

# UEFI & EDK II TRAINING

## UEFI SHELL APPLICATION

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# LESSON OBJECTIVE

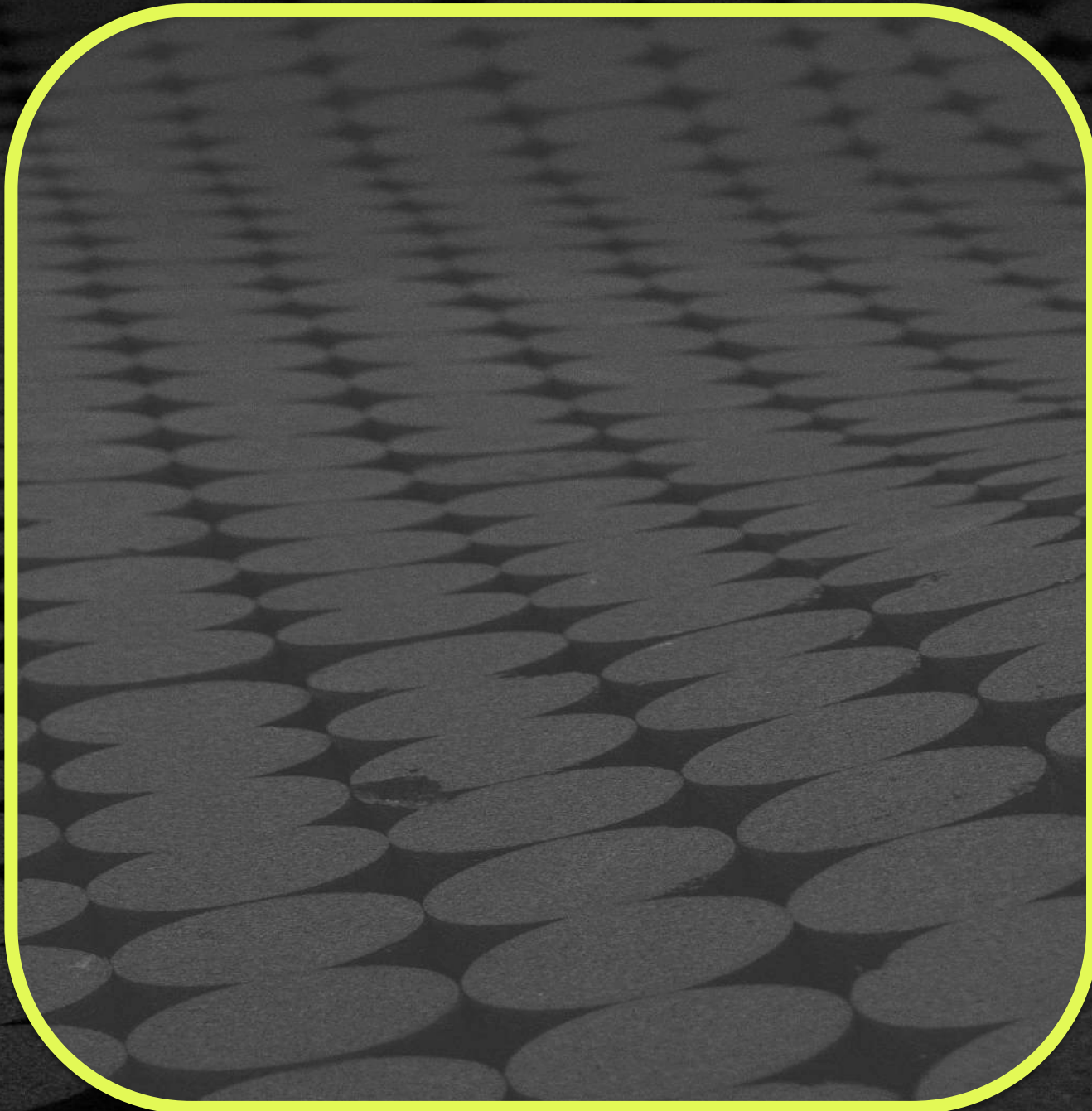
- ★ Explain UEFI, the shell, and how they work together
- ★ Define the shell components
- ★ Use the shell API in a UEFI application
- ★ UEFI Shell command Library
- ★ UEFI Shell scripts

# UEFI SHELL OVERVIEW

## Components of the UEFI Shell



# What is a UEFI Shell?





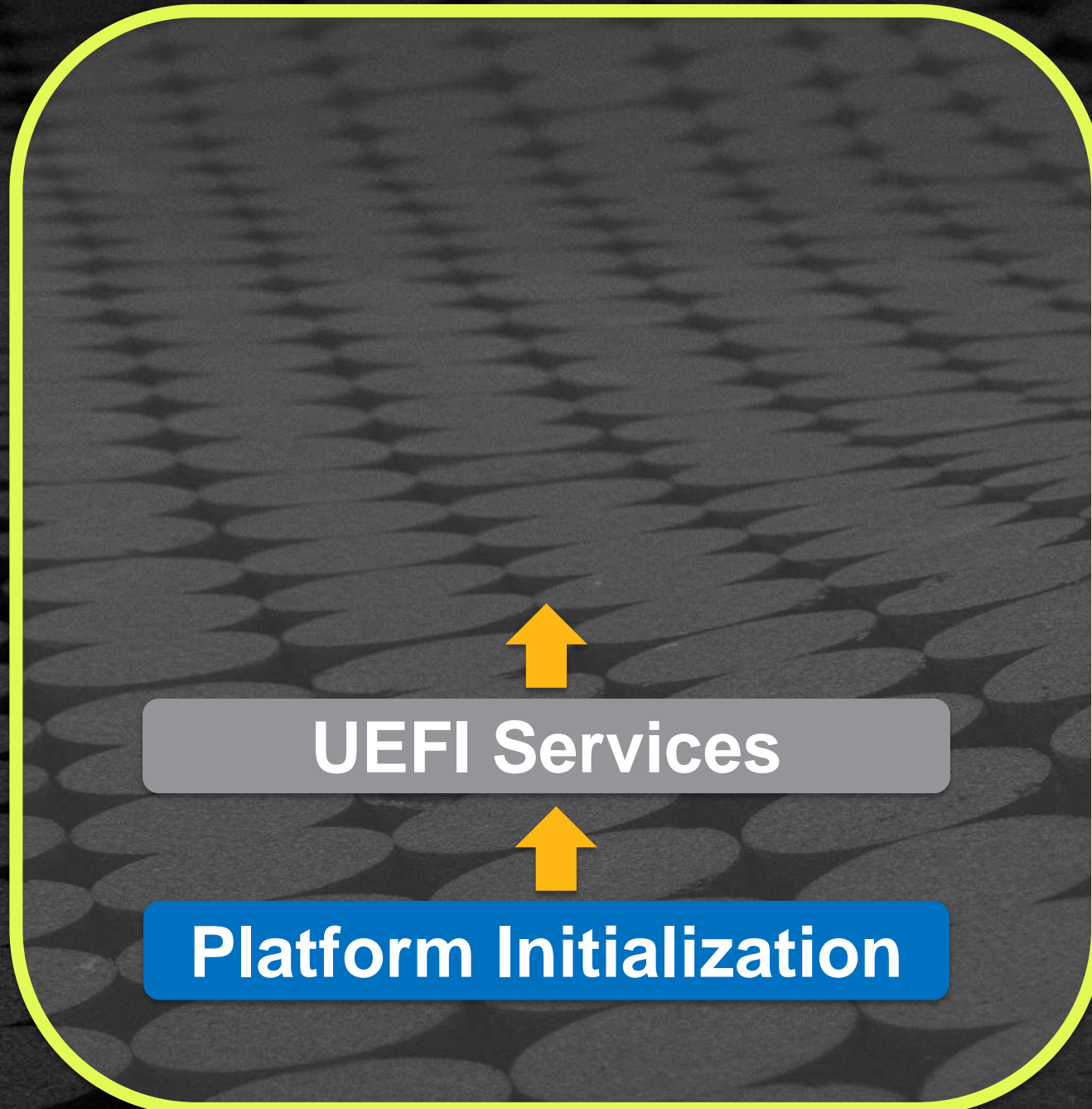
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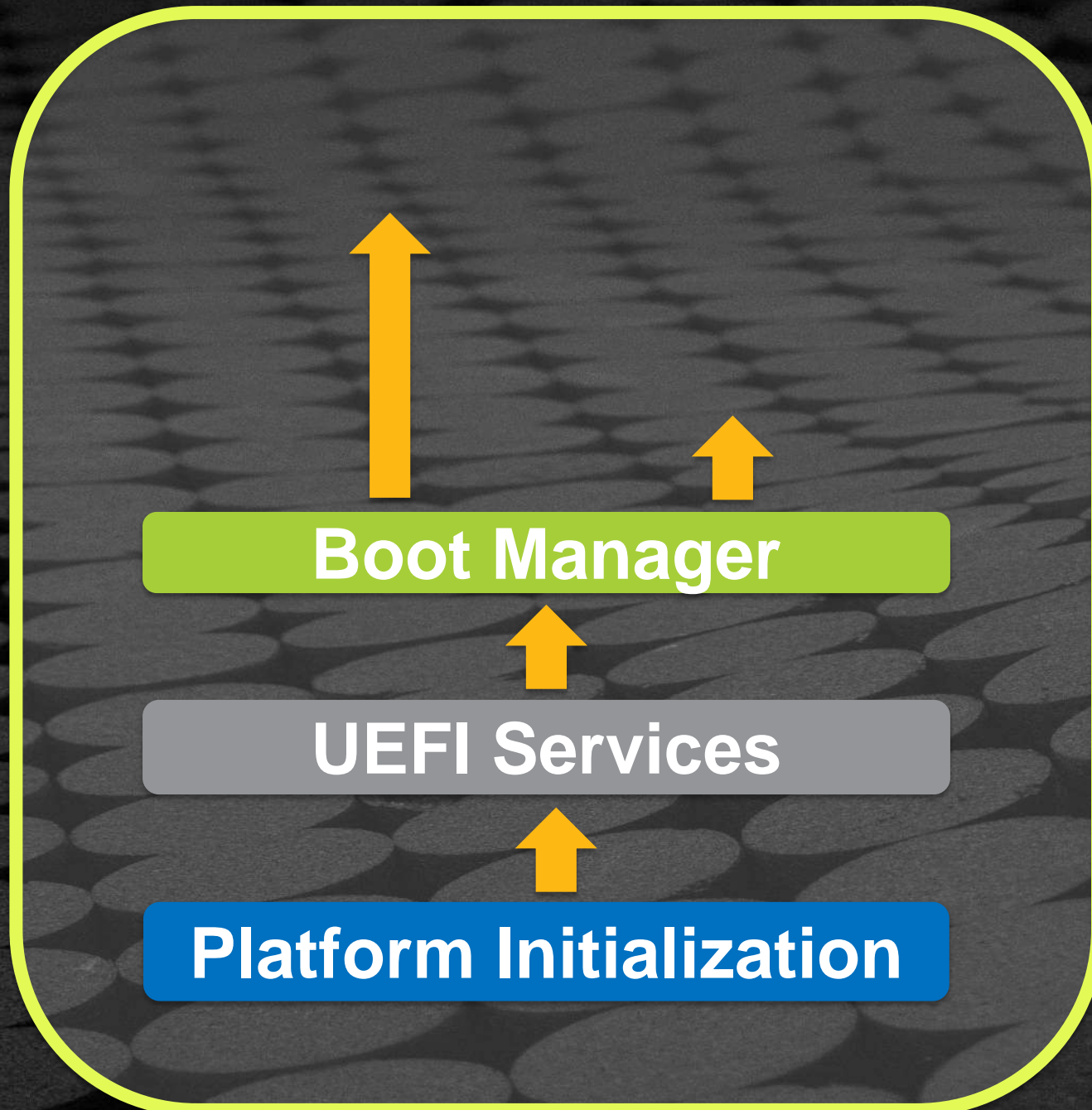


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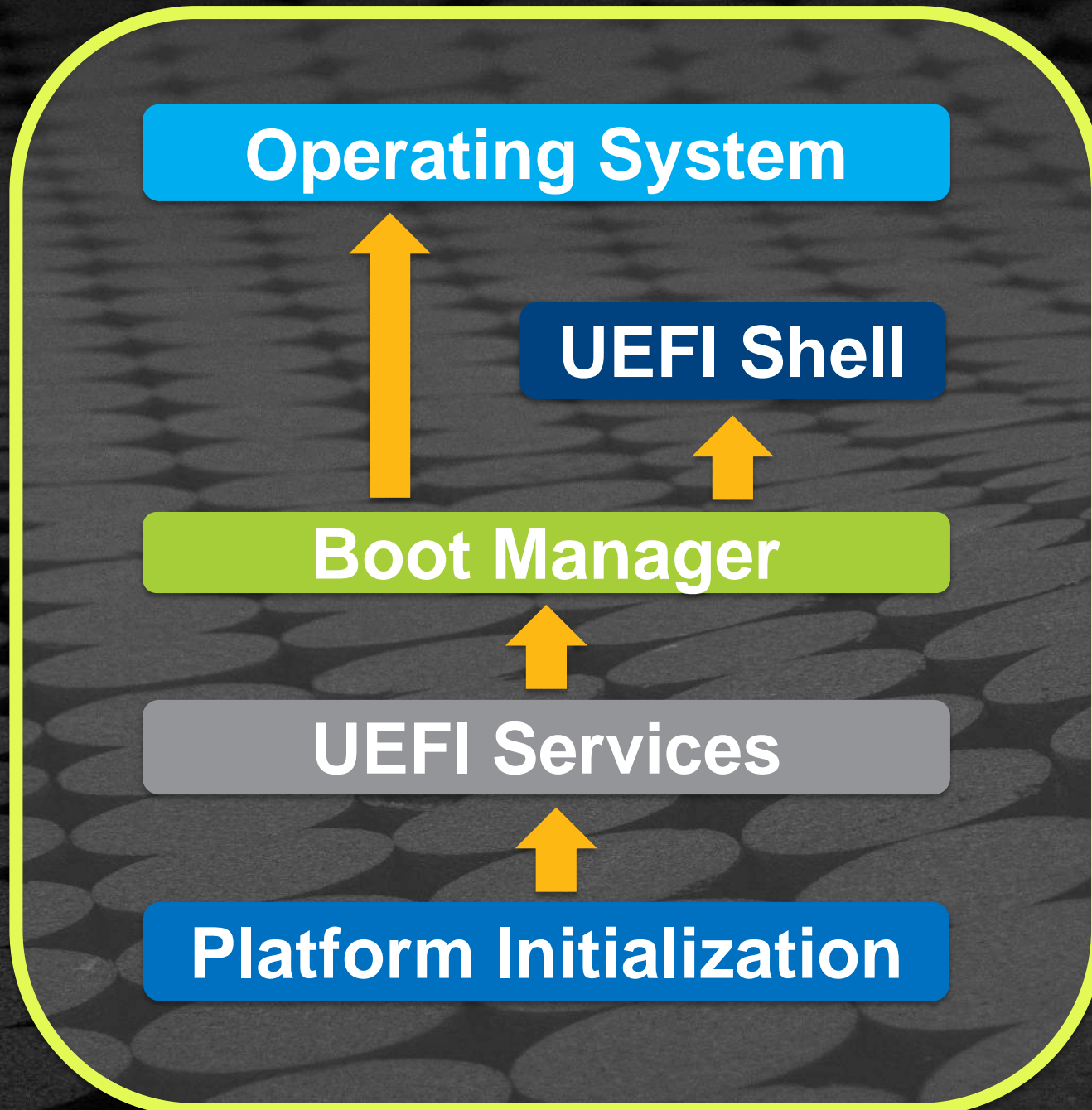


# What is a UEFI Shell?





# What is a UEFI Shell?



*It's an*

**Extensive &  
Standardized  
Pre-OS UEFI  
Application**



# UEFI SHELL SPECIFICATION V. 2.2

<http://www.uefi.org/specsandtesttools>



Unified Extensible Firmware Interface Forum



UEFI Shell v2.0 specification first released 2008 – Latest V2.2 Jan 2016



# UEFI SHELL ELEMENTS

Small Size  
Profiles

Shell  
Commands

New Shell API

Enhanced  
Scripting



# Small Size Profiles



# SMALL SIZE PROFILES

Level / Profile	Commands
Level 0	Shell API <b>Only</b>
Level 1	Basic scripting support
Level 2	File Support, cmds(cd, cp, mv)
Level 3	Adds interactive CLI + Profiles
UEFI Debug Profile	<code>bcfg, comp, dblk, dmem, dmpstore, echo, edit,</code>
UEFI Network Profile	<code>ipconfig, ping</code>
UEFI Driver Profile	<code>drvdiag, openinfo, reconnect, load, unload</code>

Choose the shell that best matches your product needs



# Shell Commands



# help -b

```
attrib -Displays or changes the attributes of files or directories.
cd -Displays or changes the current directory.
cp -Copies one or more source files or directories to a destination.
load -Loads a UEFI driver into memory.
map -Defines a mapping between a user-defined name and a device handle.
mkdir -Creates one or more new directories.
mv -Moves one or more files to a destination within a file system.
parse -Command used to retrieve a value from a particular record which was output in a standard
formatted output.
reset -Resets the system.
set -Displays, changes or deletes a UEFI Shell environment variables.
ls -Lists a directory's contents or file information.
rm -Deletes one or more files or directories.
vol -Displays the volume information for the file system that is specified by fs.
date -Displays and sets the current date for the system.
time -Displays or sets the current time for the system.
timezone -Displays or sets time zone information.
stall -Stalls the operation for a specified number of microseconds.
for -Starts a loop based on for syntax.
goto -moves around the point of execution in a script.
if -Controls which script commands will be executed based on provided conditional expressions.
shift -moves all in-script parameters down 1 number (allows access over 10).
Press ENTER to continue or 'Q' break:
```



# New Shell API



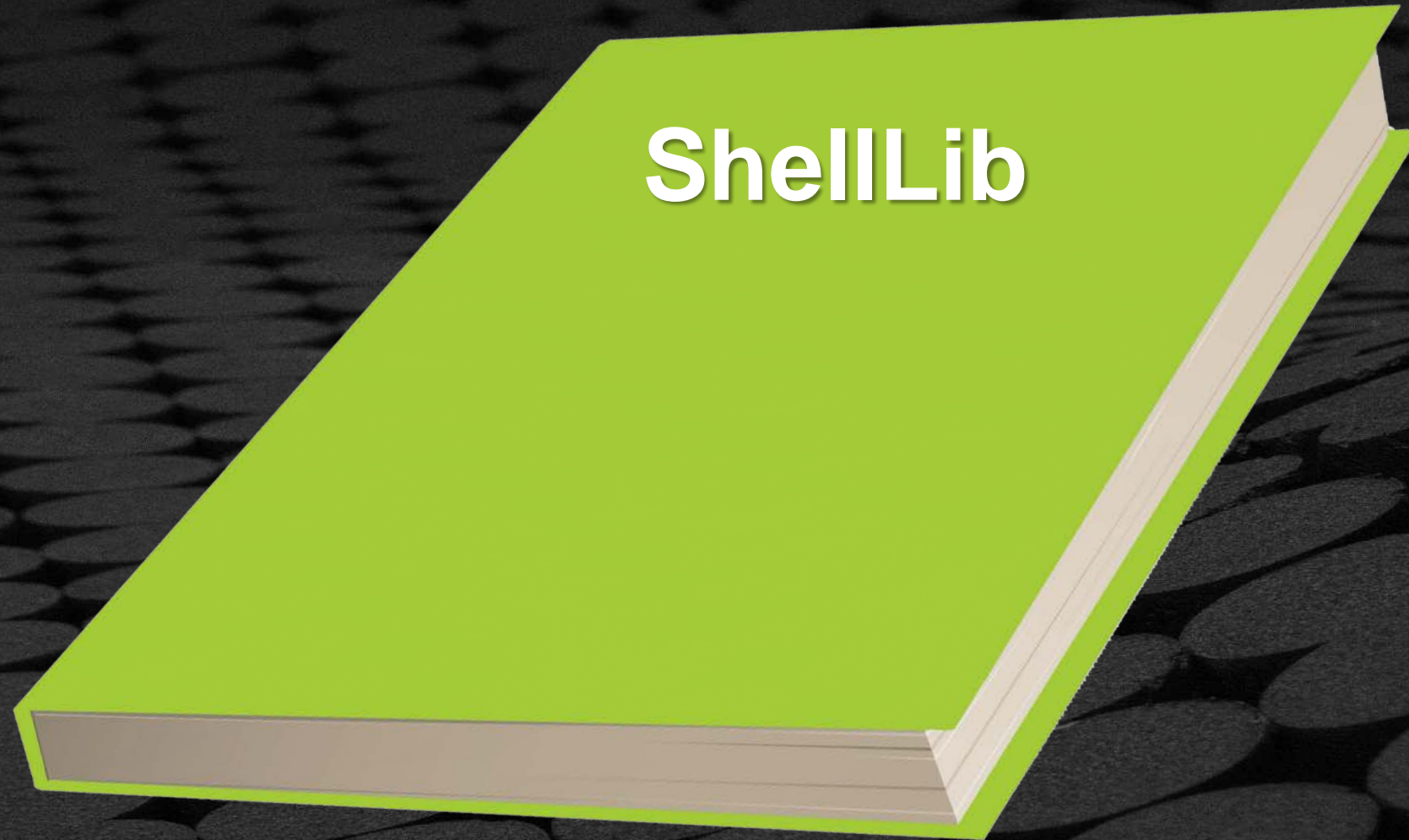
## EFI\_SHELL\_PROTOCOL

Group	Functions
File Manipulation	OpenFileByName(), WriteFile(), etc. . .
Mapping, Alias & Environmental Variables	GetMapFromDevicePath(), GetFilePathFromDevicePath(), etc . . .
Launch Application or Script	Execute(), BatchIsActive(), IsRootShell(),etc
Miscellaneous	GetPageBreak(), EnablePageBreak() ,etc . .

**EFI\_SHELL\_PROTOCOL is installed on each application image handle**

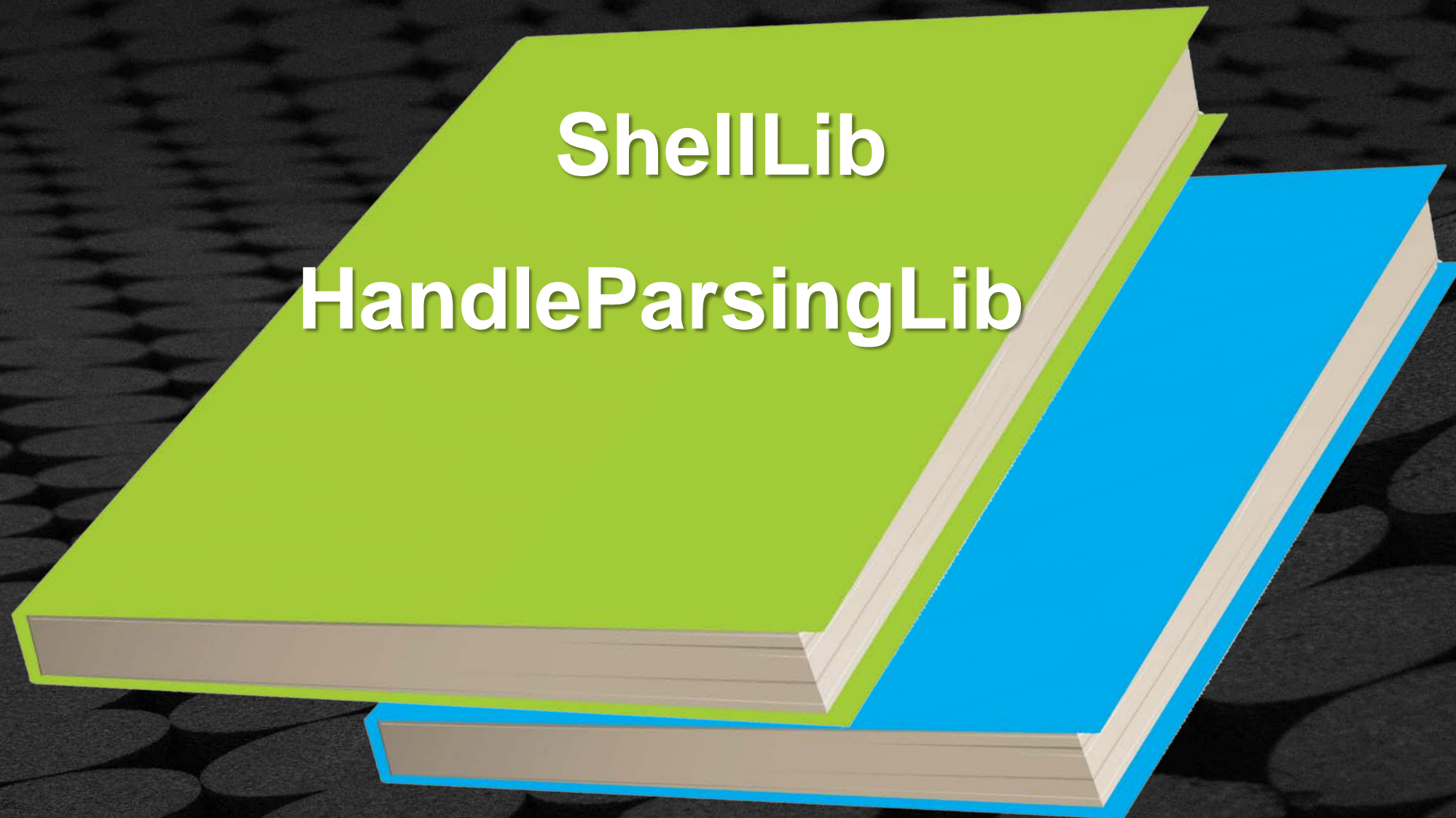


# ShellPkg Main Libraries



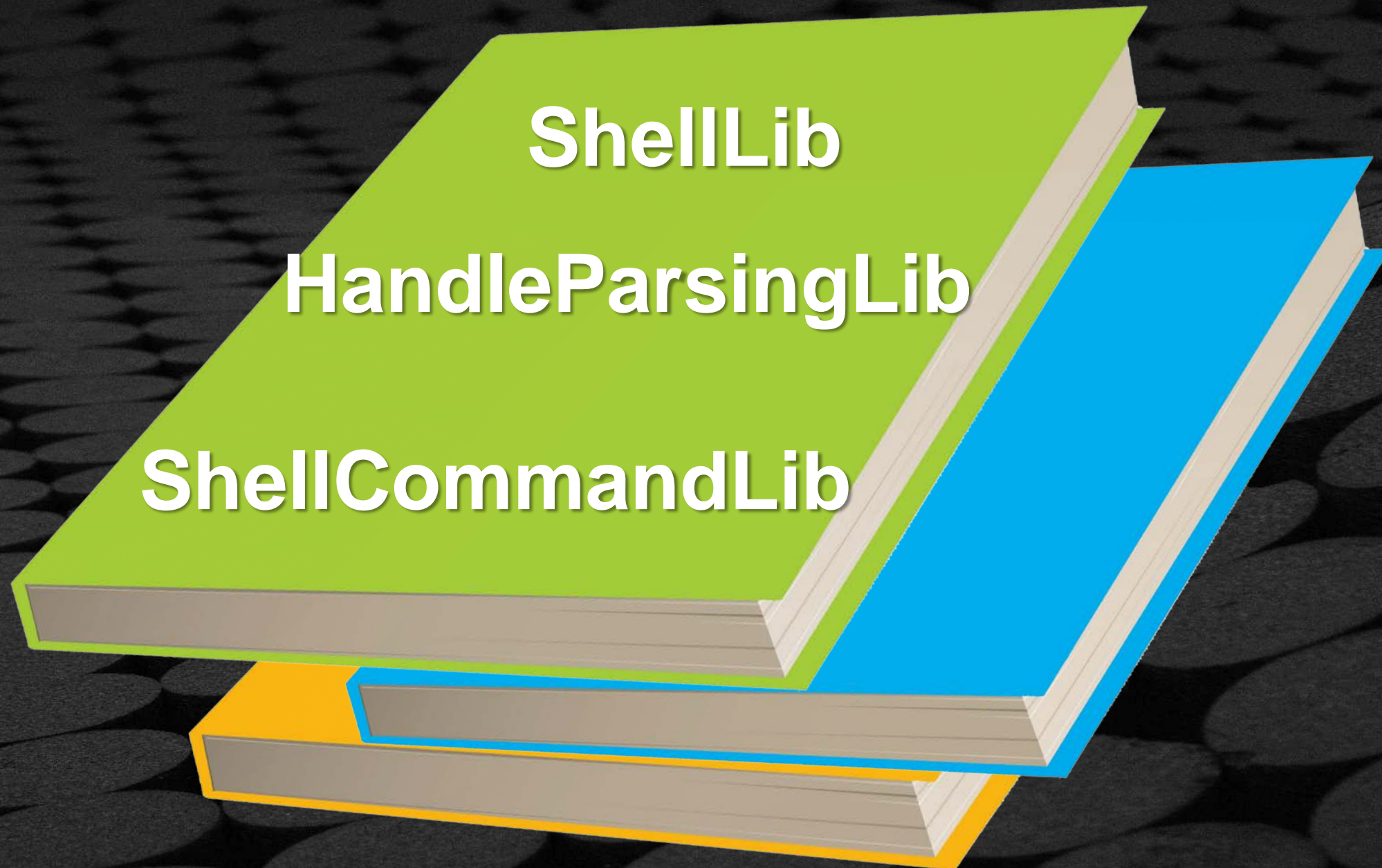


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Supports binary  
portability

Shell protocols

## Shell parameters

```
#Include <Library/ShellLib.h>  
gEfiShellParametersProtocol  
gEfiShellProtocol
```



# Shell Call Example

```
// use UEFI shell 2.x interface
//
if (gEfiShellParametersProtocol != NULL) {
    Argc = gEfiShellParametersProtocol->Argc;
    Argv = gEfiShellParametersProtocol->Argv;
//Create the file with Argv[1] with
//          read/write/create
    Status = gEfiShellProtocol->OpenFileByName
        (Argv[1], &Handle,
         EFI_FILE_MODE_READ |
         EFI_FILE_MODE_WRITE |
         EFI_FILE_MODE_CREATE);

// . . .
// Write the buffer data to the file
    Status = gEfiShellProtocol->WriteFile( Handle,
        (UINTN *)&BufferSize, (void *)Buffer);
```



# Enhanced Scripting



# Enhanced Scripting

- Contains .nsh extension
- “Startup.nsh” Runs first
- Supports:
  - ✓ Command-line arguments
  - ✓ Standard script commands
  - ✓ Input & output redirection & pipes



# Shell Scripts (Benefits)



Perform basic flow control

Allows branching/looping



Users can control input, output and script nesting



# Script that Detects Shell Capabilities

```
# check if Shell supports level 3 commands
```

```
# Exit on error
```

```
if %uefishellsupport% ult 3 then
```

```
    echo Must support UEFI Shell, Level 3
```

```
    exit /b 2
```

```
endif
```

```
# check that Shell supports Debug1 profile.
```

```
if profiles(Debug1)then
```

```
    echo UEFI Shell supports Debug1 profile
```

```
endif
```



# UEFI Shell Script Example

## Script1.nsh

```
# Simple UEFI Shell script file
echo -off
script2.nsh
if exist %cwd%Mytime.log then
    type Mytime.log
endif
echo "%HThank you." "%VByeBye:) %N"
```

## Script2.nsh

```
# Show nested scripts
time > Mytime.log
for %a run (3 1 -1)
    echo %a counting down
endfor
```



# Documentation for EDK II ShellPkg



Documentation Link:

[wiki Shell Package](#)

## Getting the Shell 2.0

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This provides a shell application, a set of NULL-named libraries that provide configurable command sets, and libraries for creating more Shell applications and shell commands. See the [ReadMe](#) for more info.

## Source Repository

### ShellPkg

This provides source code for the shell applications.

## Binary Repository

### ShellBinPkg

This provides the binary shell applications. There are a few versions for different usage models. See the [ReadMe](#) for more info.

## Shell 2.0 Engineering Resources

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- [Shell Execution Requirements](#)
- [Shell Library Primer](#)
- [Creating a Shell Application](#)
- [Porting an EDK Shell Extension](#)
- [Move a Shell Application to internal command](#)
- [Shell FAQ](#)



# UEFI Shell 2.2 Vs. EFI Shell 1.0

- **UEFI Shell 2.x** - EFI\_SHELL\_PARAMETERS\_PROTOCOL
- **EFI Shell 1.0** - EFI\_SHELL\_INTERFACE

```
//  
#include <Protocol/EfiShellInterface.h> //GUID protocol for EFI Shell 1.0  
#include <Protocol/ShellParameters.h> //GUID protocol for UEFI Shell 2.x  
  
// . . .  
  
EFI_SHELL_PARAMETERS_PROTOCOL *mEfiShellParametersProtocol;  
EFI_SHELL_INTERFACE *mEfiShellInterface;  
//
```

See example C file: [MyShellApp.c](#)

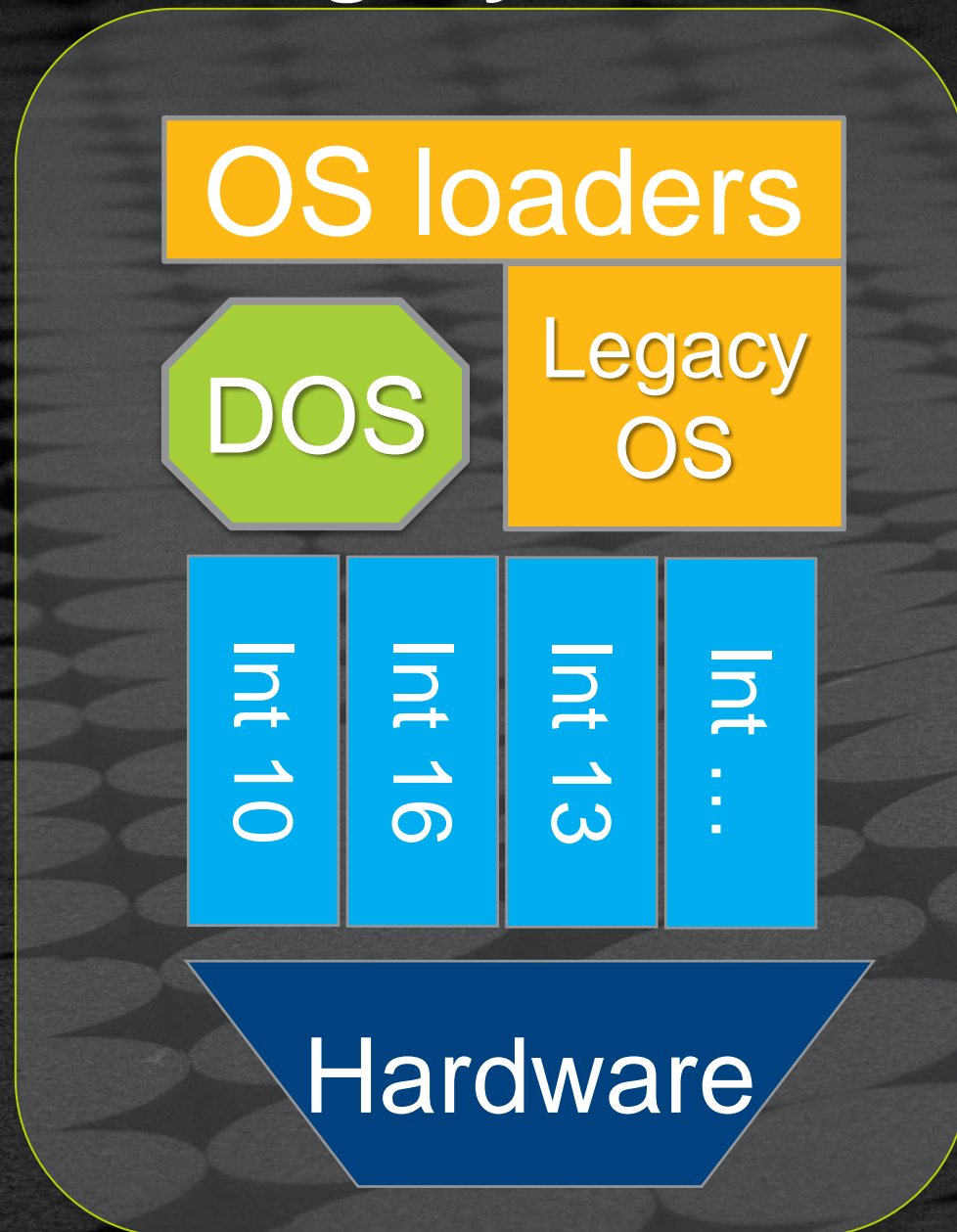


```
//Check for UEFI Shell 2.x
{
    Status = gBS->OpenProtocol(ImageHandle,
                               gEfiShellParametersProtocolGuid,
                               VOID **)&mEfiShellParametersProtocol,
                               ImageHandle,
                               NULL,
                               EFI_OPEN_PROTOCOL_GET_PROTOCOL);
    if (!EFI_ERROR(Status)) {
        //
        // use UEFI Shell 2.x Parameter Protocol
        //
        {
            Argc = mEfiShellParametersProtocol->Argc;
            Argv = mEfiShellParametersProtocol->Argv;
        }
        {
            // Check if EFI shell 1.0 interface
        }
    }
}
```

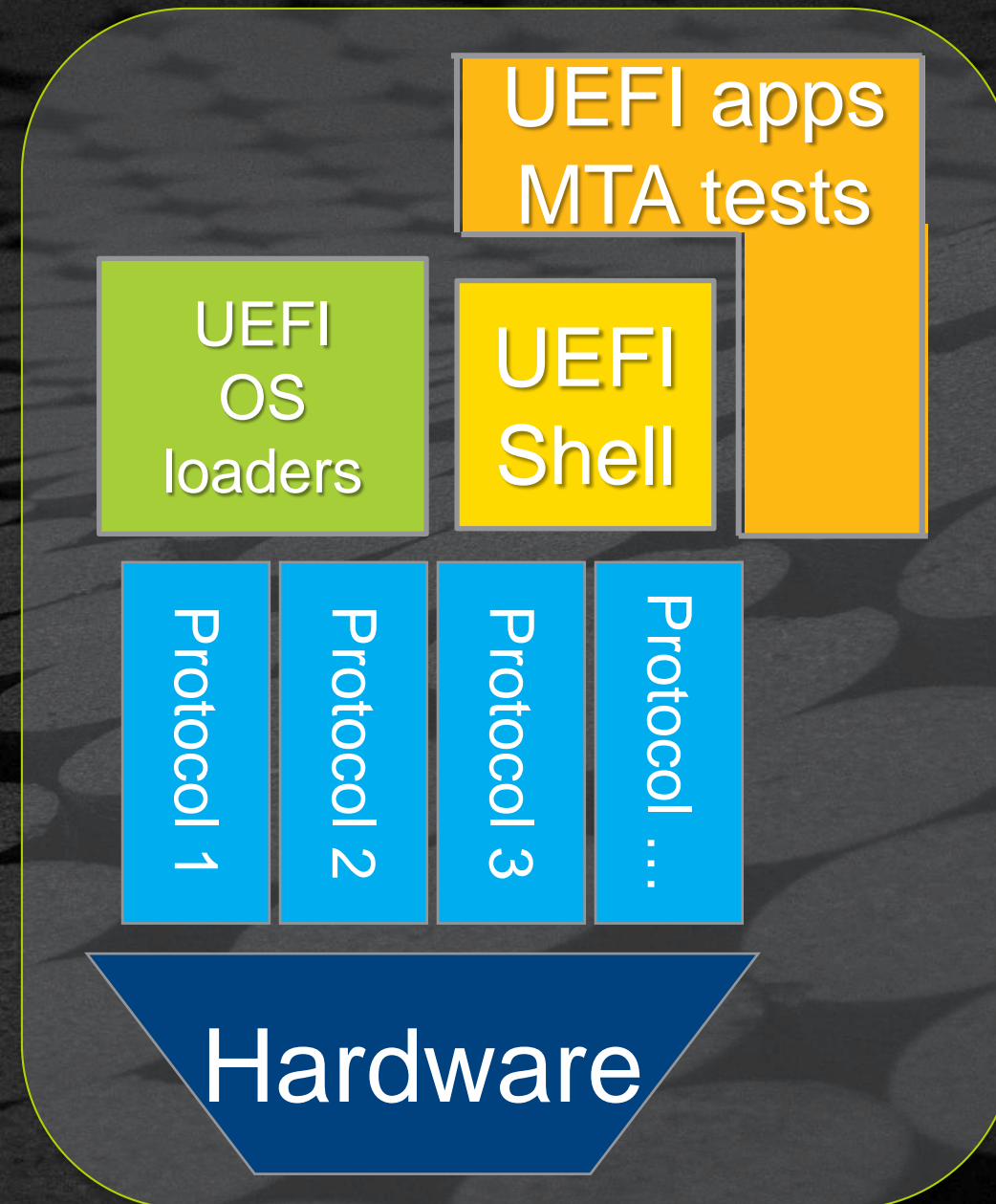


# LEGACY VS. UEFI

## Legacy BIOS



## UEFI







Execute preboot programs

Move files between devices

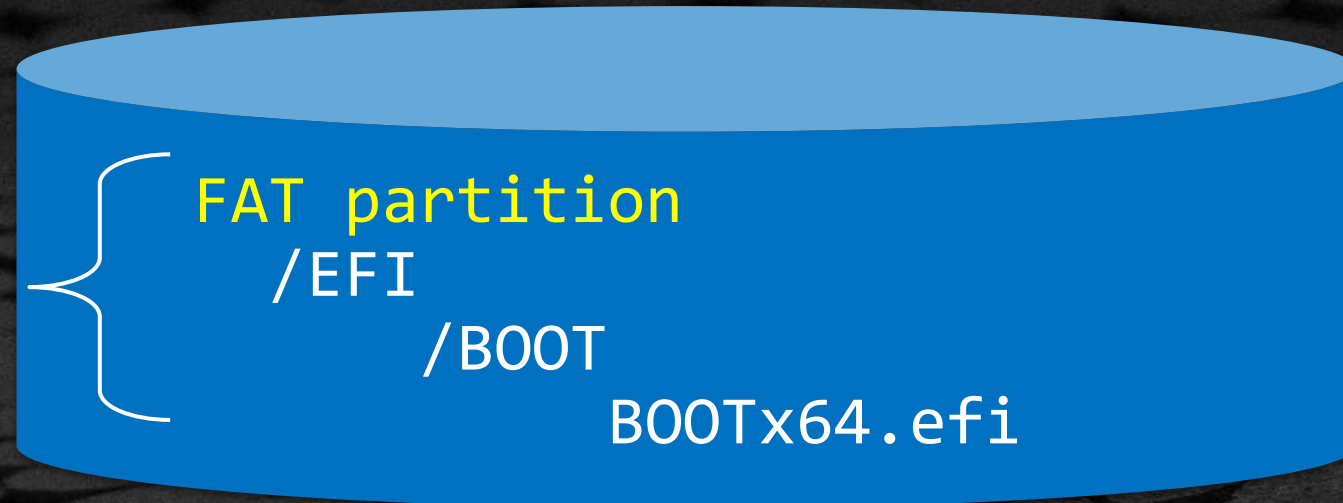


Load a preboot UEFI driver (.efi)

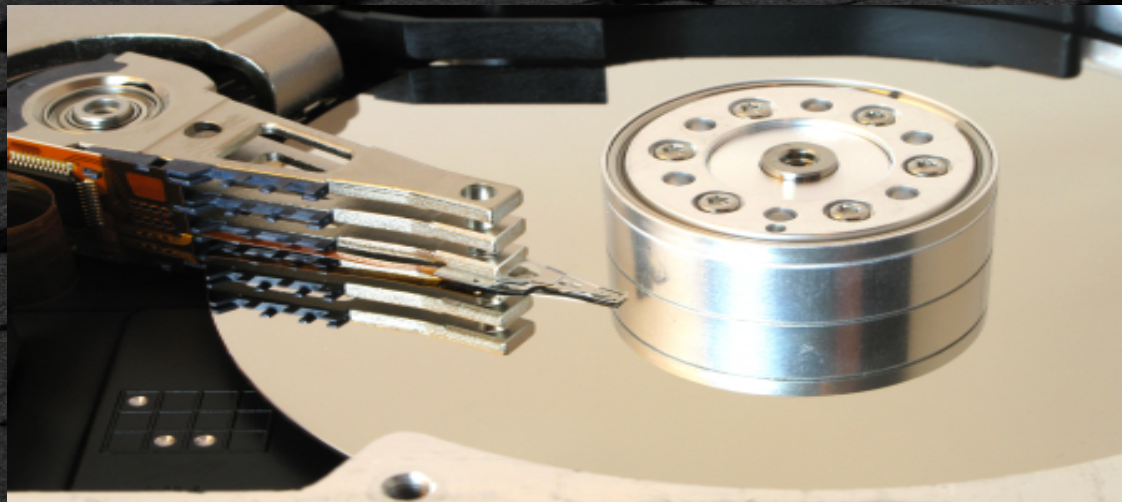


# ACCESSING THE SHELL

/EFI/boot/BOOTx64.efi



**BOOTx64.efi = OS loader, UEFI application, or UEFI Shell**





# UEFI File System & Device Path

```
Shell> map
```

```
Device mapping table
```

```
fs0 : Acpi(PNP0A03,1)/Pci(1F|0)/Pci(2|0)/Scsi(Pun0,Lun0)/  
HD(Part1,Sig8983DFE0-F474-01C2-507B-9E5F8078F531)
```

```
blk0 : Acpi(PNP0A03,0)/Pci(1F|1)/Ata(Primary,Slave)
```

```
blk1 : Acpi(PNP0A03,0)/Pci(1F|1)/Ata(Primary,Master)
```

```
blk2 : Acpi(PNP0A03,1)/Pci(1F|0)/Pci(2|0)/Scsi(Pun0,Lun0)
```

```
blk3 : Acpi(PNP0A03,1)/Pci(1F|0)/Pci(2|0)/Scsi(Pun0,Lun0)/  
HD(Part1,Sig8983DFE0-F474-01C2-507B-9E5F8078F531)
```

```
blk4 : Acpi(PNP0A03,1)/Pci(1F|0)/Pci(2|0)/Scsi(Pun0,Lun0)/  
HD(Part2,Sig898D07A0-F474-01C2-F1B3-12714F758821)
```

```
blk5 : Acpi(PNP0A03,1)/Pci(1F|0)/Pci(2|0)/Scsi(Pun0,Lun0)/  
HD(Part3,Sig89919B80-F474-01C2-D931-F8428177D974)
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EFI Variable `BOOT0000` == *Some Device Path*



# SUMMARY

- ✿ Explain UEFI, the shell, and how they work together
- ✿ Define the shell components
- ✿ Use the shell API in a UEFI application
- ✿ UEFI Shell command Library
- ✿ UEFI Shell scripts



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