

# UEFI & EDK II TRAINING

## EDK II BUILD SPECIFICATION FILES LAB

See also [Lab Guide.md](#) for Copy & Paste examples in labs

[tianocore.org](https://tianocore.org)

# LESSON OBJECTIVE

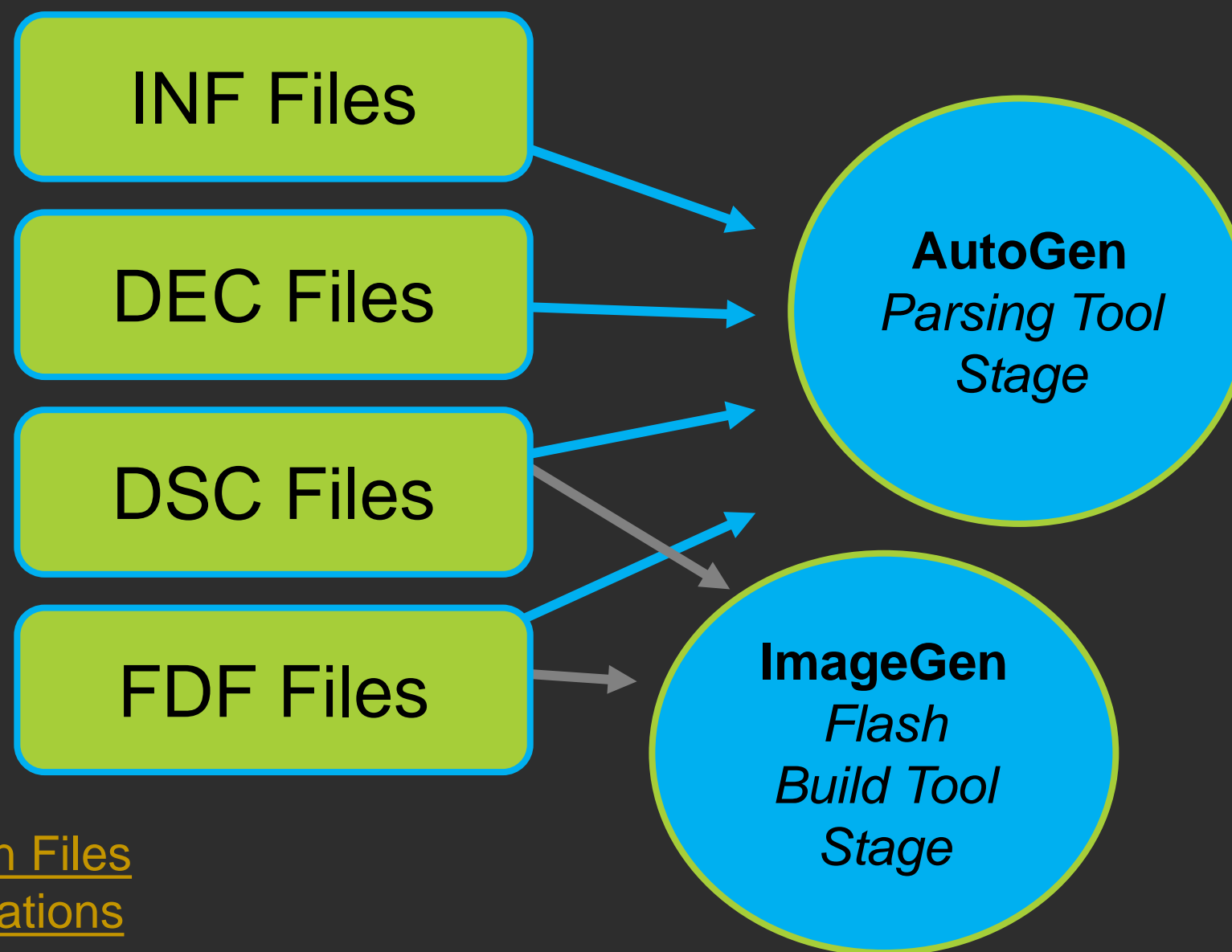
- ★ Examine the Build components and build text files DSC, DEC, & FDF

# EDK II BUILD TEXT FILES

EDK II tools use INI-style text-based files to describe components, platforms and firmware volumes.

# Build Description File Types

**EDK II  
Spec**



Wiki Link: [Build Description Files  
Edk II Specifications](https://wiki.tianocore.org/BuildDescriptionFiles/EdkII/Specifications)

# General Format for All Build Text Files

## INI

- The EDK II Build Text Files use meta-data files using the INI format style

## Section “[ ]”

- All Build text files consists of sections delineated by section tags enclosed within Square “[ ” “]” brackets

## Case

- Section tag entries are case-insensitive

## Mult-Sections

- Text of a given section can be used for multiple section names by separating the section names with a comma

## Section End

- Sections are terminated by the start of another section or the end of the file.

## Comments

- The hash-tag “#” indicates text following to EOL is a comment (exception is within a quoted string)

## Include

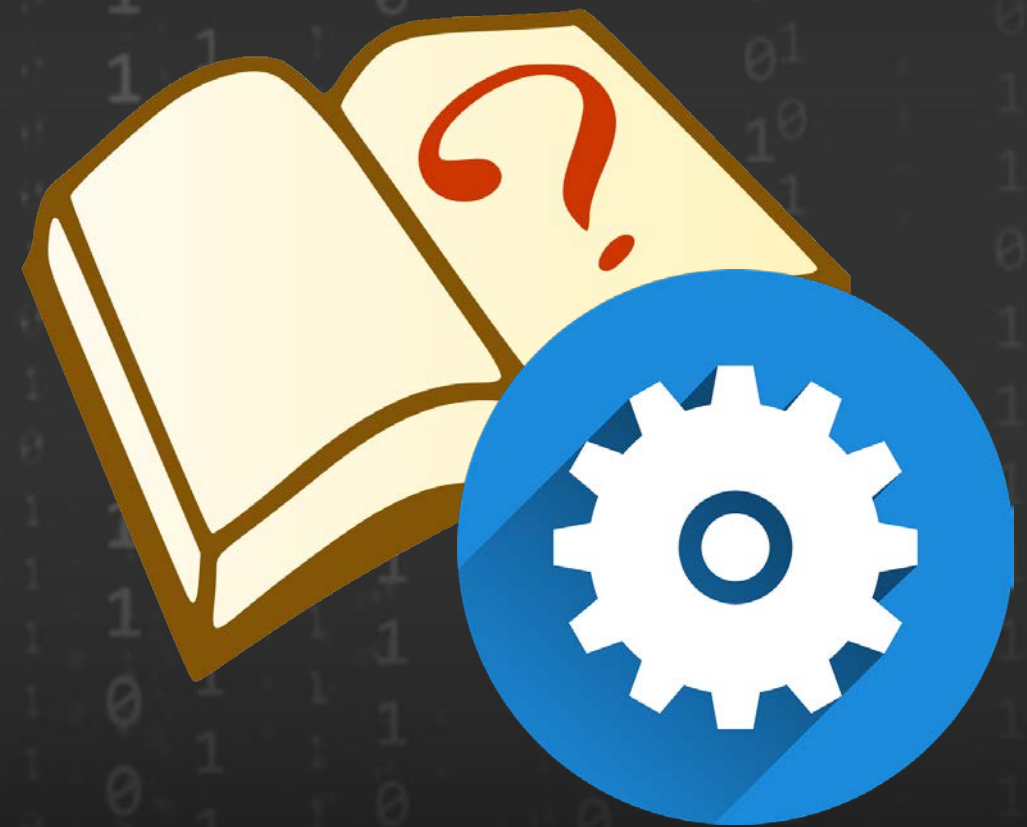
- The “!include” statements are permitted in .DSC and .FDF but NOT .DEC

## Conditional

- Condition Statements Supported in .DSC and .FDF but NOT .DEC
- !ifdef, !ifndef, !if, !elseif, !else and !endif

## Lab 1: Examine the DEC, DSC and FDF files

In this lab, you'll learn about the layout of the DEC, DSC and FDF files.





# Package Declaration File (DEC)

Syntax:

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

**Declare**

Review the Wiki Explanation: <https://github.com/tianocore/tianocore.github.io/wiki/Build-Description-Files#the-dec-file>

# Example DEC File

```
[Defines]
  DEC_SPECIFICATION          = 0x00010005
  PACKAGE_NAME               = OvmfPkg
  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|0x00001014
  gUefiOvmfPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOvmfPeiMemFvSize|0x0|UINT32|0x00001015
```

Tokens need to be unique  
to the DEC file (1 per PCD)



# Examine the Dec File Details

Follow the following Links and examine the examples of the EmulatorPkg.dec file

Next open the same EmulatorPkg.dec in the %WORKSPACE% and become familiar with the different sections

[EmulatorPkg.dec.md#dec-file-for-emulatorpkg](#)

[Link](#): List of List of Defines, Package Name, GUILD, Version ...

[Link](#): The Include section

[Link](#): Library classes section

[Link](#): Protocols Section

[Link](#): GUIDs section

[Link](#): PCDs Section

[Link](#): Patchable PCDs Section

# Platform Description File (DSC)

Syntax:

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

Description

Review the Wiki Explanation: <https://github.com/tianocore/tianocore.github.io/wiki/Build-Description-Files#the-dsc-file>

# Platform Description File (DSC)

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

**Definitions for the package build**

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

**EDK II PCD Entry Settings**

**Components / Modules to build (list of .inf files)**

DSC file must define all libraries, components and/or modules that will be used by one package

# 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
```

```
. . .
#####
# Pcd Section
#####
. . .
#####
#
# Components Section - list of all
# EDK II Modules needed by this
# Platform.
#
#####
[Components]

OvmfPkg/ResetVector/ResetVector.inf
. . .
```

DSC must contain a  
[Components] Section

# Examine : DSC File Details

Follow the following Links and examine the examples of the EmulatorPkg.dsc file

Next open the same EmulatorPkg.dsc in the %WORKSPACE% and become familiar with the different sections

[EmulatorPkg.dsc.md#dsc-file-for-emulatorpkg](#)

[Link](#): List of Defines

[Link](#): Define Switches to determine some configurations

[Link](#): Library Classes – Global

[Link](#): Library Classes for UEFI Boot phases

[Link](#): PCDs Section, changing the default

[Link](#): Dynamic PCDs Section

[Link](#): Components Section

[Link](#): Build Options Section

[Link](#): Adding More

# Flash Description File(FDF)

## Syntax:

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

Flash Layout

Must have a FD (Flash Device) and FV (Firmware Volume) Section

# Flash Description File(FDF)

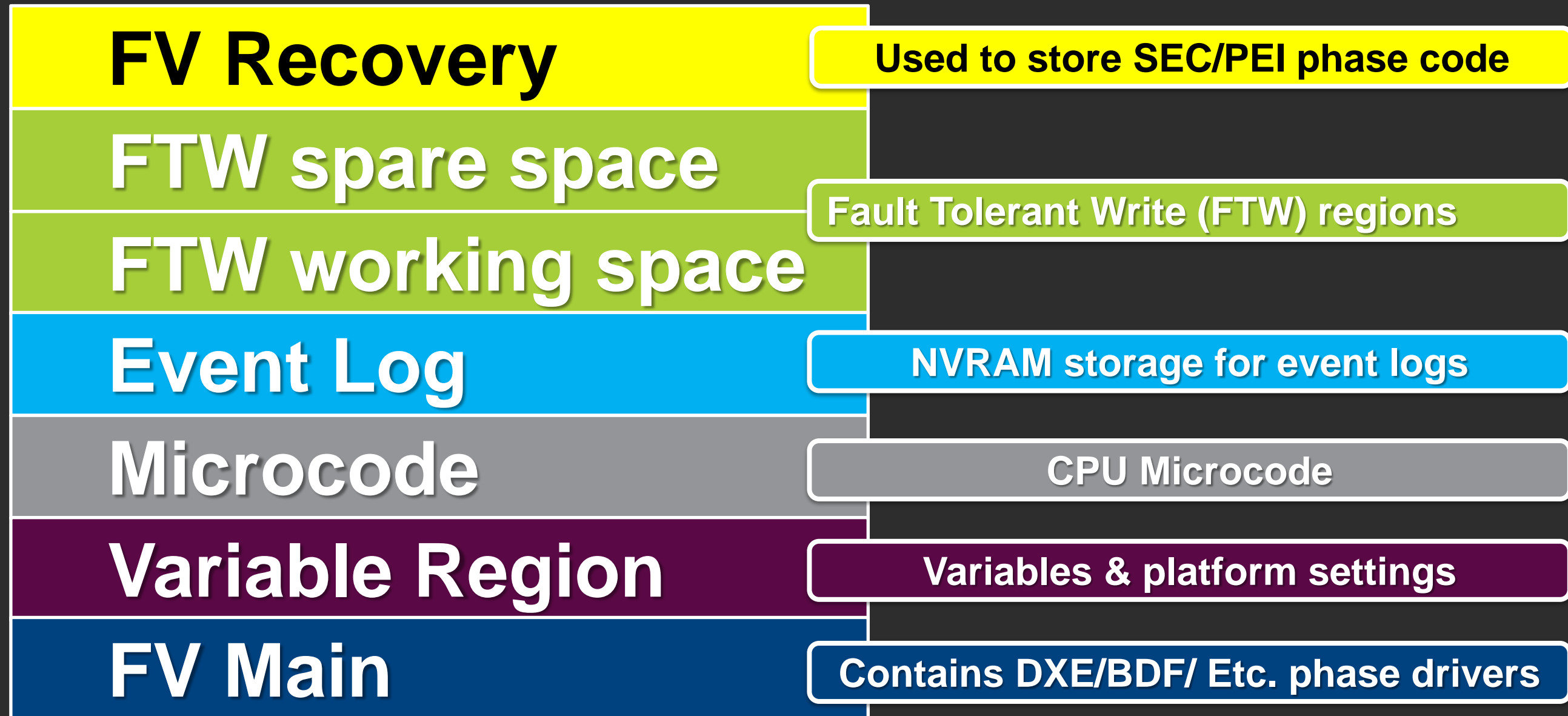
Describes information about flash parts

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

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



# FLASH DEVICE CONFIGURATION COMMON LAYOUT FILE (.FDF)



# 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)
```

Ovmf.fdf file  
created by  
Build

Offset | Size  
\$(VARS\_SIZE)|\$(FVMAIN\_SIZE)  
FV = FVMAIN\_COMPACT

Firmware  
Volumes  
created by  
Build

Offset | Size  
\$(SECFV\_OFFSET)|\$(SECFV\_SIZE)  
FV = SECFV

## Included Mapping file

```
DEFINE BLOCK_SIZE      = 0x1000
DEFINE VARS_OFFSET     = 0

!if ($(FD_SIZE_IN_KB) == 1024) || ($(FD_SIZE_IN_KB) == 2048)
DEFINE VARS_SIZE       = 0x20000
DEFINE VARS_BLOCKS     = 0x20
DEFINE VARS_LIVE_SIZE  = 0xE000
DEFINE VARS_SPARE_SIZE = 0x10000
!endif
# . . .

SET gUefiOvmfPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOvmfFdBaseAddress =
    $(FW_BASE_ADDRESS)
SET gUefiOvmfPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOvmfFirmwareFdSize =
    $(FW_SIZE)
SET gUefiOvmfPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOvmfFirmwareBlockSize =
    $(BLOCK_SIZE)

SET gUefiOvmfPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOvmfFlashNvStorageVariableBase =
    $(FW_BASE_ADDRESS)
SET gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFlashNvStorageVariableSize =
    $(VARS_LIVE_SIZE)
```

# Examine : FDF File Details

Follow the following Links and examine the examples of the EmulatorPkg.fdf file

Next open the same EmulatorPkg.fdf in the %WORKSPACE% and become familiar with the different sections

[EmulatorPkg.fdf.md#fdf-file-for-the-emulatorpkg](#)

[Link](#): FD Section

[Link](#): Firmware Volume – FvRecovery

[Link](#): Begin Firmware Layout Regions

[Link](#): Declaring each Firmware Volumes

[Link](#): Apriori Section

[Link](#): Example: #include of fdf file

[Link](#): Rules Section

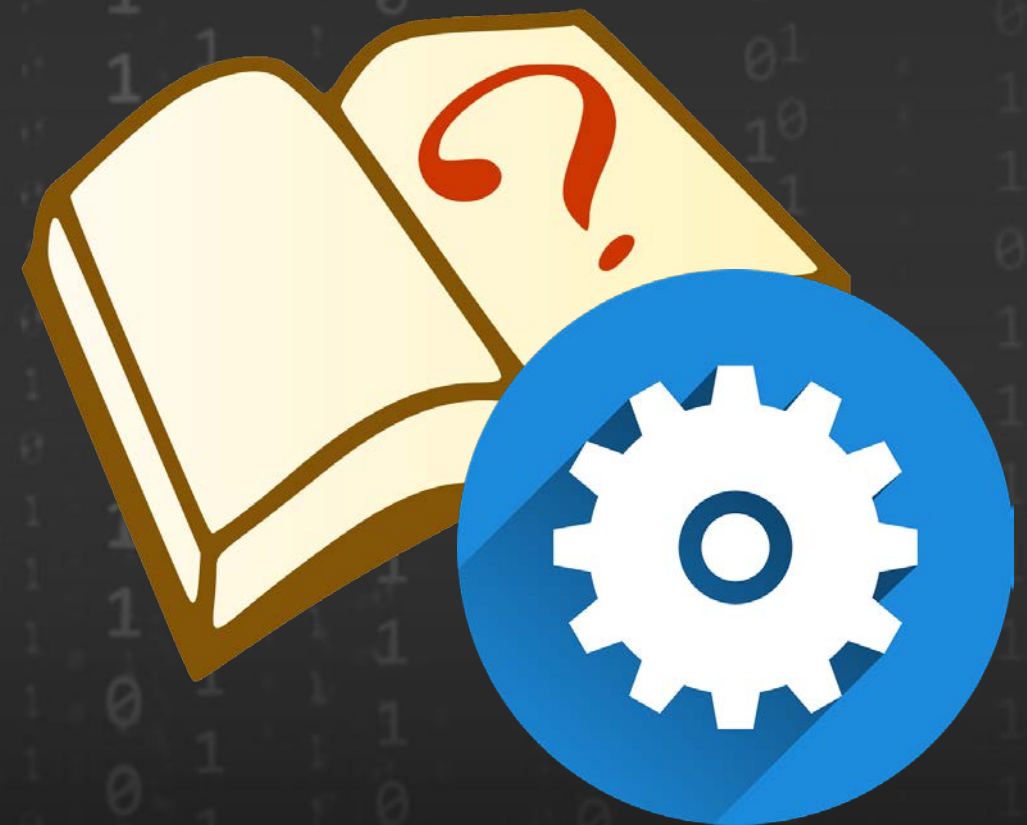
Following are for the Whiskey Lake UPX (these examples will be used in later projects

[Link](#): FDF For Whiskey Lake Up Xtreme

[Link](#): Flash Map of Up Xtreme

## Lab 2: Add a Simple Driver to the Build

In this lab, you'll learn how to add a UEFI Driver to the Build and final image .FD file.



# Add a UEFI Driver to a Platform

## Requirements:

Add a simple UEFI driver to a platform based on a Macro switch passed to the build using “-D ADD\_BLANKDRV”

This simple UEFI driver should also be added to the FV for the DXE code.

Requires Building the Platform Lab first

- Windows Build Emulator Platform Lab [Link](#)
- Linux Build Ovmf Platform Lab [Link](#)
- The simple UEFI driver to add is found on the [Lab\\_Material\\_FW](#)  
FW/LabSampleCode/LabSolutions/BlankDrv

# Add a UEFI Driver to a Platform

## Windows

1. Copy the LabSampleCode/LabSolutions/BlankDrv directory to C:/FW/edk2-ws/edk2
2. Edit EmulatorPkg.dsc and add the BlankDrv component at the end and use a “if” statement based on macro ADD\_BLANKDRV
3. Edit EmulatorPkg.fdf and add the BlankDrv Driver to the DXE section of Firmware Volumes and use a “if” statement based on macro ADD\_BLANKDRV

```
C:/FW/edk2-ws/edk2> Build -D ADD_BLANKDRV
C:/FW/edk2-ws/edk2> RunEmulator.bat
```

## Linux

1. Copy the LabSampleCode/LabSolutions/BlankDrv directory to ~/src/edk2-ws/edk2
2. Edit OvmfPkgX64.dsc and add the BlankDrv component at the end and use a “if” statement based on macro ADD\_BLANKDRV
3. Edit OvmfPkgX64.fdf and add the BlankDrv Driver to the DXE section of Firmware Volumes and use a “if” statement based on macro ADD\_BLANKDRV

```
bash$> cd ~/src/edk-ws/edk2
bash$> build -D ADD_BLANKDRV -a X64
bash$ cd $HOME/run-ovmf
bash$ cp ~/src/edk2-
ws/Build/OvmfX64/DEBUG_GCC5/FV/OVMF.fd bios.bin
bash$ . RunQemu.sh
```

# Verify the BlankDrv Driver was Added

At the Shell Prompt:

**Shell>** Exit

This will open the BIOS Setup

Go to the "Device Manager" menu and Verify the "Blank Driver Configuration page" is available

Enter into the BlankDrv Setup Page

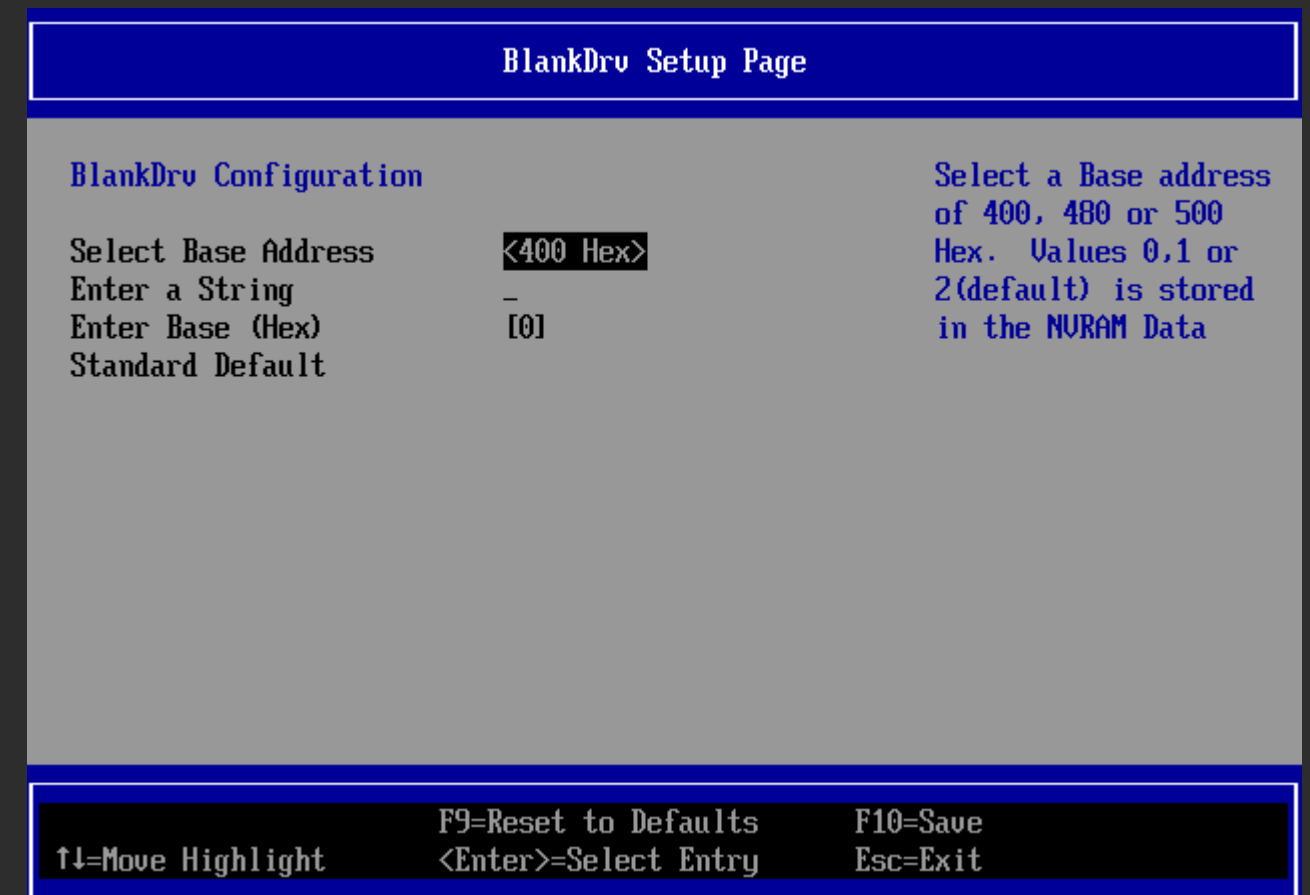
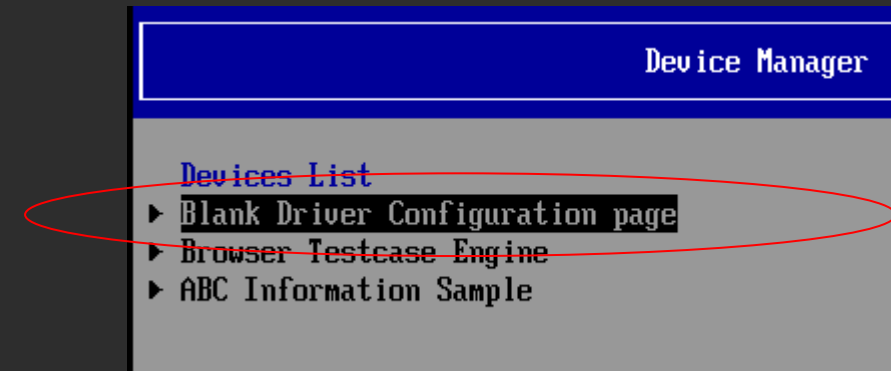
Exit Emulation

Windows: ESC key twice then use the "Reset"

Linux: Exit QEMU Linux

Solution: [Lab\\_Material\\_FW](#)

FW/LabSampleCode/LabSolutions/BlankDrv\_Solution





# Summary

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

# Questions?



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