





UEFI & EDK II Training

EDK II Modules: Libraries, Drivers & Applications

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Lesson Objective

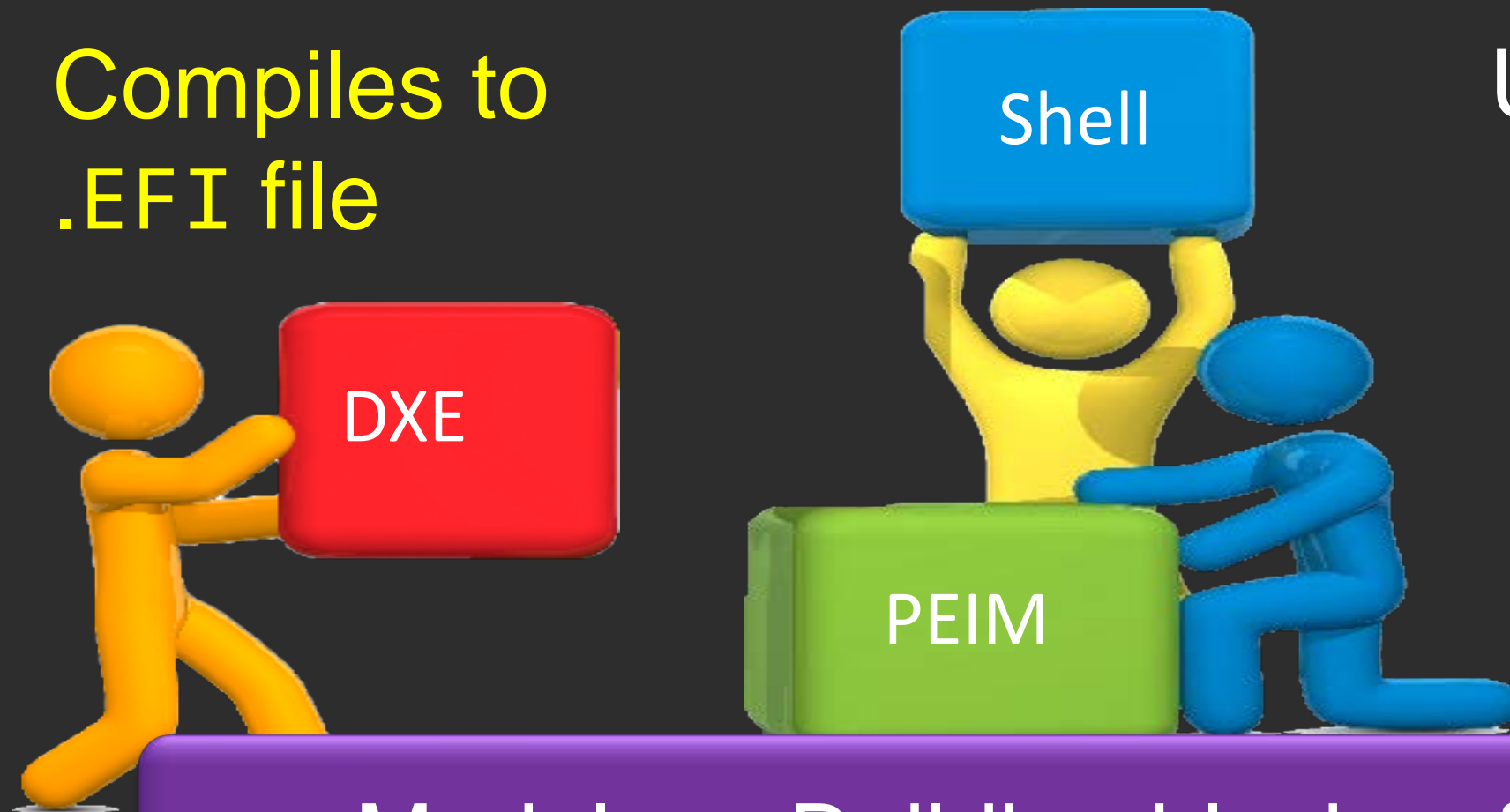
-  What is a EDK II Module
-  Use EDK II libraries to write UEFI apps/drivers
-  How to Define a UEFI application
-  Differences between UEFI App / Drivers INF file

EDK II MODULES OVERVIEW

What are EDK II Modules

Smallest separate object compiled in EDK II

Compiles to
.EFI file



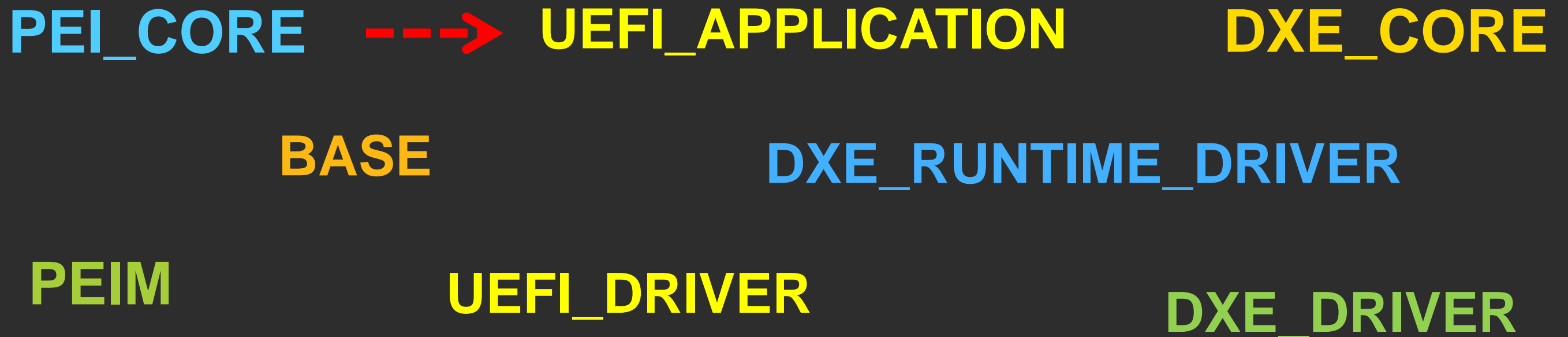
UEFI/DXE Driver

PEIM

UEFI App. or
Library

Modules: Building blocks of EDK II

Most Used Module Types



Syntax:

```
<ModuleTypes> ::= <ModuleType> [<Space> <ModuleType>]
```

MODULE SOURCE CONTENTS - MINIMUM FILE

MODULE_TYPE	Example Source files
UEFI_APPLICATION	Foo.c, Foo.inf
UEFI_DRIVER	FooDriver.c, FooDriver.h, FooDriver.vfr, FooDriver.uni, FooDriver.inf

Complexity - Greater number of source files

.INF file - One file is required per module

.EFI file - Sources compiled to a single .EFI file

EDK II LIBRARY MODULES

Syntax:

```
[LibraryClasses.common]  
  <LibraryClassName> | <LibraryInstancePathToInf/Name.inf>  
  
DebugLib | MdePkg/Library/BaseDebugLibNull/BaseDebugLibNull.inf
```

Name

Implementation³

Consistent set of interfaces

Does not describe implementation of the interfaces

“NULL” Library Class

Constructors

Special Cases

NOT “. . . LibNull” instance

Syntax

```
Pkg/MyModule/MyModule.inf {  
  <LibraryClasses>  
    NULL|Pkg/Library/LibName/LibName.inf  
    NULL|Pkg/Library/LibName2/LibName2.inf  
}
```

Open Source Example

DxeCrc32GuidedSectionExtractLib
ShellPkg as used with Profiles

UEFI Shell example:

```
ShellPkg/Application/Shell/Shell.inf {  
  <LibraryClasses>  
    NULL|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellDriver1CommandsLib/UefiShellDriver1CommandsLib.inf  
    NULL|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellNetwork1CommandsLib/UefiShellNetwork1CommandsLib.inf  
    . . .  
}
```

Locating Library Classes

Library based upon

1. Industry specs (UEFI, etc.)

MdePkg/MdeModulePkg

2. Features

NetworkPkg/SecurityPkg

Use the package help files (.CHM) to find a library or function

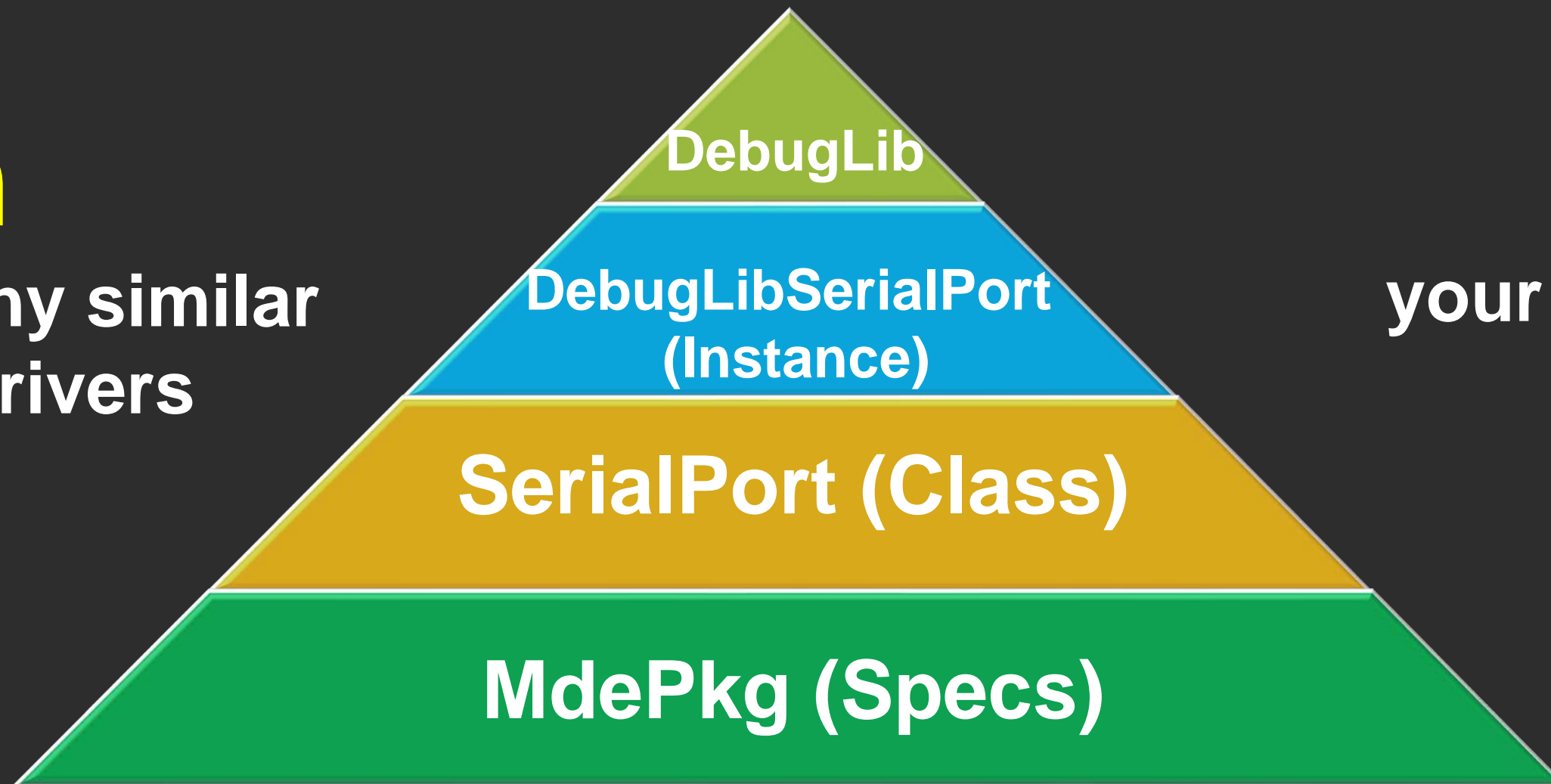
Example: MdePkg.chm

Search WorkSpace (.INF) "LIBRARY_CLASS"

Library Instance Hierarchy

Form

a hierarchy similar
to UEFI drivers



Link

your module to
another

Build error : Instance of Library class [*Foo...Lib*] is not found
Consumed by module [*My Module.inf*]

Commonly Used Base Library Classes

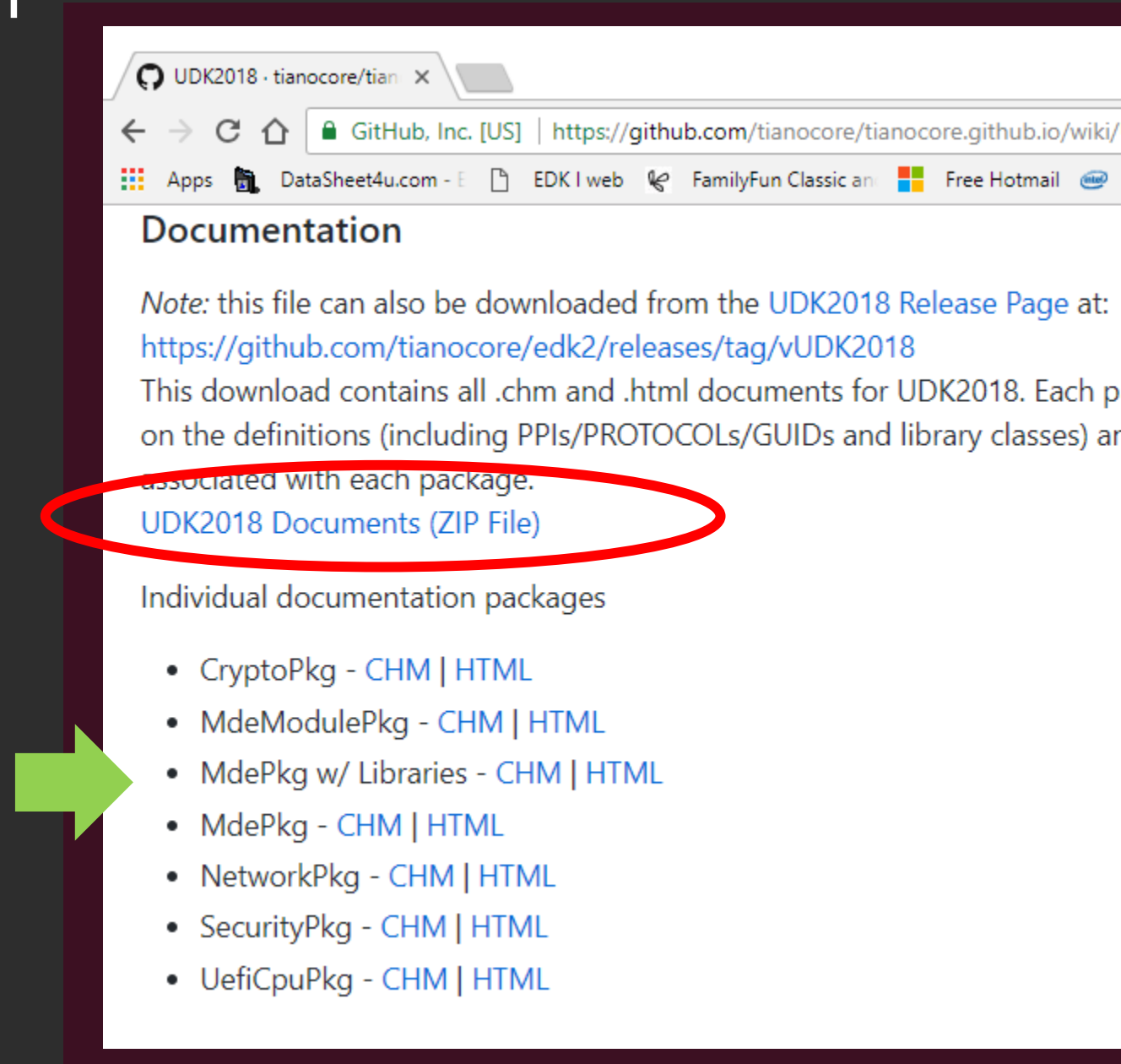
BaseLib DebugLib UefiDriverEntryPoint
UefiLib UefiBootServicesTableLib
UefiApplicationEntryPoint DxeCoreEntryPoint
CpuLib UefiUsbLib PciLib DevicePathLib IoLib
MemoryAllocationLib PrintLib PeimEntryPoint
PeiCoreEntryPoint UefiScsiLib BaseMemoryLib
UefiRuntimeLib SmmMemLib
DxeServicesLib SynchronizationLib PciExpressLib
DxePcdLib UefiRuntimeServicesTableLib
PciSegmentLibLib PeiServicesLib
PeiPcdLib DxeHobLib UefiFileHandleLib

MdePkg Library .CHM file Location

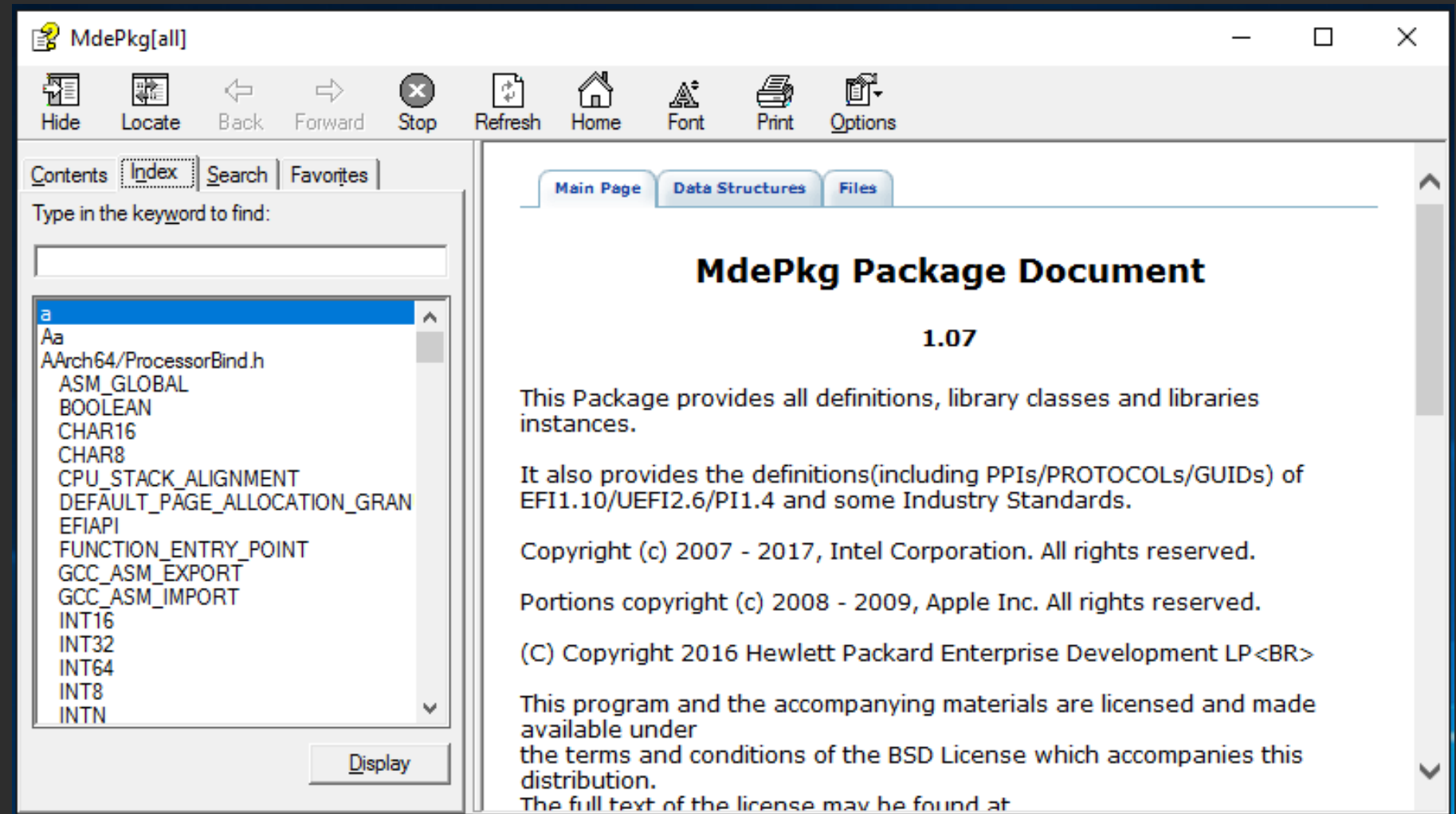
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Library Navigation Demonstration

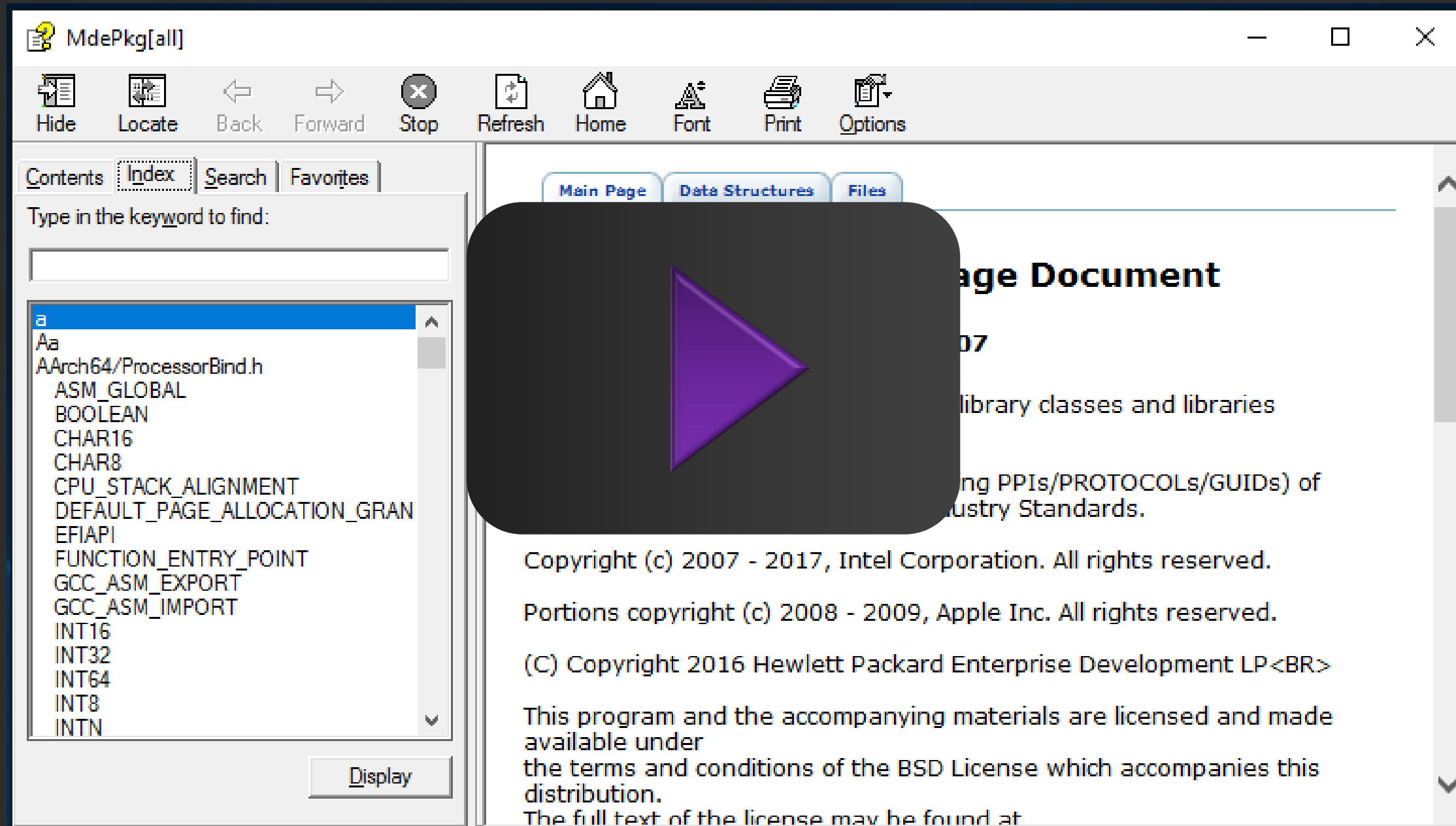


Open file: /FW/Documentation/"MdePkg Document With LibrariesMdePkg.chm"

NOTE: Install a CHM Viewer for Ubuntu

```
bash$ sudo aptitude install kchmviewer
```

Library Navigation Demonstration



<https://youtu.be/s8Zw1w1iQS4>

EDK II UEFI APPLICATION

Defining a UEFI Application

Characteristics of a UEFI Application

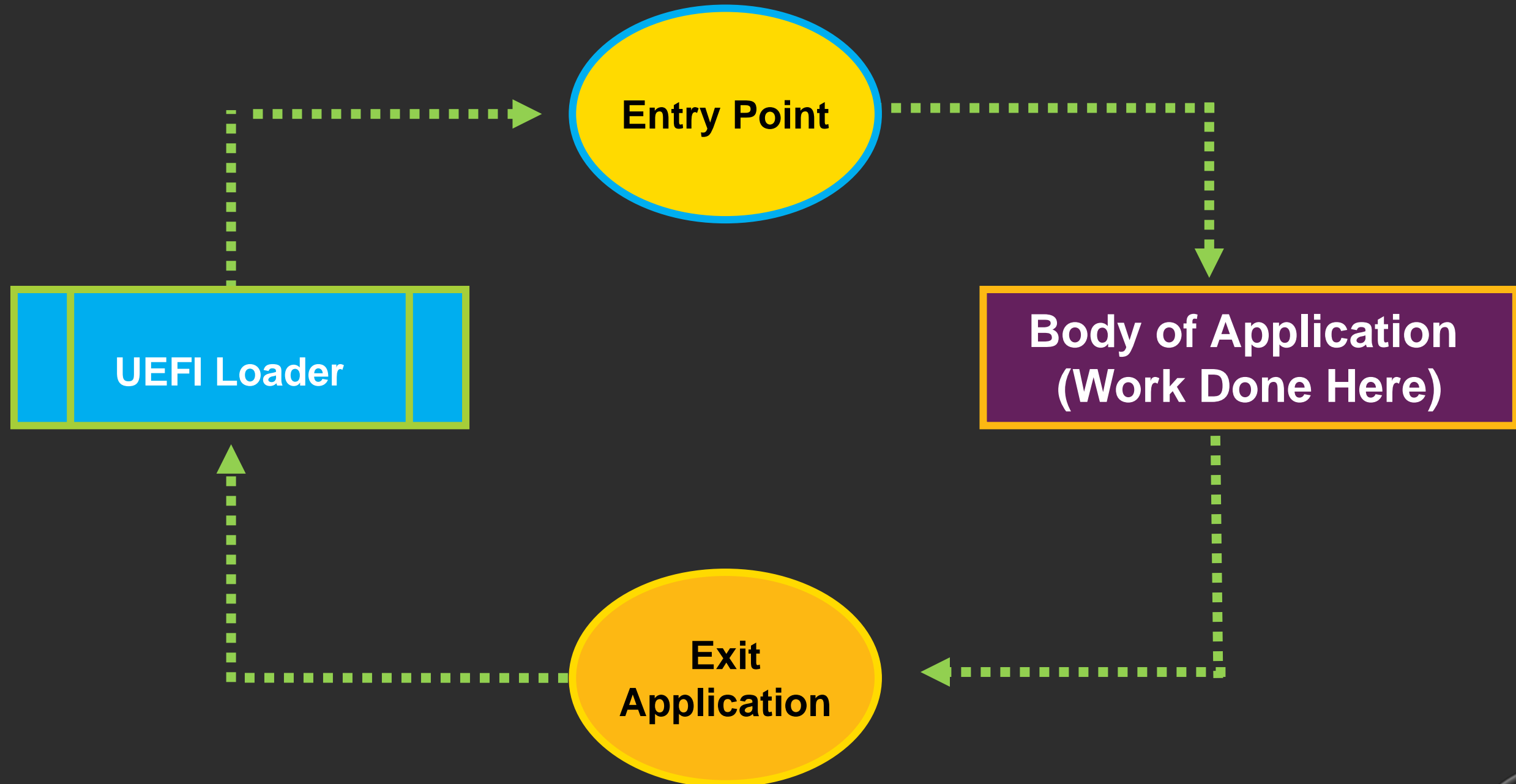
- ★ Loaded by UEFI loader, just like drivers
- ★ Does not register protocols
- ★ Consumes protocols
- ★ Typically exits when completed (user driven)
- ★ Same set of interfaces as drivers available

Defining a UEFI Application

UEFI Application Usages

- ✱ Platform Diagnostics
- ✱ Factory Diagnostics
- ✱ Utilities
- ✱ Driver Prototyping
- ✱ “Platform” Applications
- ✱ Portable Across Platforms (IA32, X64, ARM, Itanium, etc.)

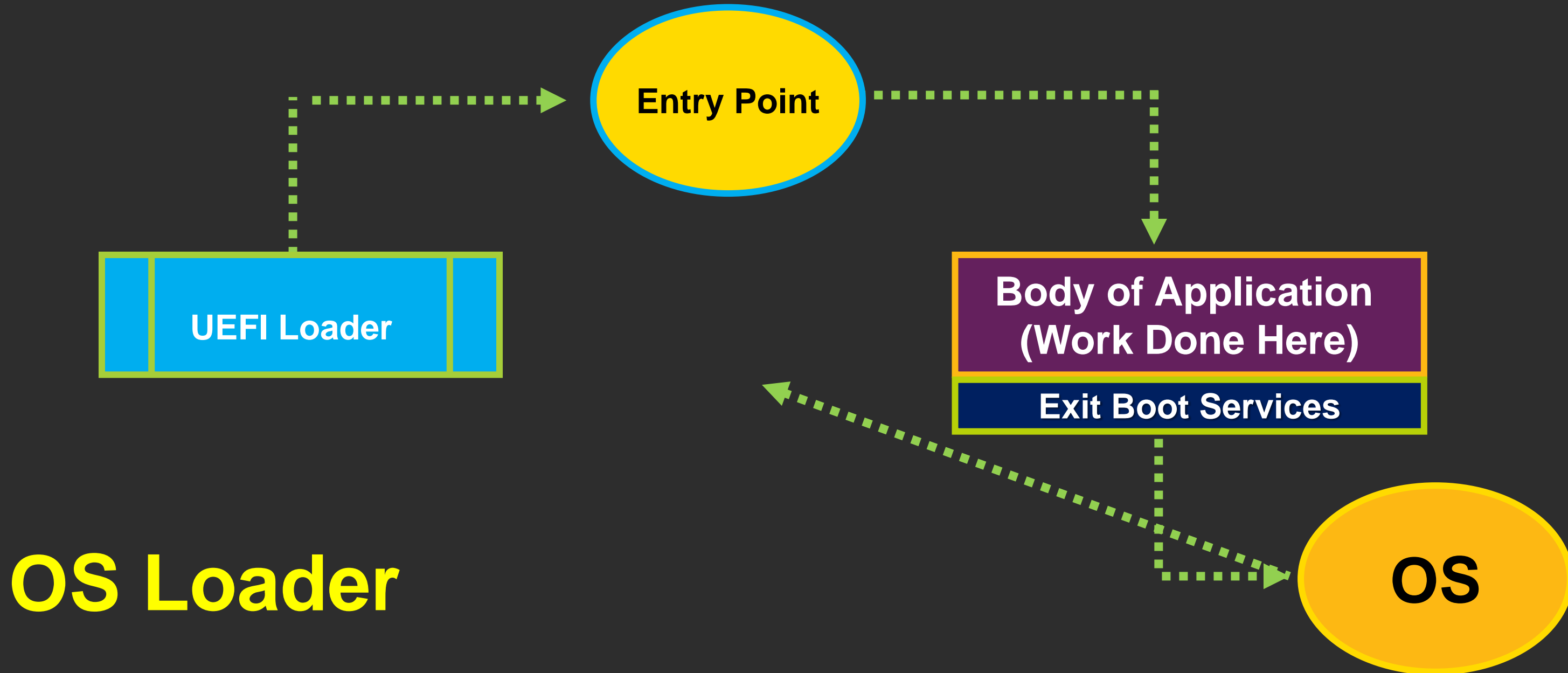
Executing Applications



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OS Loader

Driver Vs. Application

	Driver	Application
Loaded by:	UEFI Loader	UEFI Loader
Interfaces available:	ALL	ALL
Consume protocols?	YES	YES
Produce protocols?	YES	NO
Typically driven by?	System	User
Typical use	Support Hardware	Any

EDK II UEFI APPLICATIONS

How to Write a EDK II UEFI Application


Application Files Placement

- Application source files can be located anywhere in the EDK II workspace including PACKAGES_PATH
- All code and include files go under a single directory containing the driver INF
- EDK II Sample Applications can be found here:

`edk2/MdeModulePkg/Application`

- Typically, modules reside within a package:

```
MyWorkspace/  
  edk2/  
    MyPkg/  
      Application/  
        MyApp/
```



`MyApp.c`
`MyApp.inf`

Syntax

```
INFfile ::= [<Header>
            <Defines>
            [<BuildOptions>]
            [<Sources>]
            [<Binaries>]
            [<Guids>]
            [<Protocols>]
            [<Ppis>]
            [<Packages>]
            [<LibraryClasses>]
            [<Pcds>]
            [<UserExtensions>]
            [<Depex>]
```

PreMake

INF text file example

Application INF Files [DEFINES]

Field	Description
INF_VERSION	1.25* - Version of the INF spec.
BASE_NAME	What's the name of the application
FILE_GUID	Create a GUID for your module
MODULE_UNI_FILE	Meta-data - localization for Description & Abstract
VERSION_STRING	Version number
ENTRY_POINT	Name of the function to call
MODULE_TYPE	UEFI_APPLICATION

* EDK II Specifications: <https://github.com/tianocore/tianocore.github.io/wiki/EDK-II-Specifications>

Sample INF file

```
[Defines]
  INF_VERSION                = 0x00010005
  BASE_NAME                  = MyApplication
  MODULE_UNI_FILE            = MyFile.uni
  FILE_GUID                  = 10C75C00-30 . . .
  MODULE_TYPE                 = UEFI_APPLICATION
  VERSION_STRING              = 1.0
  ENTRY_POINT                 = UefiMain
[Sources]
  MyFile.c

[Packages]
  MdePkg/MdePkg.dec

[LibraryClasses]
  UefiApplicationEntryPoint

[Guids]

[Ppis]

[Protocols]
```

Sample INF file

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  VERSION_STRING             = 1.0
  ENTRY_POINT                = UefiMain
```

```
[Sources]
  MyFile.c
```

```
[Packages]
  MdePkg/MdePkg.dec
```

```
[LibraryClasses]
  UefiApplicationEntryPoint
```

```
[Guids]
```

```
[Ppis]
```


Building an Application

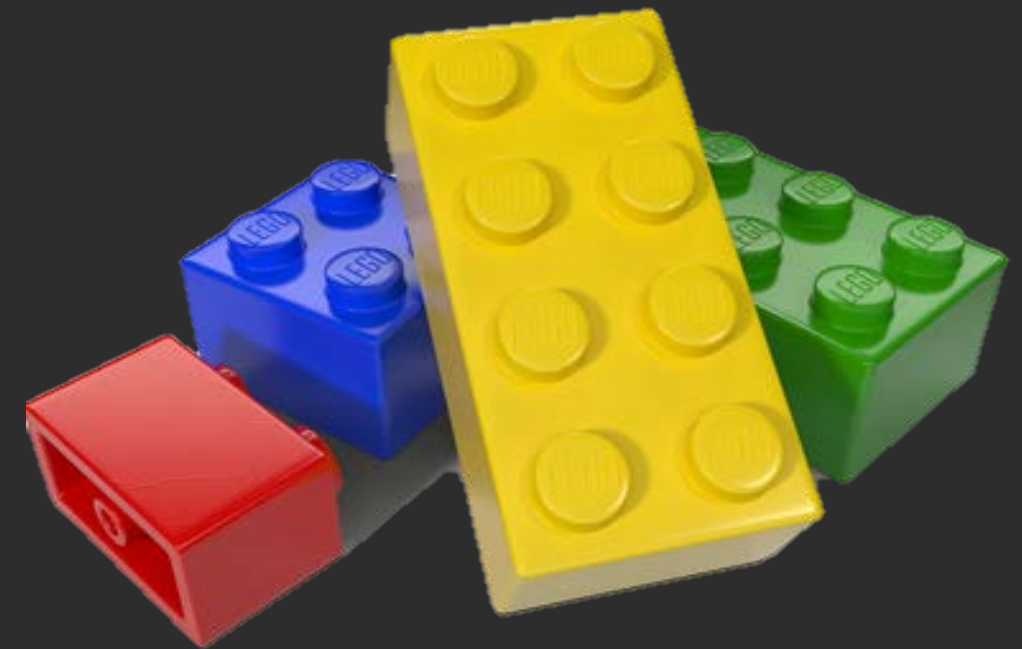
Platform .DSC references .INF

Runs:

“Build” for the entire platform

OR

“Build” in the application’s directory



Sample Application 'C' file

```
#include <Uefi.h>
#include <Library/UefiApplicationEntryPoint.h>

EFI_STATUS
EFIAPI
UefiMain (
    IN EFI_HANDLE        ImageHandle,
    IN EFI_SYSTEM_TABLE  *SystemTable
)
{
    return EFI_SUCCESS;
}
```

Sample Application 'C' file

```
#include <Uefi.h>
#include <Library/UefiApplicationEntryPoint.h>
```

```
EFI_STATUS
```

```
EFIAPI
```

```
UefiMain (
```

```
    IN EFI_HANDLE
```

```
    IN EFI_SYSTEM_TABLE
```

```
)
```

```
{
```

```
    return EFI_SUCCESS;
```

```
}
```

```
    ImageHandle,  
    *SystemTable
```

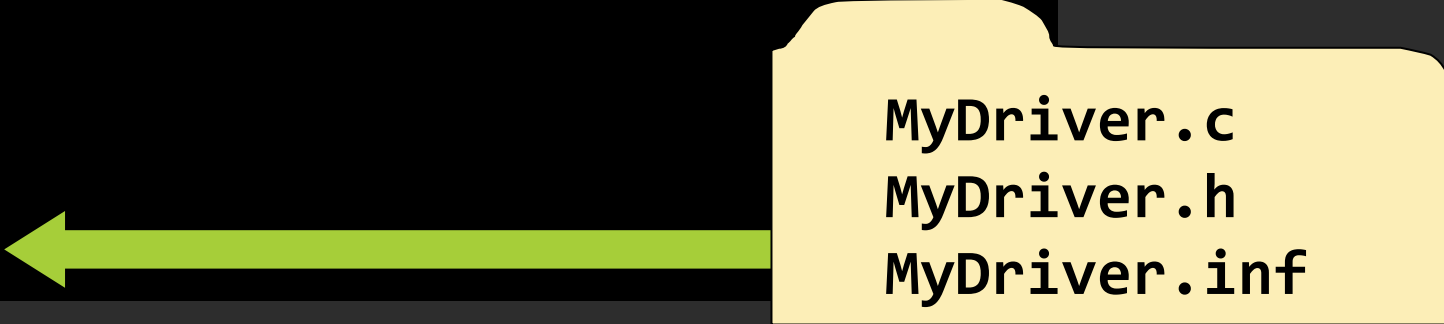
EDK II UEFI DRIVERS

DXE Drivers, PEIM, Etc.

Driver Files Placement

- ★ Driver source code can go anywhere in the EDK II workspace
- ★ All code and include files go under a single directory containing an INF
- ★ Good example of UEFI Drivers can be found here:
`edk2/MdeModulePkg/Bus/ScsiDiskDxe`
- ★ Typically, Driver modules reside within a package:

```
MyWorkspace/  
  edk2/  
    MyPkg/  
      Include/  
        MyDriver/
```



```
MyDriver.c  
MyDriver.h  
MyDriver.inf
```

Driver INF Files: [DEFINES]

Field	Description
INF_VERSION	1.25* - Version of the INF spec.
BASE_NAME	What's the name of the driver
FILE_GUID	Create a GUID for your module
MODULE_UNI_FILE	Meta-data - localization for Description & Abstract
VERSION_STRING	Version number
ENTRY_POINT	Name of the function to call
MODULE_TYPE	UEFI_DRIVER, DXE_DRIVER, PEIM, or others

Changes for a UEFI Driver Module

Applications can be converted to a driver

But ...It remains in memory after it runs

UEFI Driver Module requirements:

- Driver Binding Protocol
- Component Name2 Protocol (recommended

DXE/PEIM/other Driver requirements



Sample Driver INF file

```
[Defines]
  INF_VERSION              = 0x00010005
  BASE_NAME                = MyDriver
  FILE_GUID                = 10C75C00-30...
  MODULE_TYPE              = UEFI_DRIVER
  VERSION_STRING           = 1.0
  ENTRY_POINT              = UefiMain
[Sources]
  MyDriverFile.c

[Packages]
  MdePkg/MdePkg.dec

[LibraryClasses]
  UefiDriverEntryPoint
  . . .

[Guids]
  . . .
[Protocols]
  . . .
```

INF Usage Fields – DIST files

Optional UEFI Spec – Package Distribution

Usage Key Word

UNDEFINED

CONSUMES

SOMETIMES_CONSUMES

PRODUCES

SOMETIMES_PRODUCES

TO_START

BY_START

NOTIFY

Usage Fields used by Build tools for creating the .Dist files for binary modules

[GUID]

[PCD]

[PROTOCOL]

[PPIS]

1 Usage Block – “##” After the entry

n Usage Blocks – “##” Precede the entry



} UEFI Protocol

INF File Usage Block examples

[Guids]

```
## SOMETIMES_PRODUCES ## Variable:L"ConInDev"  
## SOMETIMES_CONSUMES ## Variable:L"ConInDev"  
## SOMETIMES_PRODUCES ## Variable:L"ConOutDev"  
## SOMETIMES_CONSUMES ## Variable:L"ConOutDev"  
## SOMETIMES_PRODUCES ## Variable:L"ErrOutDev"  
## SOMETIMES_CONSUMES ## Variable:L"ErrOutDev"
```

gEfiGlobalVariableGuid

```
gEfiVTUTF8Guid ## SOMETIMES_CONSUMES ## GUID # used with a Vendor-Defined  
gEfiVT100Guid ## SOMETIMES_CONSUMES ## GUID # used with a Vendor-Defined  
gEfiVT100PlusGuid ## SOMETIMES_CONSUMES ## GUID # used with a Vendor-Defined  
gEfiPcAnsiGuid ## SOMETIMES_CONSUMES ## GUID # used with a Vendor-Defined  
gEfiTtyTermGuid ## SOMETIMES_CONSUMES ## GUID # used with a Vendor-Defined  
gEdkiiStatusCodeDataTypeVariableGuid ## SOMETIMES_CONSUMES ## GUID
```

Example: [TerminalDxe.inf](#)

INF File Usage Block examples

```
[Protocols]
  gEfiSerialIoProtocolGuid          ## TO_START
  ## BY_START
  ## TO_START
  gEfiDevicePathProtocolGuid

  gEfiSimpleTextInProtocolGuid      ## BY_START
  gEfiSimpleTextInputExProtocolGuid ## BY_START
  gEfiSimpleTextOutProtocolGuid     ## BY_START

[Pcd]
  gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDefaultTerminalType      ## SOMETIMES_CONSUMES
  gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdErrorCodeSetVariable ## CONSUMES
```

Example: [TerminalDxe.inf](#)

UEFI Driver Example – Disk I/O



<https://github.com/tianocore/edk2/tree/master/MdeModulePkg/Universal/Disk/DiskIoDxe>

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hwu25 MdeModulePkg DiskIoDxe: Media status check not be done at DiskIo level ...

ComponentName.c	Fix the comments to follow UEFI Spec regarding how to check an
DiskIo.c	MdeModulePkg DiskIoDxe: Media status check not be done at Di
DiskIo.h	AtaBusDxe: Fix ReadBlockEx andWriteBlockEx to still signal event
DiskIoDxe.inf	MdeModulePkg: INF/DEC file updates to EDK II packages
DiskIoDxe.uni	MdeModulePkg: Convert all .uni files to utf-8
DiskIoDxeExtra.uni	MdeModulePkg: Convert all .uni files to utf-8

Driver Binding
Supported
Start
Stop

UEFI Driver Example – Disk I/O

Entry Point

 github.com/tianocore/edk2/.../Disk/DiskIoDxe

“C” File

```
EFI_STATUS
EFIAPR
InitializeDiskIo (
    IN EFI_HANDLE      ImageHandle,
    IN EFI_SYSTEM_TABLE *SystemTable
)
{
    // ...
    Status = EfiLibInstallDriverBindingComponentName2 (
        ImageHandle,
        SystemTable,
        &gDiskIoDriverBinding,
        ImageHandle,
        &gDiskIoComponentName,
        &gDiskIoComponentName2
    );
    ASSERT_EFI_ERROR (Status);
    return Status;
}
```

INF File

[Defines]

```
ENTRY_POINT = InitializeDiskIo
```

UEFI Driver Example – Disk I/O

 github.com/tianocore/edk2/.../Disk/DiskIoDxe

Supported

“C” File

```
EFI_STATUS
EFI_API
DiskIoDriverBindingSupported (
    IN EFI_DRIVER_BINDING_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN EFI_HANDLE ControllerHandle,
    IN EFI_DEVICE_PATH_PROTOCOL *RemainingDevicePath,
    OPTIONAL
    )
{
    Status = gBS->OpenProtocol (
        ControllerHandle,
        &gEfiBlockIoProtocolGuid,
        (VOID **) &BlockIo,
        This->DriverBindingHandle,
        ControllerHandle,
        EFI_OPEN_PROTOCOL_BY_DRIVER
    );
}
```

INF File

```
[Protocols]
gEfiBlockIoProtocolGuid ## TO_START
```

UEFI Driver Example – Disk I/O

Start

 github.com/tianocore/edk2/.../Disk/DiskIoDxe

“C” File

```
EFI_STATUS
EFI_API
DiskIoDriverBindingStart (
    IN EFI_DRIVER_BINDING_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN EFI_HANDLE                  ControllerHandle,
    IN EFI_DEVICE_PATH_PROTOCOL    *RemainingDevicePath
    OPTIONAL
)
{
    if (Instance->BlockIo2 != NULL) {
        Status = gBS->InstallMultipleProtocolInterfaces (
            &ControllerHandle,
            &gEfiDiskIoProtocolGuid, &Instance->DiskIo,
            &gEfiDiskIo2ProtocolGuid, &Instance->DiskIo2,
            NULL
        );
    }
}
```

INF File

[Protocols]

```
gEfiDiskIoProtocolGuid  ## BY_START
gEfiDiskIo2ProtocolGuid ## BY_START
```


DXE Driver Example - PlatformInfoDxe



<https://github.com/tianocore/edk2-platforms/. . ./Vlv2TbItDevicePkg/PlatformInfoDxe>

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mdkinney Platform/Vlv2TbItDevicePkg: Import Vlv2TbItDevicePkg from edk2

PlatformInfoDxe.c	Platform/Vlv2TbItDevicePkg: Import Vlv2TbItDevicePkg from edk2
PlatformInfoDxe.h	Platform/Vlv2TbItDevicePkg: Import Vlv2TbItDevicePkg from edk2
PlatformInfoDxe.inf	Platform/Vlv2TbItDevicePkg: Import Vlv2TbItDevicePkg from edk2

DXE Driver Example – PlatformInfoDxe

 <https://github.com/tianocore/edk2-platforms/PlatformInfoDxe>

Entry Point

“C” File

```
#include "PlatformInfoDxe.h"
...
EFI_STATUS
EFIAPI
PlatformInfoInit (
    IN EFI_HANDLE      ImageHandle,
    IN EFI_SYSTEM_TABLE *SystemTable
)
/*++
{
// ...
return Status;
}
```

INF File

```
[Defines]
...
MODULE_TYPE           = DXE_DRIVER
VERSION_STRING        = 1.0
ENTRY_POINT           = PlatformInfoInit
...

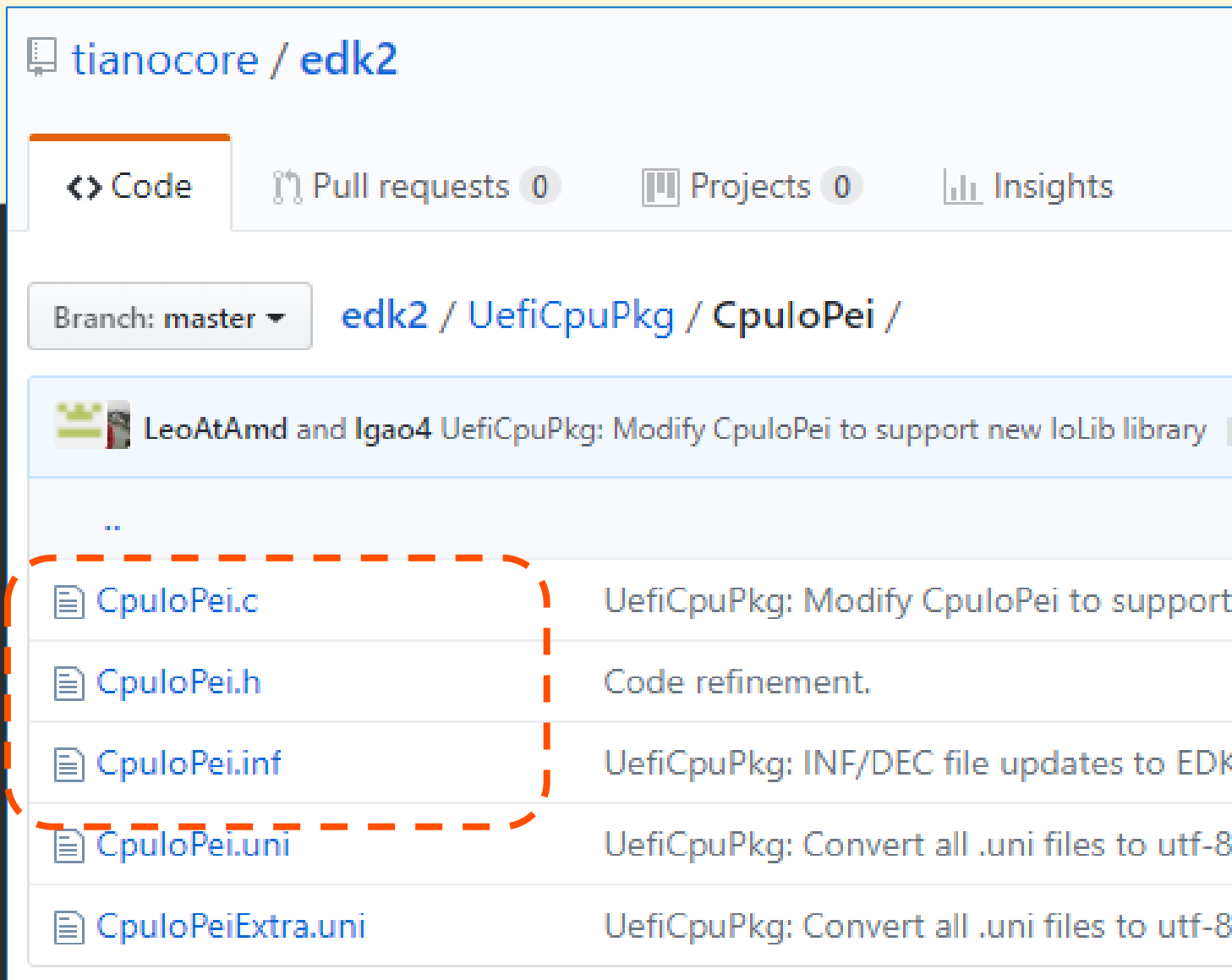
[Depex]
gEfiVariableArchProtocolGuid AND
gEfiVariableWriteArchProtocolGuid
```

Notice the MODULE TYPE, C function Entry point and the [Depex] differences in the INF file

PEI Driver (PEIM) Example - CpuloPei



<https://github.com/tianocore/edk2/tree/master/UefiCpuPkg/CpuloPei>



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LeoAtAmd and Igao4 UefiCpuPkg: Modify CpuloPei to support new IoLib library

..

CpuloPei.c	UefiCpuPkg: Modify CpuloPei to support
CpuloPei.h	Code refinement.
CpuloPei.inf	UefiCpuPkg: INF/DEC file updates to EDK
CpuloPei.uni	UefiCpuPkg: Convert all .uni files to utf-8
CpuloPeiExtra.uni	UefiCpuPkg: Convert all .uni files to utf-8

PEI Driver (PEIM) Example – CpuIoPei

Entry Point

 github.com/tianocore/edk2/UefiCpuPkg/CpuIoPei

“C” File

```
#include "CpuIoPei.h"
// . . .
EFI_STATUS
EFIAPI
CpuIoInitialize (
    IN EFI_PEI_FILE_HANDLE FileHandle,
    IN CONST EFI_PEI_SERVICES **PeiServices
)
{
    EFI_STATUS Status;
    // . . .
    return EFI_SUCCESS;
}
```

INF File

[Defines]

. . .

MODULE_TYPE	= PEIM
VERSION_STRING	= 1.0
ENTRY_POINT	= CpuIoInitialize

. . .

[Depex]
TRUE

SUMMARY

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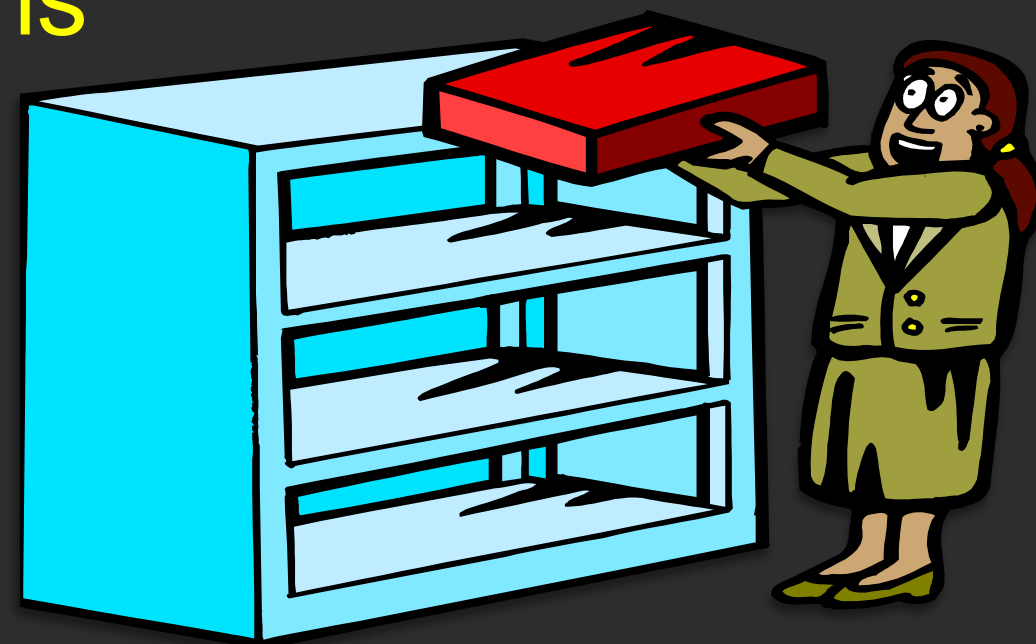
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BACK UP

UEFI Application Vs. EADK Application

EDK II Application Development
Kit includes the Standard C
Libraries in UEFI Shell Applications

Off the shelf “C” application
Converted to UEFI application



Sample INF file using EDK II EADK

```
[Defines]
  INF_VERSION           = 0x00010005
  BASE_NAME             = MyApplication
  FILE_GUID             = 10C75C00-30 . . .
  MODULE_TYPE           = UEFI_APPLICATION
  VERSION_STRING        = 1.0
  ENTRY_POINT           = ShellCEntryLib
[Sources]
  MyFile.c

[Packages]
  StdLib/StdLib.dec
  ShellPkg/ShellPkg.dec
  MdePkg/MdePkg.dec

[LibraryClasses]
  LibC
  LibStdio
```

Sample INF file using EDK II EADK

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  MODULE_TYPE           = UEFI_APPLICATION
  VERSION_STRING        = 1.0
  ENTRY_POINT           = ShellCEntryLib
```

```
[Sources]
  MyFile.c
```

```
[Packages]
  StdLib/StdLib.dec
  ShellPkg/ShellPkg.dec
  MdePkg/MdePkg.dec
```

```
[LibraryClasses]
  LibC
  LibStdio
```

Sample Application 'C' file Using EDK II EADK

This sample looks a lot like actual “C” source.

```
#include <stdio.h>

int
Main
    int Argc,
    char **Argv
)
{
    return 0
}
```

More on “NULL” named Library

So, “NULL” library classes are conceptually an “anonymous library”. It enables one to statically link code into a module even if the module doesn't directly call functions in that library. All libraries, both regular libraries with a declared LibraryClass as well as these anonymous libraries, can publish both a constructor and a destructor. The EDK II build system will automatically generate a small amount of C code that invokes all library constructors before the entry point for the module is invoked, and all destructors after the entry point returns. This is useful for building statically linked plug-ins.

The favorite example of this in-action is the UEFI Shell, here is what a typical DSC declaration for the UEFI Shell looks like:

```
ShellPkg/Application/Shell/Shell.inf {
  <PcdsFixedAtBuild>
    gEfiShellPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdShellLibAutoInitialize|FALSE
  <LibraryClasses>
    NULL|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellLevel1CommandsLib/UefiShellLevel1CommandsLib.inf
    NULL|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellLevel2CommandsLib/UefiShellLevel2CommandsLib.inf
    NULL|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellLevel3CommandsLib/UefiShellLevel3CommandsLib.inf
    NULL|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellDriver1CommandsLib/UefiShellDriver1CommandsLib.inf
    NULL|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellInstall1CommandsLib/UefiShellInstall1CommandsLib.inf
    NULL|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellDebug1CommandsLib/UefiShellDebug1CommandsLib.inf
    NULL|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellNetwork1CommandsLib/UefiShellNetwork1CommandsLib.inf
    NULL|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellNetwork2CommandsLib/UefiShellNetwork2CommandsLib.inf
    ShellCommandLib|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellCommandLib/UefiShellCommandLib.inf
    HandleParsingLib|ShellPkg/Library/UefiHandleParsingLib/UefiHandleParsingLib.inf
    BcfgCommandLib|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellBcfgCommandLib/UefiShellBcfgCommandLib.inf
    ShellCEntryLib|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellCEntryLib/UefiShellCEntryLib.inf
    ShellLib|ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellLib/UefiShellLib.inf
}
```

More on “NULL” named Library Cont.

If you take a look at ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellLevel1CommandsLib/UefiShellLevel1CommandsLib.inf, you will see that the constructor for that anonymous library is named ShellLevel1CommandsLibConstructor(). Now, let's go and look at the definition for ShellLevel1CommandsLibConstructor() in ShellPkg/Library/UefiShellLevel1CommandsLib/UefiShellLevel1CommandsLib.c and note the following code snippet:

```
ShellCommandRegisterCommandName(L"stall", ShellCommandRunStall    ...
ShellCommandRegisterCommandName(L"for",  ShellCommandRunFor      ...
ShellCommandRegisterCommandName(L"goto",  ShellCommandRunGoto     ...
ShellCommandRegisterCommandName(L"if",    ShellCommandRunIf       ...
ShellCommandRegisterCommandName(L"shift",  ShellCommandRunShift   ...
ShellCommandRegisterCommandName(L"exit",   ShellCommandRunExit    ...
ShellCommandRegisterCommandName(L"else",   ShellCommandRunElse    ...
ShellCommandRegisterCommandName(L"endif",  ShellCommandRunEndIf   ...
ShellCommandRegisterCommandName(L"endfor", ShellCommandRunEndFor  ...
```

This library is installing new commands into the UEFI shell during its initialization procedure. This allows one to add custom commands to the shell as statically linked built-ins. A typical use case would be implementing platform specific diagnostic/recovery utilities.