<false/>` - For all other variants

DualLink

```
<key>DualLink</key>  
<integer>0</integer>
```

Default is **1**.

Some systems show a quartered screen. Use to solve this problem, as showed in the example above.

PatchVBios

```
<key>PatchVBios</key>
<true/>
```

Clover applies corrections to the shadow ROM at address 0xC0000 to allow support of the highest monitor resolution. For instance, a monitor's EDID contains the mode 1920x1080 but the video bios does not. Clover will apply it as the first mode to be used. In case the monitor does not produce an EDID, it can be injected manually.

In case `ScreenResolution` in section `GUI` is set, it will be used for this patch.

Should the automatic patch fail, then you can specify a manual one.

PatchVBiosBytes

```
<key>PatchVbiosBytes</key>
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>Find</key>
    <data>gAeoAqAF</data>
    <key>Replace</key>
    <data>gAeoAjjE</data>
  </dict>
</array>
```

This example applied to an AMD Radeon HD 6670 video bios, resulting in a replacement of mode 1920x1440 with mode 1920x1080. It is advised to choose a mode with the same horizontal resolution.

It is possible to apply multiple patches. An Nvidia video bios, for instance, was successfully modified with four patches.

EDID

```
<key>EDID</key>
<dict>
  <key>Inject</key>
  <true/>
  <key>Custom</key>
  <data>AP////////wAyDADfAAAAASAQ0AIRV4CunVmVLTjigmUFQAAAAEBAQEBAQEBAQEBAQEBA3iGgcFCEHzAgIFYAS88QAAAY3iGgcFCEHzAgIFYAS88QAAAAAA/gBXNjU3RwAxNTRXUDEKAAAA/gAjMz1IZYSq/wIBCiAgAJo=</data>
  <key>VendorID</key>
  <string>0x1006</string>
  <key>ProductID</key>
  <string>0x9221</string>
</dict>
```

Old keys InjectEDID and CustomEDID were moved here.

Inject parameter is useful when an EDID exists but is not seen by Apple's drivers. In this case it is enough to set this option to `<true/>`. Clover will automatically extract the EDID and provide it to the drivers. See *Mobile Radeons* for more info. For monitors without DDC and for UEFI-only computers a custom EDID is needed.

Custom parameter is for providing custom EDID when it's missing. The main requirement is to have a correct maximal resolution.

VideoPorts

```
<key>VideoPorts</key>
<integer>2</integer>
```

The amount of ports on a video card, including TVO and/or HDMI. The chosen Apple framebuffer may not correspond to our real video card.

FBName

```
<key>FBName</key>
<string>Macaque</string>
```

This parameter is specific to AMD Radeon cards, which have a bunch of different framebuffers without any specific pattern. For a wide range of common video cards Clover will automatically choose a suiting framebuffer name. Feel free to set your own if you want. If you do not know what to write here, delete this parameter completely.

Do not use Macaque! It is solely used for absurdity. But no - people still use it in their configurations!

Small guidance table:

| *Series v / Type >* | Mobile | Desktop |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| HD 5000 | Alouatta | Baboon |
| HD 6000 | Cuttail | Ipomoea |
| HD 7000 | Pondweed | Futomaki |

NVCAP

```
<key>NVCAP</key>
<string>04000000000003000C000000000000A00000000</string>
```

This parameter is only useful for Nvidia video cards and configures types and usage of video ports. The example line contains 40 capitalised hexadecimal digits. Theory is missing in this case and praxis shows controversial results.

Following table exists (found somewhere on insanelymac) but its correctness is debatable:

| Yellow = Desktop 1 (primary) | | | | Green = Desktop 2 (secondary) | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| DVI+VGA | | | | | | |
| | TV | DVI 2 | VGA 2 | VGA 1 | Bin string | Conversion to hex |
| Desktop 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Desktop 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1110 | 0e |
| NVCAP | TV + DVI + VGA2 | | | VGA1 | 04000000 00000100 0e000000 00000007 00000000 | |

| DUAL DVI | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|--|-------------------|
| | DVI 2 | VGA 2 | DVI 1 | VGA 1 | Bin string | Conversion to hex |
| Desktop 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 3 |
| Desktop 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1100 | 0c |
| NVCAP | DVI2+VGA2 | | DVI1+VGA1 | | 04000000 00000300 0c000000 00000007 00000000 | |

| DUAL DVI + TV on hardware channel 2 (maybe not supported) | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|--|-----|
| | TV | DVI 2 | VGA 2 | DVI 1 | VGA 1 | Bin string | hex |
| Desktop 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 3 |
| Desktop 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11100 | 1c |
| NVCAP | DVI2+VGA2+TV | | | DVI1+VGA1 | | 04000000 00000300 1c000000 00000007 00000000 | |

| DUAL DVI + TV on hardware channel 1 (maybe not supported) | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--|-----|
| | DVI 2 | VGA 2 | TV | DVI 1 | VGA 1 | Bin string | hex |
| Desktop 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11000 | 18 |
| Desktop 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 111 | 7 |
| NVCAP | DVI2+VGA2 | | DVI1+VGA1+TV | | | 04000000 00001800 07000000 00000007 00000000 | |

The hardware channel and desktops are intentionally swapped so that TV out stays in use for secondary desktop.

| DUAL DVI + TV on hardware channel 1 & 2 | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|------|------|---------------|------|------|--|--------|
| | TV2 | DVI2 | VGA2 | TV1 | DVI1 | VGA1 | Bin string | to hex |
| Desktop 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 111 | 7 |
| Desktop 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 111000 | 38 |
| NVCAP | TV2+DVI2+VGA2 | | | TV1+DVI1+VGA1 | | | 04000000 00000700 38000000 00000007 00000000 | |

| Laptop with VGA + TV out | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|------|--|-------------------|
| | TV | DVI 2 | VGA 2 | LVDS | Bin string | Conversion to hex |
| Desktop 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Desktop 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1010 | 5 |
| NVCAP | External VGA+TV | | | LCD | 04000000 00000100 05000000 00000007 00000000 | |

| Laptop with DVI + TV out | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|------|--|-------------------|
| | TV | DVI 2 | VGA 2 | LVDS | Bin string | Conversion to hex |
| Desktop 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Desktop 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1110 | 0e |
| NVCAP | External DVI+VGA+TV | | | LCD | 04000000 00000100 0e000000 00000007 00000000 | |

You can also find other methods on calculating a correct value for this line.

Clover will try to generate one according to the video bios.

display-cfg

```
<key>display-cfg</key>
<string>03010300FFFF0001</string>
```

This parameter is also just for Nvidia cards. For details see the [topic on projectosx](#). However the listed examples are controversial. You can see real configurations in [this topic](#). Apparently it is best to just let Clover handle this value. Leave it out completely and let Clover do the calculation.

ig-platform-id

```
<key>ig-platform-id</key>
<string>0x01620005</string>
```

This parameter is used to enable the internal Intel HD 4000 video card. Until now no common rule for selecting a value was found, so either let Clover handle this parameter or use another one if it does not work.

Here is a table with possible values:

| Value | Type | Ports |
|------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0x01660000 | Mobile | 4 ports: 1 LVDS, 3 DP |
| 0x01660001 | Mobile | 4 ports: 1 LVDS, 1 HDMI, 2 DP |
| 0x01660002 | Mobile | 1 port: LVDS |
| 0x01660003 | Mobile | 4 ports: 1 LVDS, 1 HDMI e 2 DP |
| 0x01660004 | Mobile | 1 port: LVDS |
| 0x01620005 | Desktop | 3 ports: DP |
| 0x01620006 | Desktop | 0 ports |
| 0x01620007 | Desktop | 0 ports |
| 0x01660008 | Mobile | 3 ports: 1 LVDS, 2 DP |
| 0x01660009 | Mobile | 3 ports: 1 LVDS, 2 DP |
| 0x0166000a | Mobile | 3 ports: 2 DP, 1 HDMI |
| 0x0166000b | Mobile | 3 ports: 2 DP, 1 HDMI |

RadeonDeInit

Rev 4296

A possibility to de-init Radeon cards. It was very old problem since ElCapitan that AMD Radeon HD6xxx and up will not wake after sleep if used as first card. If the card is secondary and CSM enabled then the card works fine. So the difference is initialisation. The solution was found by vit9696 and used in private WhateverGreen.kext. Then Mieze proposed the solution as ACPI patch. Now I included this into Clover.

You have to set in config.plist:

```
<key>RadeonDeInit</key>
<true/>
```

Related threads [No graphics / USB / Audio after wake](#)

[Tracing back the AMD GPU wakeup issue to its origin](#)

KernelAndKextPatches: ⤵

KernelAndKextPatches

```
<key>KernelAndKextPatches</key>
<dict>
...
</dict>
```

This parameter group enables patching on-the-fly.

Requirement: booting **with kernel cache** or with the key **NoCache**. Should the cache be missing because of other reasons, then patching will not be enabled.

Debug

```
<key>Debug</key>
<true/>
```

Enables detailed output describing the patching process. This prints kernel patches and kext injection debug messages to the screen, since standard boot log is already closed. Useful for debugging purposes.

KernelCpu

```
<key>KernelCpu</key>
<true/>
```

Eliminates kernel panics related to an unsupported CPU like Yonah, Atom or Haswell for old systems. However, the kernel has other algorithms which will not work correctly when using an unsupported CPU and this patch will not solve all problems. It is highly unlikely that this will work with a Pentium M, Pentium 4 or AMD. The use of a special replacement kernel is advised in such cases.

FakeCPUID

```
<key>FakeCPUID</key>  
<string>0x010676</string>
```

Fake CPUID is intended to be a replacement for the [KernelCPU](#) patch. It influences the kernel and AppleCPUPowerManagement as well.

If you want to install OSX with an unsupported CPU then you'll need to fake its ID to avoid kernel panics. Useful if you're trying to install OSX with an Atom CPU, or 10.7.2 with an IvyBridge CPU.

For these cases Clover allows you to set FakeCPUID in config.plist or even through the GUI, in the Binaries patching menu.

The following table shows all supported CPUIDs by different OS X versions:



| | |
|--------|-------------|
| 0006E6 | Yonah |
| 0006F2 | Conroe |
| 010676 | Penryn |
| 0106A2 | Nehalem |
| 0106C2 | Atom |
| 0106D0 | XeonMP |
| 0106E0 | Linnfield |
| 0106F0 | Havendale |
| 020650 | Clarkdale |
| 020660 | AtomSandy |
| 020670 | Lincroft |
| 0206A0 | SandyBridge |
| 0206C0 | Westmere |
| 0206D0 | Jaketown |
| 0206E0 | NehalemEx |
| 0206F0 | WestmereEx |
| 030660 | Atom2000 |
| 0306A0 | IvyBridge |
| 0306C0 | Haswell |
| 0306D0 | Broadwell |
| 0306E0 | IvyBridgeE5 |
| 0306F0 | HaswellMB |
| 0306F2 | Haswell E |
| 040650 | HaswellULT |
| 040660 | Crystalwell |



040660 Crystalwell
040670 Broadwell H
0406E3 Skylake U
050654 Skylake X
0506E3 Skylake H
0806E9 Kabylake U
0906E9 Kabylake H

AppleIntelCPUPM

```
<key>AppleIntelCPUPM</key>  
<true/>
```

AsusAICPUPM key was renamed to AppleIntelCPUPM.

Some vendors, like ASUS, restrict the use of MSR register 0xE2 in their power management module to ReadOnly. On Sandy/Ivy Bridge systems the kext **AppleIntelCpuPowerManagement** will try to write to this register and cause a kernel panic. This patch will eliminate the kext's write operations.

KernelPm

```
<key>KernelAndKextPatches</key>  
<dict>  
  <key>KernelPm</key>  
  <true/>  
</dict>
```

Kernel power management patch for Haswell with locked msrs. Works with 10.8.5 and 10.9 kernels.

AppleRTC

```
<key>AppleRTC</key>  
<true/>
```

OS X has compatibility issues with a BIOS CMOS resulting in its reset on each wake after sleep and reboot, which is noticeable in a loss of BIOS settings. Mostly Gigabyte motherboards are affected. Usually it can be solved by patching Device(RTC) in the DSDT. If this does not help, the kext itself can be patched, which is done here.

KernelLapic

```
<key>KernelLapic</key>  
<false/>
```

HP notebooks have *lapic* problems, which can be solved by using the boot parameter `cpus=1` or by using this option.

KernelHaswellE

```
<key>KernelHaswellE</key>
<false/>
```

Haswell-E setups are currently not supported by the OS X kernel (as of OS X 10.10.2). This patch gets rid of the blocking compatibility checks. Note that this will not enable Power Management or similar features.

KextsToPatch

```
<key>KextsToPatch</key>
<array>
```

Apart from the built-in patches you can create your own ones providing following data: the binary file name, the data to find and the data to replace with - both in hexadecimal. The data length must be equal. A smaller replacement data line can be filled with zeroes.

- The following example shows a patch for VoodooHDA replacing the string *Headphones* with *Telephones*:

```
<key>KextsToPatch</key>
<array>
<dict>
  <key>Name</key>
  <string>VoodooHDA</string>
  <key>Find</key>
  <data>SGVhZHBob25lcwA=</data>
  <key>Replace</key>
  <data>VGVsZXBob25lcwA=</data>
</dict>
</array>
```

Note: the patch data is encoded in base64 due to the *data* type of the field.

Common patches are:

- TRIM function for non-Apple SSDs:

```
<dict>
  <key>Name</key>
  <string>IOAHCIBlockStorage</string>
  <key>Find</key>
  <data>QVBQTEUgU1NEAA==</data>
  <key>Replace</key>
  <data>AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA==</data>
</dict>
```

- Define external drivers as internal to fix yellow drive icons:

```
<dict>
  <key>Name</key>
  <string>AppleAHCIPort</string>
  <key>Find</key>
  <data>RXh0ZXJueWw=</data>
  <key>Replace</key>
  <data>SW50ZXJueWw=</data>
</dict>
```

- Allow booting with a MacPro4,1 or MacPro5,1 SMBIOS definition without ECC memory:

```
<dict>
  <key>Name</key>
  <string>AppleTyMCEDriver</string>
  <key>Find</key>
  <data>cgoATWfjUHVNCwxAE1hY1BybzUsMQBY</data>
  <key>Replace</key>
  <data>cgoAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAABY</data>
</dict>
```

It is sometimes necessary to additionally modify a kext's Info.plist. In this case following syntax is used:

```
<dict>
  <key>Name</key>
  <string>AppleHDAController</string>
  <key>Comment</key>
  <string>Patch_to_not_load_this_driver</string>
  <key>InfoPlistPatch</key>
  <true/>
  <key>Find</key>
  <string>0x04020000</string>
  <key>Replace</key>
  <string>0x44220000</string>
</dict>
```

Side note: The patch is supposed to be done in the cache. If you patch an Info.plist to allow the loading of a kext, then it is not yet present in the cache. You will need to reboot twice. First with the key *NoCaches* to allow *FSInject* to load the kext and a second time for the cache to be patched successfully. Not working in sytem 10.8 and later

ForceKextsToLoad

Not working in BigSur and later

```
<key>ForceKextsToLoad</key>
<array>
  <string>\System\Library\Extensions\AppleHDA.kext</string>
  <string>\Extra\Extensions</string>
</array>
```

Force load kexts (and plugins) from booted volume so it can be patched. It also accepts directories to force load/inject every kext in the folder.

ATIConnectorsController

Not working since 10.11

```
<key>ATIConnectorsController</key>
<string>6000</string>
```

For a fully working AMD video card injecting properties into the registry is not enough. Additionally a modification of the connectors in the according controller binary file is necessary. The example points to the 6000 series controller file:

```
<key>ATIConnectorsData</key>
<string>000400000403000000010000210302040400000014020000000100000000 040310000000100000000001000000000001</string>
<key>ATIConnectorsPatch</key>
<string>040000001402000000010000000004040004000004030000000100001102 0105000000000000000000000000000000</string>
```

This method works for systems using Mac OS X 10.7 or newer.

More info in the [post of bcc9](#) on insanelymac.

KernelXCPM

Rev 4250

```
<key>KernelXCPM</key>
<true/>
```

XCPM patch for IvyBridge CPUs.

RtVariables: ↴

```
<key>RtVariables</key>
<dict>
...
</dict>
```

Parameter group for defining runtime variables affecting Apple services or Clover itself.

MLB

```
<key>MLB</key>
<string>XXXXXXXXXX</string>
```

Digits and letters, 17 in length, describing the motherboard's serial number. No special rule exists here. The best option is to choose a real serial number and to replace digits in the middle. For instance, write `...SLICE...` or whatever comes to your mind.

ROM

```
<key>ROM</key>
<data>AAAAAAA</data> OR <string>UseMacAddrX</string>
```

Twelve hexadecimal digits, often corresponding to the MAC address of the ethernet card. According to several reports this value can be random.

Since revision 3051 Clover can detect the LAN MAC address of an ethernet device and use it as ROM. For UEFI, it will first check the UEFI protocol for LAN information, but for legacy it will attempt to get it from the hardware instead, and because this procedure is dangerous you'll need to enable the functionality by specifying the LAN device with: `UseMacAddr0` or `UseMacAddr1` (up to 4 devices are calculated but only 2 will be used). If `UseMacAddrX` is not set then the MAC address will not be tested for legacy; the UEFI method is safe and will always be tested.

CsrActiveConfig

- Since revision r3259

```
<key>CsrActiveConfig</key>
<string>0x3</string>
```

Controls System Integrity Protection (SIP), see [Wikipedia](#).

Relevant user options for SIP:

- `csr-active-config 0x0` = SIP Enabled (Default). Some drivers will not work.
- `csr-active-config 0x3` = SIP Partially Disabled (Loads unsigned kexts but not unapproved)
- `csr-active-config 0xFE` = SIP Disabled completely (SIC! bit 0x10 shouldn't be set!)
- `csr-active-config 0xA87` = SIP Disabled enough for hackintosh

BooterConfig

- Since revision r3259

BooterConfig

0x28

SMBIOS: ↓

```
<key>SMBIOS</key>
<dict>
...
</dict>
```

This group of parameters is used to mask your PC as a Mac. Clover will do this task automatically based on the given processor, video card and signs of mobility. However, you may choose differently. Get the MacTracker application, choose a model you like and find matching values. Chameleon Wizard may help you with this task. There is not much to comment here, these values are not for beginners. If you know them - change them; otherwise leave it. Calculating them is mostly not possible.

ProductName

```
<key>ProductName</key>
<string>MacBook1,1</string>
```

SMBIOS.table1->ProductName

You can set only this value and Clover will adjust the rest of the parameters automatically according to the model, so you can leave them out. Otherwise your custom values will be preferred.

Clover has built-in definitions for following models:

- MacBook1,1
- MacBook2,1
- MacBook4,1
- MacBook5,2
- MacBook8,1
- MacBook9,1
- MacBook10,1
- MacBookPro5,1
- MacBookPro6,2
- MacBookPro8,1
- MacBookPro8,3
- MacBookPro9,2
- MacBookPro11,4
- MacBookPro12,1
- MacBookPro13,1
- MacBookPro13,3
- MacBookPro14,1
- MacBookPro16,1
- MacBookAir3,1
- MacBookAir5,2
- MacBookAir6,2
- Macmini2,1
- Macmini5,1
- Macmini6,2
- Macmini7,1

- iMac8,1
- iMac10,1
- iMac11,1
- iMac11,2
- iMac11,3
- iMac12,1
- iMac12,2
- iMac13,1
- iMac13,2
- iMac14,2
- iMac15,1
- iMac17,1
- iMac18,2
- iMac18,3
- iMac19,1
- MacPro3,1
- MacPro4,1
- MacPro5,1
- MacPro6,1
- MacPro7,1

All other models require setting all fields manually.

In case the model is not set, Clover will automatically choose one for you.

Some parameters like `BoardSerialNumber` should be generated and specified manually to be unique though.

Family

```
<key>Family</key>
<string>MacBookAir</string>
```

It is equal to model without model number.

SmUUID

```
<key>SmUUID</key>
<string>00000000-0000-1000-8000-010203040506</string>
```

This is the UUID, which is written into the SMBIOS table. Apparently it makes sense to fill the last pairs of digits with the MAC address of your ethernet card. This UUID will also be used in case CustomUUID is missing. It also be used to initialize ROM RtVariable (use by iMessage) in case ROM is missing.

FirmwareFeatures

```
<key>FirmwareFeatures</key>
<string>0xC0001403</string>
```


These digits exceed the standard SMBIOS and are part of Apple's specification. Different real Macs show different values and no description of the meaning exists. The only clue is provided by the sources of the *bless* command:

```
&& (featureFlags & 0x00000001) {  
    contextprintf(context, kBLLogLevelVerbose, "Legacy mode supported\n");  
}
```

Therefore, we too need an odd number here.

ExtendedFirmwareFeatures

```
<key>ExtendedFirmwareFeatures</key>  
<string>0x8FE001403</string>  
<key>ExtendedFirmwareFeaturesMask</key>  
<string>0xFFFFFFFF</string>
```

SMBIOS.table128-> ExtendedFirmwareFeatures

macOS Monterey asked for bit 35 which is not fitted in 32bits of FirmwareFeatures. So new field in SMBIOS and in NVRAM was implemented ExtendedFirmwareFeatures and corresponding ExtendedFirmwareFeaturesMask. And then old FirmwareFeatures will not be used in the case new field is present. Clover automatically assign some value for you hardware but you also may use this sample.

SerialNumber

```
<key>SerialNumber</key>  
<string>W8000AAAAA</string>
```

Clover will use one specific value here per each model, which needs to be replaced by your own serial number. There are two formats of serial number, which one to use depends on the model. There are tools to generate a serial number for a given model, or it can be created manually, according to <http://prasys.info/2009/11/understanding-mac-serial-number/> or something newer. The serial number used by Clover is most probably banned already.

BoardSerialNumber

```
<key>BoardSerialNumber</key>  
<string>C02032101R5DC771H</string>
```

SMBIOS.table2->SerialNumber

Don't mix it with system serial number. Clover will use one specific value here, which needs to be replaced by your own serial number. It is required for working iCloud and iMessage services (initialize MLB RtVariable if missing). The length must be 17 digits, consisting of letters from the Latin alphabet and numbers. The serial number used by Clover is most probably banned already.

BiosVersion

```
<key>BiosVersion</key>  
<string>MB11.YACC.0061.53PH.B03</string>
```

We see only the first, third and fifth groups in System Profiler, but really we should specify the full Boot ROM version in config.

BiosReleaseDate

```
<key>BiosReleaseDate</key>  
<string></string>
```

It's the release date of Boot ROM specified in BiosVersion key.

BoardType

```
<key>BoardType</key>
<integer>10</integer>
```

SMBIOS.table2->BoardType

This parameter was introduced for the MacPro, which uses **11** (ProcessorBoard) instead of **10** (Motherboard), apparently for historical reasons. The effect is not clear, however it can be seen in *Profiler*.

Mobile

```
<key>Mobile</key>
<true/>
```

Usually Clover will automatically detect the mobility of a system, e.g. if it is powered by a battery, needs energy saving, or not. Change it to trick the system into thinking that a battery is not available, or otherwise.

ChassisType

```
<key>ChassisType</key>
<string>0x10</string>
```

SMBIOS.table3->Type

Used as an indirect indication for platform mobility. Here is a table according to SMBIOS standards:

| Type | Value |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| :--- --- | |
| MiscChassisTypeOther | 0x01 |
| MiscChassisTypeUnknown | 0x02 |
| MiscChassisTypeDesktop | 0x03 |
| MiscChassisTypeLowProfileDesktop | 0x04 |
| MiscChassisTypePizzaBox | 0x05 |
| MiscChassisTypeMiniTower | 0x06 |
| MiscChassisTypeTower | 0x07 |
| MiscChassisTypePortable | 0x08 |
| MiscChassisTypeLaptop | 0x09 |
| MiscChassisTypeNotebook | 0x0A |
| MiscChassisTypeHandHeld | 0x0B |
| MiscChassisTypeDockingStation | 0x0C |
| MiscChassisTypeAllInOne | 0x0D |
| MiscChassisTypeSubNotebook | 0x0E |
| MiscChassisTypeSpaceSaving | 0x0F |
| MiscChassisTypeLunchBox | 0x10 |

Clover will use a value according to the set Mac model, like it is used in real Macs. The effect, except mobility settings, is unclear.

ChassisAssetTag

```
<key>ChassisAssetTag</key>
<string>LatitudeD420</string>
```

SMBIOS.table3->AssetTag

This field is never used with real Macs. We can use it for our own purpose, for example in the *HW Sensors* project.

Trust

```
<key>Trust</key>
<true/>
```

Used to give priority to memory descriptor values found in SMBIOS or SPD. Change if your memory is described incorrectly in Mac. Default is `<true/>`.

NoRomInfo

```
<key>NoRomInfo</key>
<false/>
```

SMBIOS.table11->Apple ROM Info

Clover generated some info the System Profiler like some real Macs:

```
Apple ROM Info:      Apple ROM Version.
Board-ID : Mac-7BA5B2D9E42DDD94
% Powered by Clover revision: 5145 (master, commit a8d020845)
```

But if you don't want to see this you may use this key with value

Memory

```
<key>Memory</key>
<dict>
  <key>Channels</key>
  <integer>2</integer> OR <string>1</string>
  <key>SlotCount</key>
  <integer>24</integer> OR <string>4</string>
  <key>Modules</key>
  <array>
    <dict>
      <key>Slot</key>
      <integer>0</integer> OR <string>5</string>
      <key>Size</key>
      <integer>2048</integer> OR <string>4096</string>
      <key>Frequency</key>
      <integer>1600</integer> OR <string>1333</string>
      <key>Vendor</key>
      <string>Some Company</string>
      <key>Part</key>
      <string>123456ABCDEF</string>
      <key>Serial</key>
      <string>ABCDEF123456</string>
      <key>Type</key>
      <string>DDR/DDR2/DDR3</string>
    </dict>
  </array>
</dict>
```

Inject custom memory module tables into SMBIOS if original SPD and SMBIOS provide incorrect or incomplete information.

- **Channels** - Number of hardware channels supported by your memory chipset, usually two.
- **SlotCount** - Total count of memory slots in your system. Max 24 (for now).
- **Modules** - An array of INSTALLED modules, if your slot is empty don't include an entry for it.

For each module:

- **Slot** - Physical slot location in which the module is installed.
- **Size** - Size of the module in megabytes.
- **Frequency** - Speed of the module in megahertz.
- **Vendor** - Memory manufacturer name
- **Part** - The part number identifier.
- **Serial** - The module's serial number.

- **Type** - The memory module's type.

Slots

```
<key>Slots</key>
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>Device</key>
    <string>ATI/NVidia/LAN/WIFI/Firewire</string>
    <key>ID</key>
    <integer>2</integer>
    <key>Name</key>
    <string>Device name</string>
    <key>Type</key>
    <integer>0</integer>
  </dict>
</array>
```

AAPL,slot-name injector. It allows you to add devices into System Profiler's PCI Cards section. This is a property that is usually injected by DSDT or property strings but this is a wrong way to go.

The injection of this property requires **Name (_SUN, 0x02)** to be present in the device's DSDT section. You can set this to any one byte number but 0 and 1 because of compiler optimizations. If you don't use a custom DSDT you may instead set DSDT **Mask Fix** bits for those devices. Sample:

```
Device (GIGE)
{
    Name (_ADR, 0x00050000) // _ADR: Address
    Name (_SUN, 0x02) // _SUN: Slot User Number
```

- **Device** - For now it can only be one of these: ATI, NVidia, LAN, WIFI or Firewire.
- **ID** - Must be the same number defined into your DSDT in **_SUN**.
- **Name** - The string that you want to assign to **AAPL,slot-name**.
- **Type** - Set to 0 for PCI, 1 for PCIe 1x, 2 for PCIe 2x, etc.

SystemParameters: ⚡

```
<key>SystemParameters</key>
<dict>
  ...
</dict>
```

CustomUUID

```
<key>CustomUUID</key>
<string>511CE200-1000-4000-9999-010203040506</string>
```

Unique identification number of your computer. If not set, an automatically generated UUID will be used. Customise it with hexadecimal digits for full control over your hackintosh.

Do not use this example value. It is by far not unique, as there are enough fools who copied it already.

InjectSystemID

```
<key>InjectSystemID</key>
<false/>
```

The number described above can be injected differently and transformed by the OS into another ID. The aim is to provide an option for Chameleon users to replicate their UUID. Set to **<true/>** and change **CustomUUID** to match the UUID used with Chameleon found in

registry at `IIODeviceTree:/efi/platform>system-id`. Profiler will show a different UUID that will match the one generated with Chameleon. Not Chameleon users should simply set .

BacklightLevel

```
<key>BacklightLevel</key>
<string>0x0101</string>
```

Monitor brightness level. However, only few systems will be affected by this parameter. It also is read from NVRAM. By default a value given by the system is used. Specifying it in the configuration file will override it.

InjectKexts

```
<key>InjectKexts</key>
<string>Detect/Yes/No</string> or <true/> or <false/>
```

Recommended value `true` This key defines the global policy regarding kext injection.

- `Yes` or `<true/>` - Always inject kexts from `/EFI/CLOVER/kexts/`
- `No` or `<false/>` - Never inject kexts
- `Detect` - Kexts from `/EFI/CLOVER/kexts/` will be injected only if FakeSMC is not present in the kernelcache

In case [Custom Entries](#) are defined, its own `InjectKexts` key will override this global one.

NoCaches

```
<key>NoCaches</key>
<string>Yes/No</string> or <true/> or <false/>
```

If enabled, the cache will be skipped on each boot. And just like `InjectKexts`, this key defines the global rule, so the value defined on [Custom Entries](#) will override this one. It works on systems up to 10.7.5. Recent macOS don't allow skip caches.

NvidiaWeb

```
<key>NvidiaWeb</key>
<true/>
```

If key value is `true`, it will allow access to load and use Nvidia WebDriver kexts under the new MacOS systems (10.12-13). It is not same as bootarg.

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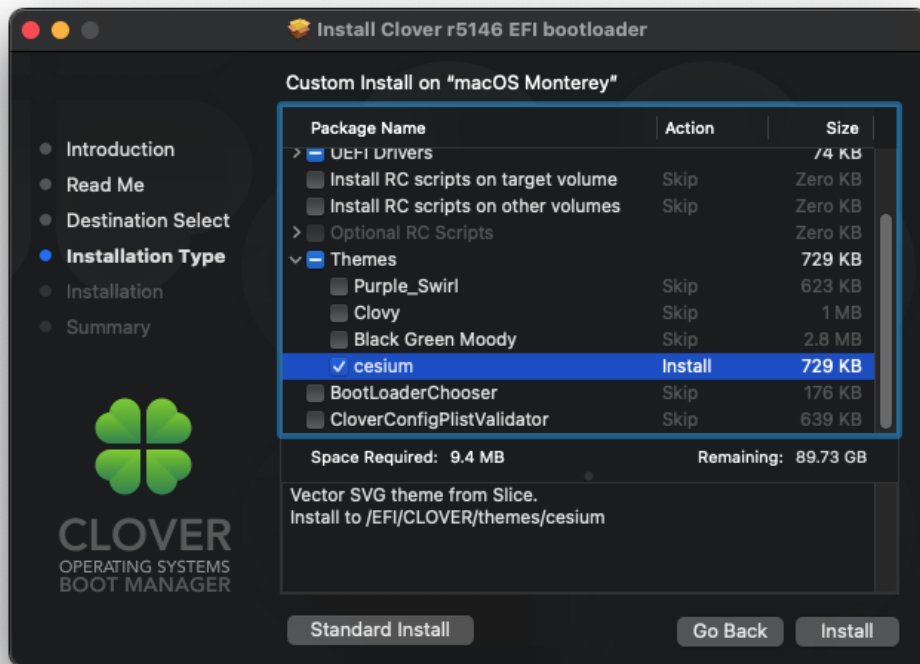
Design

What is a theme

A theme represents elements of a design: a banner, a background, icons, buttons, fonts - all united into one artistic conception.

Choosing a theme

Some themes are currently bundled with the installer package. You can install them all and later set which one you want to use.



Note: At some point in the future, themes will no longer be included in the installer and instead Clover will be shipped with a single embedded theme (which it already has).

You can now get themes from the new [Clover Theme Repository](#) by either downloading them manually using the Terminal. or [DownGit](#)

Creating a theme

File Types

Clover's GUI can load and use .png and .icns formats.

Traditionally, the OS device icons (for example, os_cougar.icns), used Apple's ICNS format which encapsulates multiple image sizes in one file. When using .ICNS files with Clover, two image sizes are made use of: 128x128 and 32x32 pixels. Click the following link to the os_cougar.icns file from the BGM theme for an example: [os_cougar.icns](#)

However, Clover's .ICNS decoding only supports icon types which were introduced in OS X 10.0. OS X 10.7 introduced extra icon types which are currently not supported. For example, you can see in the following wiki link that a 128x128 pixel image created from OS X 10.7 and newer can use an OSType of ic07. This is not supported because even though Clover can read and decode the embedded .PNG file itself, it is not aware of the new type(s) to extract the data from within the ICNS file. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apple_Icon_Image_format

To help this situation, as of Clover r2231, the GUI can now also use .PNG images to represent the OS device icons. Clover can scale the .PNG images, if necessary, depending on the user/designers choice of the Badges->Swap option in the theme.plist.

Please note: Clover still expects to find an OS device icon with a .icns file extension. So even though the image may be a .png it still needs to have a .icns extension.

File Sizes

A complete Clover theme can contain many images which if not controlled can result in a theme directory being many megabytes in size. This has had a direct impact on [Clovers' packaged installer](#) which has grown considerably over the last year. As a result the themes that are in the packaged installer are being optimised so the files can be as small as possible whilst retaining the original design.

It's the responsibility of the designer to keep their images optimised and to also make sure they remove any unwanted excess. To help you do that, please read this [insanleymac forum topic](#) which is a basic overview of an original post from projectosx which is no longer available.

theme.plist

The theme settings are defined in theme.plist, which resides in the theme directory and is unique for each theme. For instance the path to the *metal* theme is */EFI/CLOVER/themes/metal/theme.plist*.

Opening the existing theme.plist in a plist editor (recommended) or a text editor will show the xml structure which is described as follows.

Description

```
<key>Author</key>
<string>Slice</string>
<key>Year</key>
<string>2012</string>
<key>Description</key>
<string>Main metallic looking theme</string>
<key>Theme</key>
<dict>
```

Origination

Let Clover know the screen resolution that the theme was originally design at. This is so animation positions can be recalculated when using the theme at a different resolution. * Note, this is currently only used when using the newer positioning settings in the Anime array (see below).

```
<key>Origination</key>
<dict>
  <key>DesignWidth</key>
  <integer>1920</integer>
  <key>DesignHeight</key>
  <integer>1080</integer>
</dict>
```

Background

```
<key>Background</key>
<dict>
  <key>Path</key>
  <string>MetalBack.png</string>
  <key>Type</key>
  <string>Crop</string>
  <key>Sharp</key>
  <string>0x80</string>
  <key>Dark</key>
  <true/>
</dict>
```

- **Path** - Name (or path) of the background image
- **Type**
 - **Crop** - Cut a big image to fit the monitor size or fill the remaining space with a solid colour without rescaling.
 - **Tile** - Tile the image to fill the area.
 - **Scale** - Stretch the image to occupy the whole screen, with cutting.

Increasing the image size produces square pixels, which can be minimised with smoothing. However, smoothing distorts the edges. Clover will detect them and the following parameter allows fine-tuning:

```
Sharp
```

- Minimal value `0x0` - no detection, smooth edges.
- Maximal value `0xFF` (255) - Full detection, no smoothing.

Dark

- `<true/>` - Dark image with bright lines.
- `<false/>` - Bright image with dark lines.

The image format is PNG, optimally with a correct header. The "Preview" app for example saves them in a correct format.

Badges

Badges are small icons in the lower right corner of a loader entry. The initial design was to show disk in the main icon (like Boot Camp) and the operating system in the badge.

```
<key>Badges</key>
<dict>
  <key>Show</key>
  <true/>
  <key>Inline</key>
  <true/>
  <key>Swap</key>
  <false/>
  <key>OffsetX</key>
  <integer>nn</integer>
  <key>OffsetY</key>
  <integer>nn</integer>
  <key>Scale</key>
  <integer>nn</integer>
</dict>
```

- `Show` - Show badges or not
- `Inline` - Move badge to the information line of a chosen loader. `Swap` is ignored in this case. Take *iClover* theme as a reference.
- `Swap` - Swap the meaning of icons and badges. Icons will show the OS, badges the device type (not interesting to display them in this case).
- `Scale` - Sets the badge's scale to n/16 of original size. Examples (based on original image being 128x128px). A value of 5 results in scaling to 40x40px, 8 scales to 64x64px, 16 doesn't scale so leave at 128x128px.
- `OffsetX` - Sets the badge's horizontal position inside the main menu item.
- `OffsetY` - Sets the badge's vertical position inside the main menu item.

OffsetX and OffsetY set the number of pixels across and down from the top left corner of the OS device selection area and indicate where to draw the badge icon. Valid lowest value is 0, and the max valid value is calculated by subtracting the badge width (64px) from the width of the OS device selection area (Selection Big). If either value is larger than the result then the default position of the result is automatically set and the boot log will contain an entry similar to 'User offset X nn is out of range'.

Banner

The banner is a centred image with limited dimensions depending on the monitor size. For instance, theme *dawn* has a banner with a dimension of 672x190px, which should be considered as a limit. If you do not use a background drawing, the banner should be opaque and its first pixel will determine the background colour. Otherwise you may use a trick and set transparency of the first pixel to 1%.

```
<key>Banner</key>
<string>logo-trans.png</string>
```

UPDATE: Since rev2524 (and with better placement with rev2534) the Banner can now optionally use new positional settings as used for the animations.


```

<key>Banner</key>
  <dict>
    <key>Path</key>
    <string>logo_trans.png</string>
    <key>ScreenEdgeX</key>
    <string>left</string>
    <key>DistanceFromScreenEdgeX%</key>
    <integer>nn</integer>
    <key>ScreenEdgeY</key>
    <string>top</string>
    <key>DistanceFromScreenEdgeY%</key>
    <integer>nn</integer>
    <key>NudgeX</key>
    <integer>nn</integer>
    <key>NudgeY</key>
    <integer>nn</integer>
  </dict>

```

See the Anime section for an explanation of these settings.

Components

Components are groups of UI elements, you may specify which groups your theme uses.

```

<key>Components</key>
<dict>
  <key>Banner</key>
  <true/>
  <key>Functions</key>
  <true/>
  <key>Tools</key>
  <true/>
  <key>Label</key>
  <true/>
  <key>Revision</key>
  <true/>
  <key>MenuTitle</key>
  <true/>
  <key>MenuTitleImage</key>
  <true/>
</dict>

```

- **Banner** - Show or hide the banner image.
- **Functions** - Show or hide the system functions such as About, Restart, and Shutdown.
- **Tools** - Show or hide the system tools such as Shell.
- **Label** - Show or hide the entry description label.
- **Revision** - Show or hide the Clover GUI revision version.
- **MenuTitle** - Show or hide the menu title on the help, about and options screens.
- **MenuTitleImage** - Show or hide the menu icons that are drawn beside the menu text on the help, about and options screens.

Selection

```
<key>Selection</key>
<dict>
  <key>Color</key>
  <string>0xF3F3F380</string>
  <key>Small</key>
  <string>Select_trans_small.png</string>
  <key>Big</key>
  <string>Select_trans_big.png</string>
  <key>OnTop</key>
  <true/>
  <key>ChangeNonSelectedGrey</key>
  <true/>
</dict>
```

- **Color** - Row selection colour in menus, optimally matching the overall theme colours. Example **0x11223380** : red=0x11, green=0x22, blue=0x33, alpha=0x80. The transparency (alpha) value of 0x80 is 50%. 0x00 means a fully transparent selection, 0xFF means a solid colour.
- **Small** - Selection image for small option icons in the lower GUI row.
- **Big** - Selection image for big OS icons in the upper GUI row.
- **OnTop** - If true, the selection image will be drawn over the main image.
- **ChangeNonSelectedGrey** - Draw all non selected device icons and their associated badges as greyscale.

Note: The Selection Big image is to be sized at 144x144 pixels when using 128x128 pixel device icons, or 288x288 pixels when using 256x256 pixel device icons. The Selection Small image is to be sized at 64x64 pixels. Note2: Clover r2707 or newer is required for full support of positioning device icons sized 256x256 pixels.

Layout

Change the vertical position of some of the GUI's elements.

```
<key>Layout</key>
<dict>
  <key>BannerOffset</key>
  <integer>nn</integer>
  <key>ButtonOffset</key>
  <integer>nn</integer>
  <key>MainEntriesSize</key>
  <integer>nn</integer>
  <key>TextOffset</key>
  <integer>nn</integer>
  <key>TileXSpace</key>
  <integer>nn</integer>
  <key>TileYSpace</key>
  <integer>nn</integer>
  <key>Vertical</key>
  <true/>
</dict>
```

- **BannerOffset** - Increase the space (pixels) under the banner. Effectively pushing the OS icons down on the main screen.
- **ButtonOffset** - Move the vertical position (pixels) of the tool buttons.
- **MainEntriesSize** - The size of the main device icons is set internally in the code to 128. Changing this value will instruct Clover to scale the device icons. For example, using a value of 256 on a theme with 128px icons will show the device icons scaled up to 256px. Note: badges will not be affected and will more than likely need repositioning.
- **TextOffset** - Move the vertical position (pixels) of the Main menu text; the one that reads 'Boot Mac OS X from xxxx'.
- **TileXSpace** - The spacing between the Selection Big area of each main device icon. Internally, this defaults to 8. So if using 128x128 pixel icons with a 144x144 pixel selection big, the next device icon's selection big area will be drawn 144 + 8 pixels to the right of the previous one.
- **TileYSpace** - The spacing between the Selection Big area of the main device icons and the Selection Small area of the smaller tool buttons. Internally, this defaults to 24. Note, the ButtonOffset setting also affects this position (needs to be verified).
- **Vertical** - Displays the OS Icons vertically down the right edge of the screen. Set either true or false. (Introduced in rev2535).

Note experiment moving these by small amounts (ie. 10's pixels and not 100's pixels because when viewed at a smaller resolution this could be drawn off screen).

Font

```
<key>Font</key>
<dict>
  <key>Type</key>
  <string>Load</string>
  <key>Path</key>
  <string>BoG_LucidaConsole_10W_NA.png</string>
  <key>CharWidth</key>
  <integer>10</integer>
</dict>
```

Type

- Font type

- **Alfa** - built-in font
- **Gray** - built-in font
- **Load** - Load external font

Path

- External font path, e.g.

BoG_LucidaConsole_10W_NA.png

- Following conventions exist for the file name (blackosx):

- *BoG* - Black on Gray
- *LucidaConsole* - original font name
- *10W* - font width
- *NA* - No Antialiasing

- **CharWidth** - Character width, default is 16

One way to create fonts is by using a bash script together with Imagemagick. See [this thread at insanelymac](#)

Scroll

The settings menu can be bigger than the actual vertical size of the monitor and in this case scroll bars will appear.

```
<key>Scroll</key>
<dict>
  <key>Width</key>
  <integer>N</integer>
  <key>Height</key>
  <integer>N</integer>
  <key>BarHeight</key>
  <integer>N</integer>
  <key>ScrollHeight</key>
  <integer>N</integer>
</dict>
```

- **Width** -
- **Height** -
- **BarHeight** -
- **ScrollHeight** -

Anime

A theme may contain animated images in PNG format.

```
<key>Anime</key>
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>ID</key>
    <integer>1</integer>
    <key>Path</key>
    <string>logo_3D</string>
    <key>Frames</key>
    <integer>15</integer>
    <key>FrameTime</key>
    <integer>200</integer>
    <key>Once</key>
    <false/>
    <key>ScreenEdgeX</key>
    <string>left</string>
    <key>DistanceFromScreenEdgeX%</key>
    <integer>nn</integer>
    <key>ScreenEdgeY</key>
    <string>top</string>
    <key>DistanceFromScreenEdgeY%</key>
    <integer>nn</integer>
    <key>NudgeX</key>
    <integer>nn</integer>
    <key>NudgeY</key>
    <integer>nn</integer>
  </dict>
</array>
```

ID

- Determines the animation type and placement

- **1** - Logo
- **2** - About
- **3** - Help
- **4** - Options
- **5** - Graphics
- **6** - CPU
- **7** - Binaries
- **8** - DSDT
- **9** - BOOT Sequence
- **10** - SMBIOS
- **11** - Tables Dropping
- **12** - RC Scripts Variables
- **13** - PCI Devices
- **14** - Themes
- **21** - Apple
- **22** - WinXP
- **23** - Clover
- **24** - Linux
- **25** - BootX64.efi

- **26** - Vista
- **30** - Recovery
- **34** - Tiger
- **35** - Leopard
- **36** - Snow Leopard
- **37** - Lion
- **38** - Mountain Lion
- **39** - Lynx

Path

- Animation name. Points to a folder containing the animation sequence. It is possible to omit frames to create a pause while the last working frame is being used:

- ML_Anim_000.png
- ML_Anim_001.png
- ML_Anim_008.png
- ML_Anim_014.png
- **Frames** - Total frame amount. Missing frames will be replaced using above method.
- **FrameTime** - Time between each single frame in milliseconds.

Once

- Loop setting

- **<true/>** - Animation is played once until the menu is quit with the *Esc* key or pressing the right mouse button.
- **<false/>** - Animation is looped endlessly without any pause between the last and first frame.
- **ScreenEdgeX** - the edge of the screen to use for the calculation. Options are left or right.
- **DistanceFromScreenEdgeX%** - % away from left or right of the screen edge to place the animation. Value is as an integer.
- **ScreenEdgeY** - the edge of the screen to use for the calculation. Options are top or bottom.
- **DistanceFromScreenEdgeY%** - % away from top or bottom of the screen edge to place the animation. Value is as an integer.
- **NudgeX** - Fine tune the horizontal position by a range of +-32 pixels.
- **NudgeY** - Fine tune the vertical position by a range of +-32 pixels.

ScreenHight

New feature for theme designers. Automatic choose "yourtheme" or "yourtheme@2x" if monitor is 2k or larger.

The criteria is **ScreenHight** > 1100. For example, if you choose theme=metal then you will use theme from folder "metal" on monitor 1920x1080 and a theme from folder "metal@2x" on monitor 2048x1560.

Vector Themes

Rev 4844

Vector Themes ↴

Here I want to introduce support for [Scalable Vector Graphics](#) for Clover GUI will not depend on screen resolution.

Dedicated topic ► [Clover Vector Themes](#)

We will can draw all interface elements in SVG and scale theme to screen resolution. To do that I found very tiny and simple project nanosvg which is written in C and open source. Nonetheless including it into Clover has obvious problems:

- we have no float mathematica; (OK, I made it)
- we have no standard `sscanf()`, we just have feeble `StrDecimalToUintn()` function, etc.;
- we have no some other standard functions (malloc, realloc, free, qsort); and non-obvious problem: I don't know how many logical mistakes in the project. I will work on these problems and invite all coders to help me. Next steps will be learn Clover how to load SVG graphics and render it. Then scalable GUI layout. Then scalable fonts. AFAIK there can be SVG fonts. Moreover SVG can be animated. Meanwhile designers may started to draw vector themes. Welcome to new era!

Rev 4752

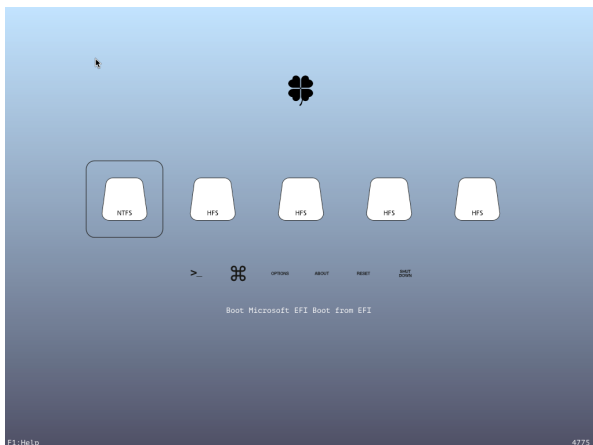
Multilevel dithering. By default `level = 1`. `level = 0` will be without dithering.

For radial gradients like on Clovy vector theme this is not enough. A distance between different colors is too big. So we need dithering with larger steps. I can't calculate the step automatically, so I introduce addition for SVG "ditherCoarse". It must have a namespace Clover to be ignored by other applications.

```
<radialGradient id="GrayRadialBackground_1_" cx="358.2806" cy="0.743" r="0.8783"
  gradientTransform="matrix(4.700000e-14 768 -768 4.700000e-14 1176.1536 -274946.875)"
  gradientUnits="userSpaceOnUse"
  clover:ditherCoarse="16">
  <stop offset="0" style="stop-color:#606060"/>
  <stop offset="1" style="stop-color:#1F1F1F"/>
</radialGradient>
```

Rev 4779

Implemented bootcamp style for vector themes It looks like this:



In `<clover:theme ...settings` there will be: `BootCampStyle="1"`

And there must be indicator image. I draw simple triangle.

```
<g id="selection_indicator">
  <rect visibility="hidden" id="BoundingRect_141_" x="83" y="15" class="st162" width="64" height="64"/>
  <path d="M 490.376 309.525 Q 490.992 308.43 491.641 309.525 L 507.876 336.934 Q 508.525 338.029 507.2
6 338.029 L 475.613 338.029 Q 474.348 338.029 474.964 336.934 Z" style="fill: rgb(216, 216, 216);"/>
</g>
```

Rev 4789

Three big news with SVG support:

1. Image can contain text

SVG Options

SVG Profiles: SVG 1.1

Fonts

Type: SVG

Subsetting: None (Use System Fonts)

Options

Image Location: Embed

☐ Preserve Illustrator Editing Capabilities

Advanced Options

CSS Properties: Style Attributes

☐ Include Unused Graphic Styles

Decimal Places: 1 Encoding: Unicode (UTF-8)

☒ Output fewer <tspan> elements

☐ Include Slicing Data

☒ Use <textPath> element for Text on Path

☐ Include XMP

☒ Responsive

Description

Hold the cursor over a setting for additional information.

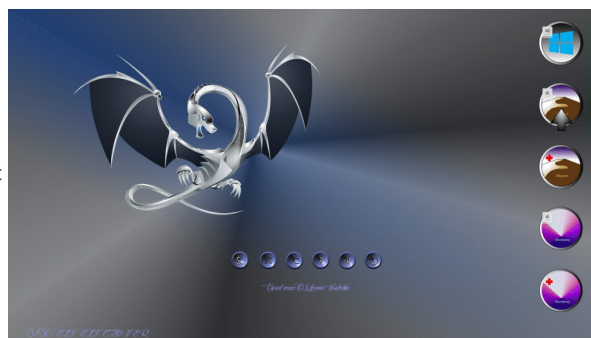
Less Options

SVG Code...

Cancel

OK

- Vector theme can have animated main screen, Day/Night



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Fixing-DSDT

Technical background

DSDT - Differentiated System Description Table - is the biggest and most complex ACPI table. The minimal length is 36 bytes, in reality it is about 20 kb or even more. This table describes devices and methods for accessing them. These methods can contain arithmetic and logical expressions, representing a program written in a C-like programming language. Correcting this table means you need to have some sort of programming knowledge. Clover offers an option to automatically apply corrections, however it is important to understand that an artificial intelligence was not created yet and that the automatic method is far from being complete. It is better to do the corrections manually. Why does it need to be fixed at all? DSDT patching was created with the intention to fix device *HPET* - High Precision Events Timer. The point is

that OS X includes a kext named AppleIntelCPUPowerManagement for power management control (SpeedStep), which - by all means - needs interrupts `IRQ 0` and `8`. Otherwise it will create a kernel panic. This kext can either be removed or blocker, however you can alternatively correct the DSDT to ensure a normal behaviour of this kext.

Nr. 1 : This is a necessity. Does Mac OS X really need HPET? Not really, but BIOS vendors tend to be slow and they just started writing the correct parameters. Usually a DSDT will still need to be corrected.

Nr. 2 : A DSDT contains certain dependencies on the operating system like `Windows 98`, `Windows 2001`, `Windows 2006` or `Linux`. Mac OS X uses identifier `Darwin`, which usually is missing. Even if it is not, it was created for FreeBSD. Mac OS X makes great use of the ACPI system and uses a DSDT to its maximum, as does Windows 2001; but not Linux, Windows 98 and not Windows 2006. It is always correct to mask the system as Windows 2001. Even if you find `Darwin` in your DSDT, mask it as Windows2001. New computers have ACPI more like Windows 2009. For this case Clover has a fix FixDarwin7 **Many BIOS variants can use the variable OSYS = 0x07D2, but not 0x07D6, 0x07D9 or 0x2410 as written into a real Mac's DSDT.**

Nr. 3 : The vendor of a motherboard's and thus the creator of a DSDT, cannot predict the devices you will be using (CPU, video card, etc.). They should be written into the DSDT however! Vice versa, devices like the internal speaker, floppy drive or parallel port should be excluded. Their drivers do not exist and are not even needed. Additionally it is often necessary to add or remove framebuffer/ports to devices like video cards or SATA controllers. The DSDT is written into the BIOS and is used by the system in AML binary code. It can be de-/compiled using IASL, which translates binary code into human readable DSL source code. A user will use this path to apply corrections:
AML>DSL>edit>DSL>AML - this is the next point.

Nr. 4 : The last part is made impossible because of syntax and logical errors initially present in the OEM DSDT. You will need to correct them, too. Additionally, you can fix other mistakes, which prevent the PC from sleeping or waking up, or add new devices. (It is a bit strange, compiling/decompiling is not a strictly reversible operation and will change the table or even prevent further compiler operations. From my point of view the compiler is not bug-free. Non-conformance to the specification, however, should be considered as a warning, not as an error).

When you reached this step you can instruct Clover to use your modified DSDT by placing it into the directory EFI/CLOVER/OEM/xxx/ACPI/patched or - when the computer's name is not known yet - into EFI/CLOVER/ACPI/patched. Alternatively the OS can have its own DSDT in the root of the system partition. Where can you obtain the initial DSDT that needs to be patched? There are different ways involving Windows, Linux or OS X. If you were able to start Clover somehow, you can enter its GUI and press `F4`. If Clover was installed on a FAT32 partition, then it will be able to save all ORM ACPI tables, including DSDT and FADT. The process can take a while, especially when saving many tables to a USB flash drive. This is especially useful when you have no access to other means of extracting the table set, for example with AIDA64. Also you can save the patched DSDT variant: enter Options in CloverGUI, change the DSDT mask, exit Options and press `F5`. A DSDT with the specified patches will be saved, which are represented in the file name, for example: `DSDT-F597.aml`. You can save multiple variants for comparison. Now you can edit the DSDT and if you are not really comfortable doing this, Clover offers some automatic patches:

DSDT mask

AddDTGP bit(0)

For injecting device properties you can - apart from DeviceProperties - use a variant involving method `_DSM` (Device Specific Method), which is written into the DSDT table. `_DSM` is widely used since OS X 10.5. It contains properties for a device and makes use of the method `DTGP`, which is universal for all devices. This fix simply adds the DTGP method for later use with other fixes. It has no significance on its own.

FixDarwin bit(1)

Provide a set of corrections to DSDT to make your system "Darwin" identified as "Windows 2001" like the most ACPI system. More ACPI devices will work in this mode.

FixDarwin7 bit(16)

Provide a set of corrections to DSDT to make your system "Darwin" identified as "Windows 2009". More ACPI devices will work in this mode. Recommended for IvyBridge and up hardware.

FixShutdown bit(2)

A condition is added to method `_PTS`: if the argument is `5` (shutdown), then no other actions shall be performed. Many reports confirmed this option to fix shutdown issues with ASUS boards, maybe even with other vendors. Some DSDT tables already contain such a condition

and it is advised to turn the fix off in this case.

AddMCHC bit(3)

Added device MCHC to DSDT. For board H61M this is obligatory, else KP.

FixHPET bit(4)

Add IRQ(0, 8, 11) to device HPET. Obligatory for SandyBridge and recommended for others.

FakeLPC bit(5)

Changes the DeviceID of the LPC controller to allow the loading of kext AppleLPC. This fix is necessary when the chipset is not recognised by OS X. However, the list of supported Intel and NForce chipsets is so big that the fix is rarely needed. Verify if AppleLPC is loaded and use this fix, if it is not. Moreover, the kext can unload itself even if the chipset is supported.

FixIPIC bit(6)

Removes the interrupt from device IPIC. Helpful for Power button will work.

FixSBUS bit(7)

Adds an SMBusController to the device tree, which fixes a warning about its absence in the system log. Helps to sleep/wake.

FixDisplay bit(8)

Create device GFX0 if still absent. It is needed for correct Power Management but the device is usually absent in DSDT because it is not a part of the motherboard. Added also device HDAU that is HDMI sound device on the videocard. If we set FakeID in config.plist it will be inserted here. Intel video will be patched separately.

FixIDE bit(9)

10.6.1 introduces a kernel panic related to AppleIntelPIIXATA. There are two options to solve the problem: using a patched kext or patching the DSDT. Probably not needed for recent systems. Not recommended.

FixSATA bit(10)

Fixes several SATA problems and removes yellow hard drive icons by masking the controller as ICH6. The method is controversial but it can fix the DVD drive and simply replacing the hard drive icons is not enough in this case. An alternative is to patch the kext AppleAHCIPort.kext. Not recommended.

FixFirewire bit(11)

Add device Firewire into DSDT if absent and if the device really present. Adds the property `fwhub` to the device.

FixUSB bit(12)

Tries fixing USB the countless USB issues for USB1.0, USB2.0 and USB3.0.

FixLAN bit(13)

Injects the property `built-in` to the Ethernet card, which is necessary for correct operation. Additionally injects the card's name for a better looking System Profiler. Also made FakeID for some known substitutions.

FixAirport bit(14)

Same as above for WiFi. Furthermore, the actual device is created and written into DSDT. A DeviceID will automatically be written for known cards to enable airport functionality. Not recommended.

FixHDA bit(15)

Corrects sound card properties to enable the native AppleHDA driver. The name is changed from `AZAL` to `HDEF`, `layout-id` and `PinConfiguration` are injected. Adding HMDI device if absent.

FixRTC

Exclude IRQ(0) from RTC device.

FixTMR

Exclude IRQ(8) from TMR device. This is an ancient DOS device and not needed in modern computers. Just wonder if it is present.

AddIMEI

This device is used for IntelHDxxx graphics. Adding them is a very desirable operation. This bit is also needed for use FakeID->IMEI. Do nothing for Core 2 systems.

FixIntelGfx

Correct device class for the iGPU from 038000 to display class 030000

FixWAK

adding Return(Package(0)) into method _WAK if absent. This patch is for warning elimination. I don't know about working influence.

DeleteUnused

There are not used devices like Floppy drive, LPT port and others that will be good to delete from DSDT to not occupy interrupts.

FixADP1

Rename AC0 device to ADP1 device.

AddPNLF

Adding device PNLF is very useful: only with it you may have brightness control. This patch also influences on good Sleep/Wake of the system.

In my case there are: DSDT_FIX: AddPNLF OEM SSDT NvdTable, but _DSM -> ZDSM corrected by Clover. No new _DSM No additional kexts.

A trick to assign keys to reduce/increase brightness:

1. Insert temporarily USB keyboard
2. Control Panel -> Keyboard -> Shortcuts -> Screen (appeared due to USB keyboard)
3. Assign F1 to Reduce brightness and F2 to Increase. No other combinations!
4. After removing the USB keyboard assigning will continue working.

FixS3D

Also resolving some Sleep/Wake problems by correcting _S3D methods.

FixACST

Name ACST have different use for Apple and for ASUS. For ASUS it is AC adapter state. For Apple it is a replacement for _CST, c-states table. To not conflict it is needed to rename such names to something else.

FixRegions

Address of some regions in DSDT depends on many factors and may change time to time

```
OperationRegion (GNVS, SystemMemory, 0xDE6A4E18, 0x01CD)
```

The presence of floating regions make impossible to use custom DSDT because this region may be shifted and will not correspond to current state. This patch is intended to find all such regions in BIOS and correct them in custom DSDT. So now you can produce your custom DSDT with wrong regions and set this patch.

Choosing the right mask

How can you choose the necessary patches and how do you know which ones are harmless or dangerous? The computer will not be harmed either way. All the changes are stored memory only and will be removed after rebooting. You can try setting different combinations in CloverGUI and save them by pressing **F5** in the *Options* menu. To make sure the currently patched DSDT is not creating a conflict, you can change the DSDT name in the menu - *DSDT name: BIOS.aml*. This file will not be found, Clover will extract the original OEM DSDT from BIOS and apply fixes set in the DSDT mask section. In case the OS did not load successfully, your previously set (working) values will be used. **0xFFFFFFFF** enables all fixes and if the OS loads successfully this way, you will know that our efforts were not for nothing. Given the descriptions above you already realised that some fixes are not needed for your system (for example WiFi), they can even make things worse.

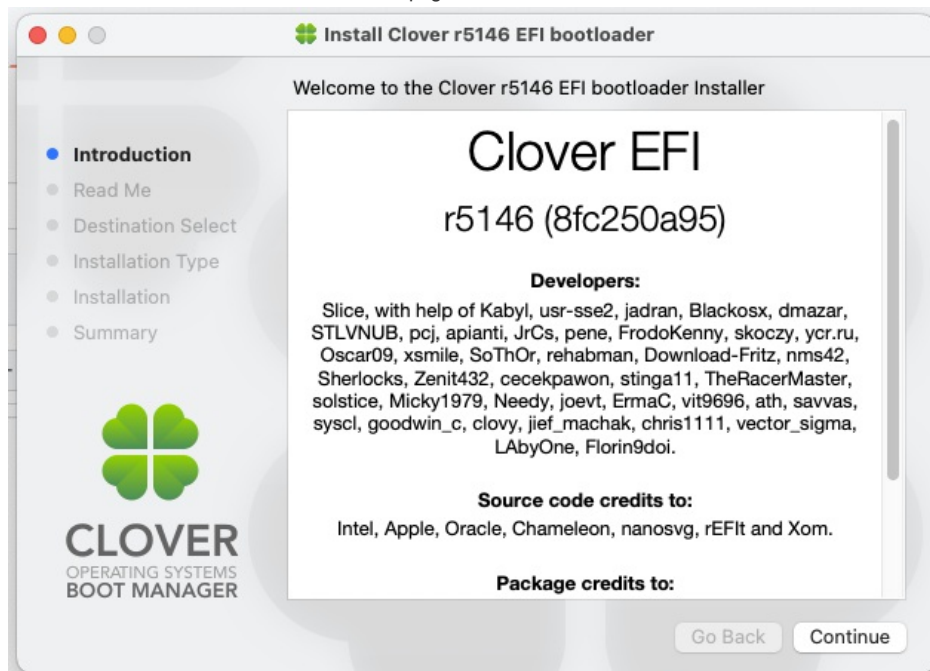
You may make patched DSDT once with full mask. Then correct patched DSDT manually. Then use this manually patched DSDT.aml loading but set FixRegions (10000000) only. The mask will be 0x10000000

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Installing

Using the installer

Each Clover revision contains file Clover***.pkg which is macOS executable installer to make all work automatically.



If you want to make this manually then read carefully.

Install for legacy boot

When you power on your computer you see BIOS which want to start some operating system. Old computers (legacy computers) have legacy BIOS which is able to boot some drive HDD, CDROM or USB-HDD. The BIOS read first sector (MBR) from the physical drive into memory and start as a program written in 16bit codes. The program is less then 512 byte. It named boot0 boot sector. The program boot0 searches the partition table of the drive, finds first partition position (PBR) on the drive and reads there first one or two sectors named boot1. Start the program. The program PBR intended to use on the specific file-system. So use boot1hfs on HFS+ filesystem, use boot1f32 on FAT32 filesystem, boot1ex on exFAT file system and more. After years of investigations we decided to choose one case: drive must be formatted to GPT and have first partition EFI formatted to FAT32. Partition signature will be EF00. We have several variants but recommended one is **boot0af** It can be installed from macOS by command

```
sudo fdisk440 -f boot0 -u -y /dev/rdisk0
```

or by

```
dd if=/dev/rdisk0 count=1 bs=512 of=origMBR
cp origMBR newMBR
dd if=boot0 of=newMBR bs=1 count=440 conv=notrunc
dd if=newMBR of=/dev/rdisk0 count=1 bs=512
```

But the disk should not be system as macOS protect system disk from modifications.

Sector PBR must be updated by commands

```
dd if=/dev/rdisk0s1 count=1 bs=512 of=origbs
cp boot1f32alt newbs
dd if=origbs of=newbs skip=3 seek=3 bs=1 count=87 conv=notrunc
dd if=newbs of=/dev/rdisk0s1 count=1 bs=512
```

Install for UEFI boot

Modern computers have UEFI BIOS which is much larger then legacy BIOS and able to start some EFI-applications from some drives. Usually an UEFI BIOS searches /EFI/BOOT/BOOTX64.EFI. Some BIOSes tuned to search /EFI/Microsoft/Boot/bootmgfw.efi. Some BIOSes have own interface to tune what application to start. As we want Clover then we have to mimic to the BIOS-known variant. First one we copy

```
CLOVERX64.EFI -> /EFI/BOOT/BOOTX64.EFI
```

Second case we make two copies

```
/EFI/Microsoft/Boot/bootmgfw.efi -> /EFI/Microsoft/Boot/bootmgfw-orig.efi
```

and

```
CLOVERX64.EFI -> /EFI/Microsoft/Boot/bootmgfw.efi
```

Clover knows what is bootmgfw-orig.efi and is able to start it if we choose to start Windows from Clover. Moreover Clover is able to write itself as boot option in UEFI BIOS to start the file

```
/EFI/CLOVER/CLOVERX64.EFI
```

and this is recommended configuration because BOOTX64.EFI and bootmgfw.efi will be rewritten at the next Windows update while CLOVER will stay forever. See picture



Second button in low row will perform the writing /EFI/CLOVER/CLOVERX64.EFI into BIOS as first boot option.

To do this manually you may launch Shell.efi (this is the first button in low row at the Clover GUI).

```
> fs0:
> cd \EFI\CLOVER
> bcfg boot add 0 cloverx64.efi "start Clover"
> exit
```

More options about bcfg command you may see by the command

```
> help bcfg boot
```

Native-speedstep

It is more correct to say *power management* and *CPU frequency control* or simply EIST - Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology.

The topic is for very old computers like Core2Duo.

This topic is more about setting up a hackintosh than about the boot loader, but as Clover performs several steps, they are described separately. Clover does not fully automate this process, you still need to adjust some things manually.

Why is this needed at all? The purpose of it is to allow the CPU to work with its lowest frequency and voltage when it is idling (to reduce power and heat) and to increase both under load again.

EIST can be activated using several options: using a special utility like CoolBookController or GenericCPUPM, or enabling native native SpeedStep where following steps are required:

1. HPET needs to be fixed, which can be done with mask `0x0010`
2. A correct CPU section must be present in ACPI (SSDT). See section [CPU](#).
3. A correct Mac model needs to be chosen. EIST does not work on all models. For instance - it will work with MacBook5,1 and will not work with MacBook1,1

Alternatively you can leave any model but change the platform configuration file to enable SpeedStep. Each model has its own file. Look at:

/System/Library/Extensions/IOPlatformPluginFamily.kext/Contents/PlugIns/ACPI_SMC_PlatformPlugin.kext/Contents/Resources/

Compare different models and choose the right values.

ConfigArray

```

<key>ConfigArray</key>
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>WWEN</key>
    <true/>
    <key>model</key>
    <string>MacBook4,1</string>
    <key>restart-action</key>
    <dict>
      <key>cpu-p-state</key>
      <integer>0</integer>
    </dict>
  </dict>
</array>

```

The key `restart-action` specifies the P-State value of the CPU, which will be set on a reboot. Sleep and shutdown only started working after this value was added!

CtrlLoopArray

```

<key>CtrlLoopArray</key>
<array>
  <dict>
    <key>Description</key>
    <string>SMC_CPU_Control_Loop</string>
    <key>PLimitDict</key>
    <dict>
      <key>MacBook4,1</key>
      <integer>0</integer>
    </dict>
  </dict>
</array>

```

The key `PLimitDict` is mentioned at [GeneratePStates](#). It represents the limit of the maximal frequency. If it is missing, the CPU will be stuck at the lowest frequency.

CStateDict

```

<key>CStateDict</key>
<dict>
  <key>MacBook4,1</key>
  <string>CSD3</string>
  <key>CSD3</key>
  <dict>
    <key>C6</key>
    <dict>
      <key>enable</key>
      <true/>
    </dict>
  </dict>
</dict>

```

It is recommended to delete this section to allow power control through P-States and not through C-States.

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OC-integration

Rev 5119 commit 620401d

Included [OcQuirks](#) and [OpenRuntime](#) into Clover repository.

The drivers will be built at Clover compilation.

commit 60901993b

OcQuirks driver and plist now excluded. Now Quirks included into config.plist as separate section

Quirks: ↓

Config.plist Quirks structure

Set default and most recommended values

```
<key>Quirks</key>
<dict>
  <key>AvoidRuntimeDefrag</key>
  <true/> -- recommended for all except native Apple
  <key>DevirtualiseMmio</key>
  <false/> -- may be useful for Z390
  <key>DisableSingleUser</key>
  <false/> -- prohibit using Single User Mode. If you are paranoid.
  <key>DisableVariableWrite</key>
  <false/> -- prohibit write to NVRAM. If you are paranoid.
  <key>DiscardHibernateMap</key>
  <false/> -- in some rare cases memory after hibernation can be
  wrong mapped. Usually no.
  <key>EnableSafeModeSlide</key>
  <false/> -- safe mode (-x) by default will use slide=0. You may set
  other value if enable. Mojave crashes with <true>. Ventura
works.
  <key>EnableWriteUnprotector</key>
  <true/> -- clear memory protect bit. See note below.
  <key>ForceExitBootServices</key>
  <false/> -- never used
  <key>MmioWhitelist</key>
  <array>
    <dict>
      <key>Address</key>
      <integer>4275159040</integer>
      <key>Comment</key>
      <string>Haswell: SB_RCBA is a 0x4 page memory region, containing SPI_BASE at 0x3800 (SPI_
BASE_ADDRESS)</string>
      <key>Enabled</key>
      <false/>
    </dict>
    <dict>
      <key>Address</key>
      <integer>4278190080</integer>
      <key>Comment</key>
      <string>Generic: PCI root is a 0x1000 page memory region used by some firmwares</string>
      <key>Enabled</key>
      <false/>
    </dict>
  </array>
  <key>ProtectMemoryRegions</key>
  <false/> -- set true if you use CSM, if your videocard if not UEFI
  <key>ProtectSecureBoot</key>
  <false/> -- rarely used with InsideH20
  <key>ProtectUefiServices</key>
  <false/> -- needed for VMWare if it will be used with hackintosh
  bootloader, usually no.
  <key>ProvideCustomSlide</key>
  <false/> -- if you see OCABC: Only N/256 slide values are usable
  then set this to true
  <key>ProvideMaxSlide</key>
  <integer>0</integer> -- for the case above set a value between 1 and 254.
  Never used.
  <key>RebuildAppleMemoryMap</key>
  <false/> -- see note below
  <key>ResizeAppleGpuBars</key>
  <integer>-1</integer> -- only for RX6800 if set in BIOS Resizable Pci Bar,
  which is incompatible with MacOS
  <key>SetupVirtualMap</key>
  <true/> -- always true
  <key>SignalAppleOS</key>
  <false/> -- always false. May be assumed for OpenCore that
  cant start windows.
  <key>SyncRuntimePermissions</key>
  <true/> -- always true
  <key>FuzzyMatch</key>
  <false/> -- for system Snow Leopard it may be true
  <key>KernelCache</key>
  <string>Auto</string> -- (Auto, Cacheless, Mkext, Prelinked) for system
  Lion (10.7). No more.
  <key>AppleXcpmExtraMsrs</key>
  <false/> -- support for XCPM for non-native CPU like Haswell-E
  <key>AppleXcpmForceBoost</key>
```

```

<false/> -- set maximum P-state for CPU, maximum frequency.
          Install water cooler for this case

<key>DisableIoMapper</key>
<false/> -- switch off VT-d. It will be better to drop or
          replace DMAR table. Dont set this if you want Monterey

<key>DisableLinkeditJettison</key>
<true/> -- fix Lilu bug

<key>DummyPowerManagement</key>
<false/> -- block AppleIntelCpuPowerManagement because you have
          locked 0xE2. Should be resolved other way.

<key>ExternalDiskIcons</key>
<false/> -- usual patch from KextPatches section
          changing "External" -> "Internal"

<key>IncreasePciBarSize</key>
<false/> -- never use

<key>PowerTimeoutKernelPanic</key>
<false/> -- never use

<key>ThirdPartyDrives</key>
<false/> -- usual patch "Enable Trim on Non-Apple."
          changing "Apple" -> ""

<key>XhciPortLimit</key>
<false/> -- usual patch extended maximum XHCI ports because
          Apple has limit to 15. Don't do this!
          The extended limit will break the system.
          Create LegacyUSB.kext to use 15 ports without
          needless ports.

<key>ProvideCurrentCpuInfo</key>
<false/> -- dangerous patch for the AlderLake CPU.
          Use if needed with precautions.

</dict>

```

Note! If you system contains MATS table then you should set such quirks

```

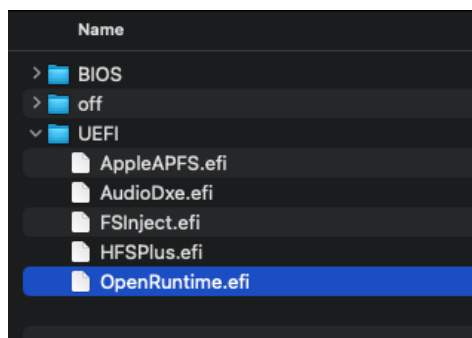
EnableWriteUnprotector - False
RebuildAppleMemoryMap - True
SyncRuntimePermissions - True

```

Otherwise contrary.

OpenRuntime: ↓

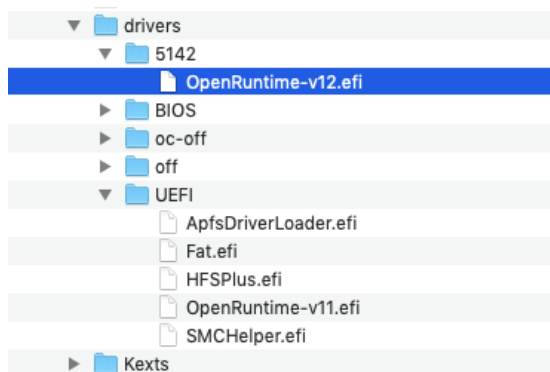
Bootimg macOS 11 and macOS 12 OpenRuntime.efi is need.



Rev 5142+ Using new OpenRuntime.efi.

There is incompatibility with older version. Clover before 5142 requires OpenRuntime.efi version 1.1 while 5142+ requires version 1.2.

What to do if you sometime want to reboot with older version?



[Slice](#) made special folder drivers/5142 where OpenRuntime-v12.efi is placed. And common folder drivers/UEFI contains OpenRuntime-v11.efi.

How it works ↩

Old Clover not see the folder 5142 and uses common folder drivers/UEFI and read here openRuntime-v11.efi.

New Clover see the folder drivers/5142 and read here new OpenRuntime-v12.efi which is in priority in the version.

That's all!

OpenCorePkg: ⚡

OpenCorePkg repos used by Clover [🔗 OpenCorePkg is used by Clover](#)

OpenCorePkg is not same as original. Based on OpenCore 0.7.5 it is improved up to latest version. Clover uses some part of the package delegating kext injecting and patching abilities to OC libraries. Big respect to vit9696 for these libraries. Clover keeps own syntax for kernel and kext patching and converted them to OC syntax [Conversion rulez](#) but the method for binary patching in the OC library is replaced by Clover's method because it has more possibilities.

Some new quirks implemented in new OC versions have no analogs in the Clover's config.plist because they are very specific for rare hardware. If you really need them then search how to do the same by common kext patching. Usually the new quirk is just a shortcut to one kernel or kext patch.

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Technical-Background

UEFI

The (Unified) Extensible Firmware Interface or (U)EFI is a software interface between an operating system and the platform firmware. In contrast to BIOS based firmware that takes 64kb space and uses a 16-bit processor mode, (U)EFI is 32-bit or 64-bit, allows use of this full range of memory, and in theory positions itself as platform-independent. However, reality is different and achieving a full compatibility to all platforms is impossible.

Clover

Clover is an operating system boot loader for computers already equipped with an UEFI firmware and for those equipped with legacy BIOS firmware. An operating system (OS) may support (U)EFI (macOS, Windows 7, 8, or 10, Linux) or not (Windows XP). Legacy boot is used for the last one, that is, the old BIOS system is used to handle boot sectors.

(U)EFI is not only present during the booting of an OS, but it also creates tables and services that are accessible to the OS, and the operability of the OS depends on the correct functionality of (U)EFI. It is not possible to boot macOS from the built-in UEFI. Neither is it possible to boot macOS with the original DUET firmware emulation. CloverEFI firmware emulation and CloverGUI take care of a great amount of tasks to correct the internal tables and provide a possibility to run macOS.

Clover's tasks

1. SMBIOS (DMI) is filled with data emulating a real Apple Macintosh - a requirement for running macOS. Serial numbers are fake, but valid.

2. ACPI tables - contained in the PC's ROM - are usually not written properly and may contain bugs, mostly because the manufacturer was lazy: an incorrect CPU core count in APIC table, NMI data is missing, missing reset register in table FACP, wrong power profile, missing EIST data in SSDT tables, and it is better to not even mention the DSDT table. Clover attempts to fix these problems.
3. Further OS X tries to obtain data from the boot loader describing additional devices like the video, ethernet or sound card through so called EFI strings. Clover generates such data.
4. BIOS-based computers will use USB in legacy mode during the initial boot process, which becomes a problem when passing control to the OS. Clover will change the USB mode.
5. macOS uses a special memory called NVRAM for information exchange that is included in RuntimeServices (not present in a legacy loader). Clover provides this kind of information exchange, enabling correct Firewire functionality and the use of the Startup Disk preference panel. Additionally NVRAM is used for registration of the iCloud and iMessage services.
6. ConsoleControl protocol is a necessity and is absent in DUET.
7. It is necessary to fill certain data in EFI/Platform through the DataHub protocol, which is absent in DUET and not always present in UEFI. Furthermore, the utterly important FSBFrequency value, which sometimes is wrong or completely missing, is set.
8. The CPU must be correctly initialized before working, but as motherboards are made universal to match a big amount of different CPUs, the internal tables do not contain any correct CPU data. Clover performs a full detection of the installed CPU, corrects the tables and the CPU itself. One side effect is a working turbo mode.
9. One more small thing: DUET and EDK2 sources are written universally to match different hardware but the hardware dependency itself depends on constants. This implies a compilation process for one specific platform. Clover aims to be universal and to provide an automatic platform detection.

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