

# UEFI & EDK II TRAINING

EDK II BUILD SPECIFICATION FILES

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# LESSON OBJECTIVE

- ★ Explain the Build components and build text files DSC, DEC, & FDF

# EDK II BUILD TEXT FILES



# EDK II File Extensions

- Located on [tianocore.org](http://tianocore.org) project edk2

**.DSC file - Platform Description**

**.DEC file - Package Declaration**

**.INF file - Module Definition (define a component)**

**.FDF file - Flash Description File**

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**.VFR file - Visual Forms Representation for User interface**

**.UNI file - String text file for ease of localization**

**.c & .h files - Source code files**

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**.DXS file - Dependency expression file – now [DEPEX]**

**.FV file - Firmware Volume image file**

EDK II  
Spec

Source

Output



# BUILD DESCRIPTION FILE TYPES

EDK II  
Spec

INF Files

DEC Files

DSC Files

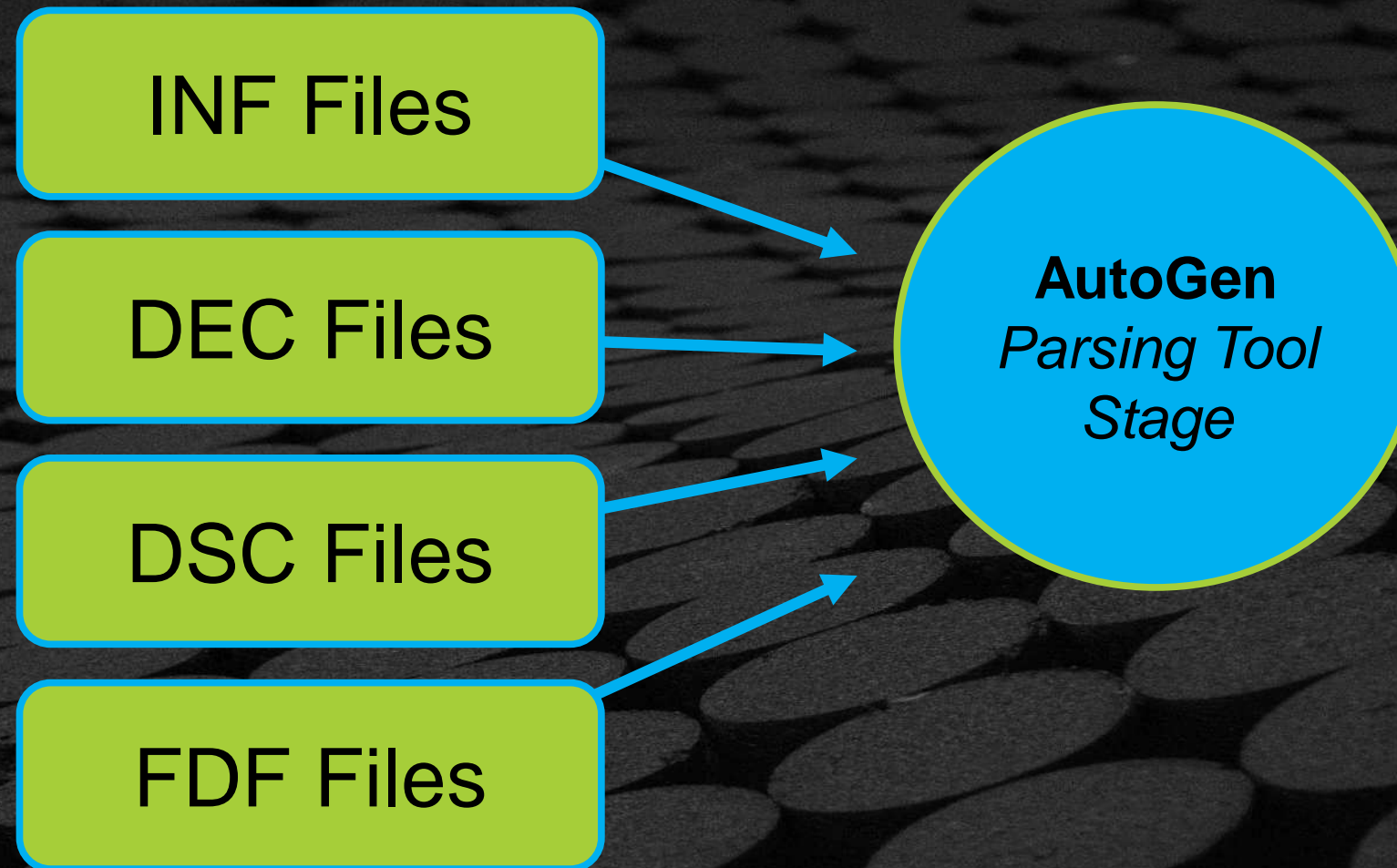
FDF Files

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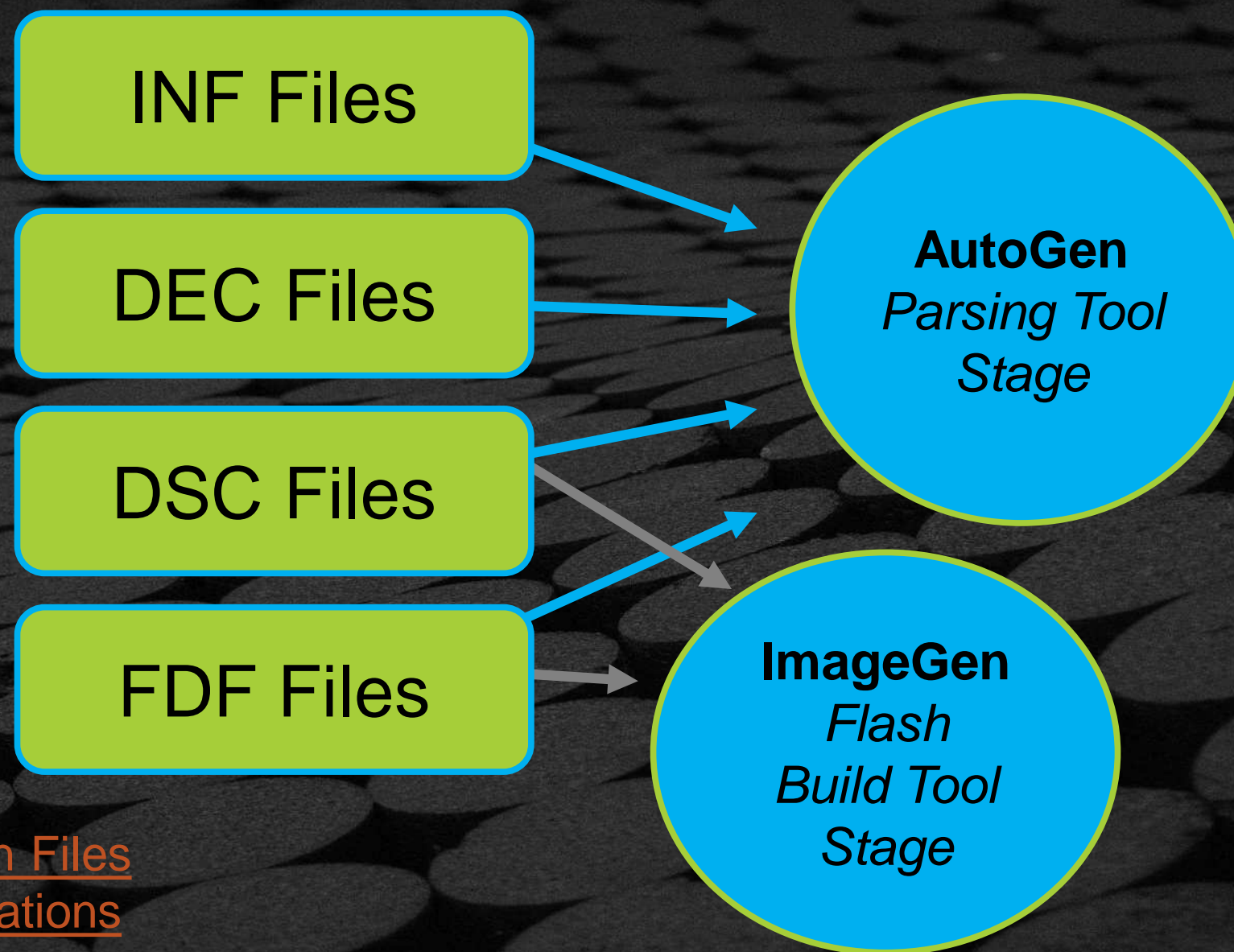


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# PACKAGE DECLARATION FILE (DEC)

Syntax:

```
<DECfile> ::= <Defines>  
              Include  
                [<LibraryClass>]  
                [<Guids>]  
                [<Protocols>]  
                [<Ppis>]  
                [<Pcd>]  
                [<UserExtensions>]
```

**Declare**



# EXAMPLE DEC FILE

```
[Defines]
  DEC_SPECIFICATION      = 0x00010005
  PACKAGE_NAME           = 0vmfPkg
  PACKAGE_GUID           = 2daf5f34-50e5-4b9d-b8e3-5562334d87e5
  PACKAGE_VERSION        = 0.1

[Includes]
  Include

[LibraryClasses]
  ## @libraryclass  Loads and boots a Linux kernel image
  #
  LoadLinuxLib|Include/Library/LoadLinuxLib.h

[Guids]
  gUefiOvmfPkgTokenSpaceGuid      = {0x93bb96af, 0xb9f2, 0x4eb8, {0x94, 0x62, 0xe0, 0xba, 0x74, 0x56, 0x42, 0x36}}
  gEfiXenInfoGuid                 = {0xd3b46f3b, 0xd441, 0x1244, {0x9a, 0x12, 0x0, 0x12, 0x27, 0x3f, 0xc1, 0x4d}}

[Protocols]
  gVirtioDeviceProtocolGuid       = {0xfa920010, 0x6785, 0x4941, {0xb6, 0xec, 0x49, 0x8c, 0x57, 0x9f, 0x16, 0x0a}}
  gXenBusProtocolGuid             = {0x3d3ca290, 0xb9a5, 0x11e3, {0xb7, 0x5d, 0xb8, 0xac, 0x6f, 0x7d, 0x65, 0xe6}}

[PcdsFixedAtBuild]
  gUefiOvmfPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOvmfPeiMemFvBase|0x0|UINT32|0
  gUefiOvmfPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOvmfPeiMemFvSize|0x0|UINT32|1
```



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# PLATFORM DESCRIPTION FILE (DSC)

Syntax:

```
DSCfile ::= [<Header>]
           <Defines>
           [<SkuIds>]
           [<Libraries>]
           [<LibraryClasses>]
           [<Pcds>]
           [<Components>]
           [<UserExtensions>]
```

Description



# PLATFORM DESCRIPTION FILE (DSC)

**DSC file is the recipe for creating a package**

**Definitions for the package build**

**EDK libraries (for EDK Components)**

**EDK II Library Class Instance Mappings (for EDK II Modules)**

**EDK II PCD Entry Settings**

**EDK Component or EDK II Module INF Files**



# EXAMPLE: DSC FILE

```
[Defines]
  PLATFORM_NAME                = Ovmf
  PLATFORM_GUID                = 5a9e7754-d81b-49ea-85ad-69eaa7b1539b
  PLATFORM_VERSION             = 0.1
  DSC_SPECIFICATION            = 0x00010005
  OUTPUT_DIRECTORY            = Build/OvmfX64
  SUPPORTED_ARCHITECTURES      = X64
  BUILD_TARGETS                = NOOPT|DEBUG|RELEASE
  SKUID_IDENTIFIER             = DEFAULT
  FLASH_DEFINITION             = OvmfPkg/OvmfPkgX64.fdf

#
# Defines for default states.  These can be changed on the command line.
# -D FLAG=VALUE
. . .
[BuildOptions.common.EDKII.DXE_RUNTIME_DRIVER]
  GCC:*_*_*_DLINK_FLAGS = -z common-page-size=0x1000
  XCODE:*_*_*_DLINK_FLAGS =
[LibraryClasses]
  PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePcdLibNull/BasePcdLibNull.inf
  TimerLib|OvmfPkg/Library/AcpiTimerLib/BaseAcpiTimerLib.inf
```



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# FLASH DESCRIPTION FILE(FDF)

## Syntax:

```
FDFfile ::= [<Header>]
           [<Defines>]
           <FD>
           <FV>
           [<Capsule>]
           [<VTF>]
           [<Rules>]
           [<OptionRom>]
           [<UserExtensions>]
```

Flash Layout



# FLASH DESCRIPTION FILE(FDF)

Describes information about flash parts

Used to create firmware images, Option  
ROM images or bootable images

Rules for combining binaries (Firmware  
Image) built from a DSC file



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**FV Main**

Contains DXE phase drivers



# EXAMPLE: FDF FILE

```
[Defines]
!include OvmfPkg.fdf.inc

#
# Build the variable store and the firmware code as one unified flash device
# image.
#
[FD.OVMF]
BaseAddress    = $(FW_BASE_ADDRESS)
Size           = $(FW_SIZE)
ErasePolarity  = 1
BlockSize      = $(BLOCK_SIZE)
NumBlocks      = $(FW_BLOCKS)

$(VARS_SIZE)|$(FVMAIN_SIZE)
FV = FVMAIN_COMPACT

$(SECFV_OFFSET)|$(SECFV_SIZE)
FV = SECFV
```



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# Questions?





