

UEFI & EDK II TRAINING

UEFI SHELL APPLICATION

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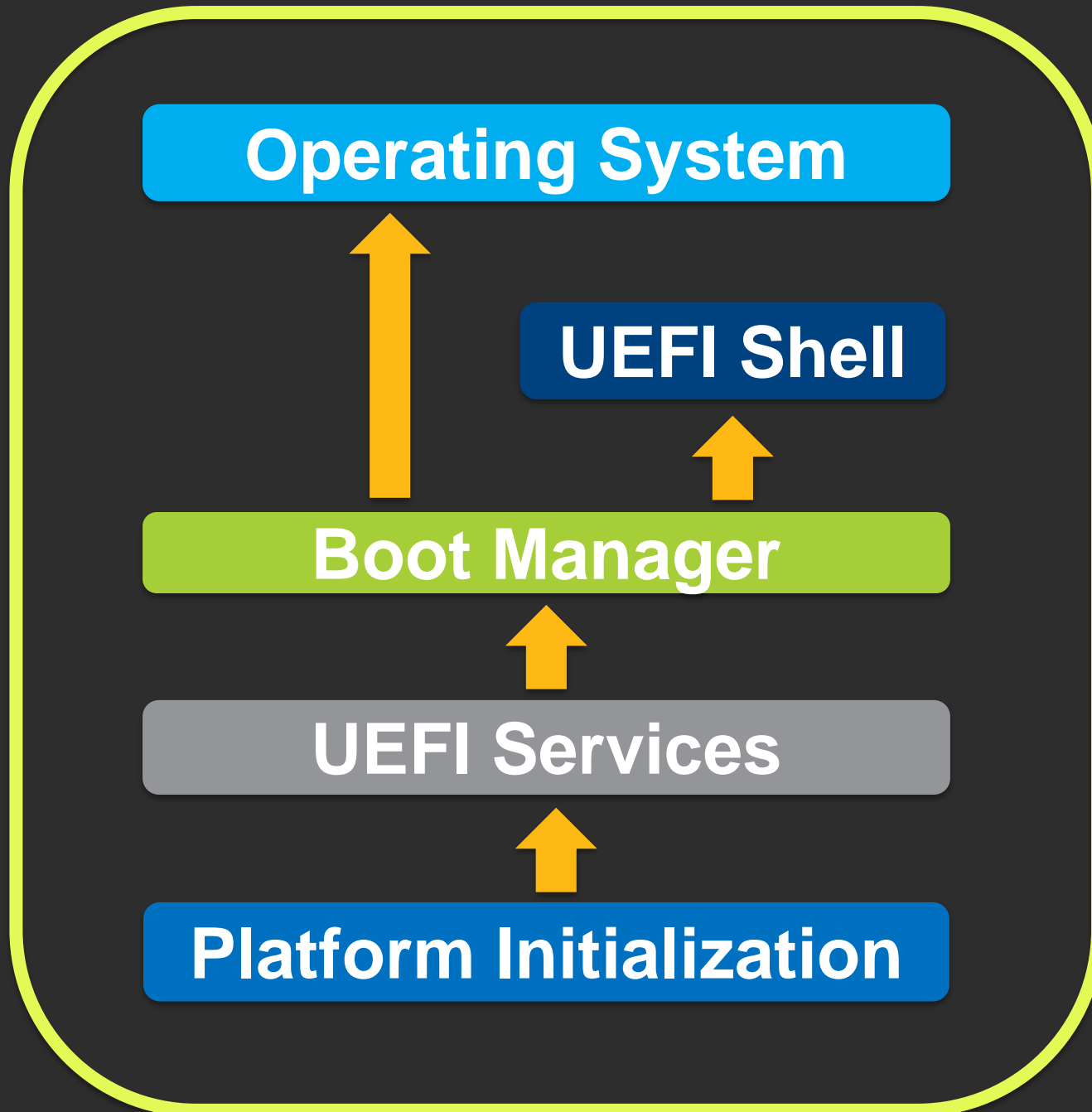
LESSON OBJECTIVE

- ★ 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?



It's an

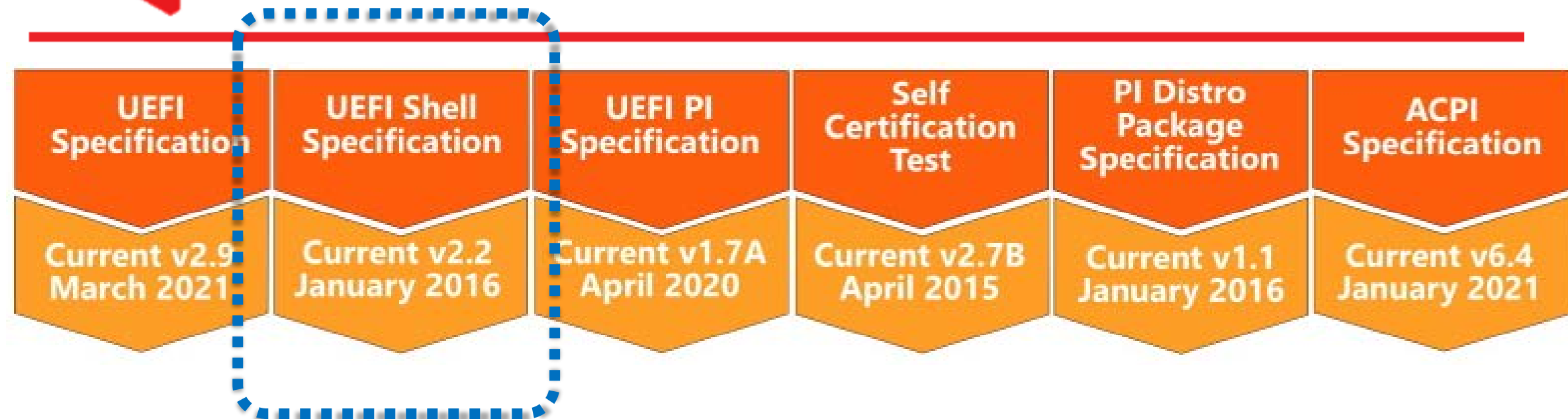
**Extensive &
Standardized
Pre-OS UEFI
Application**

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

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:
```

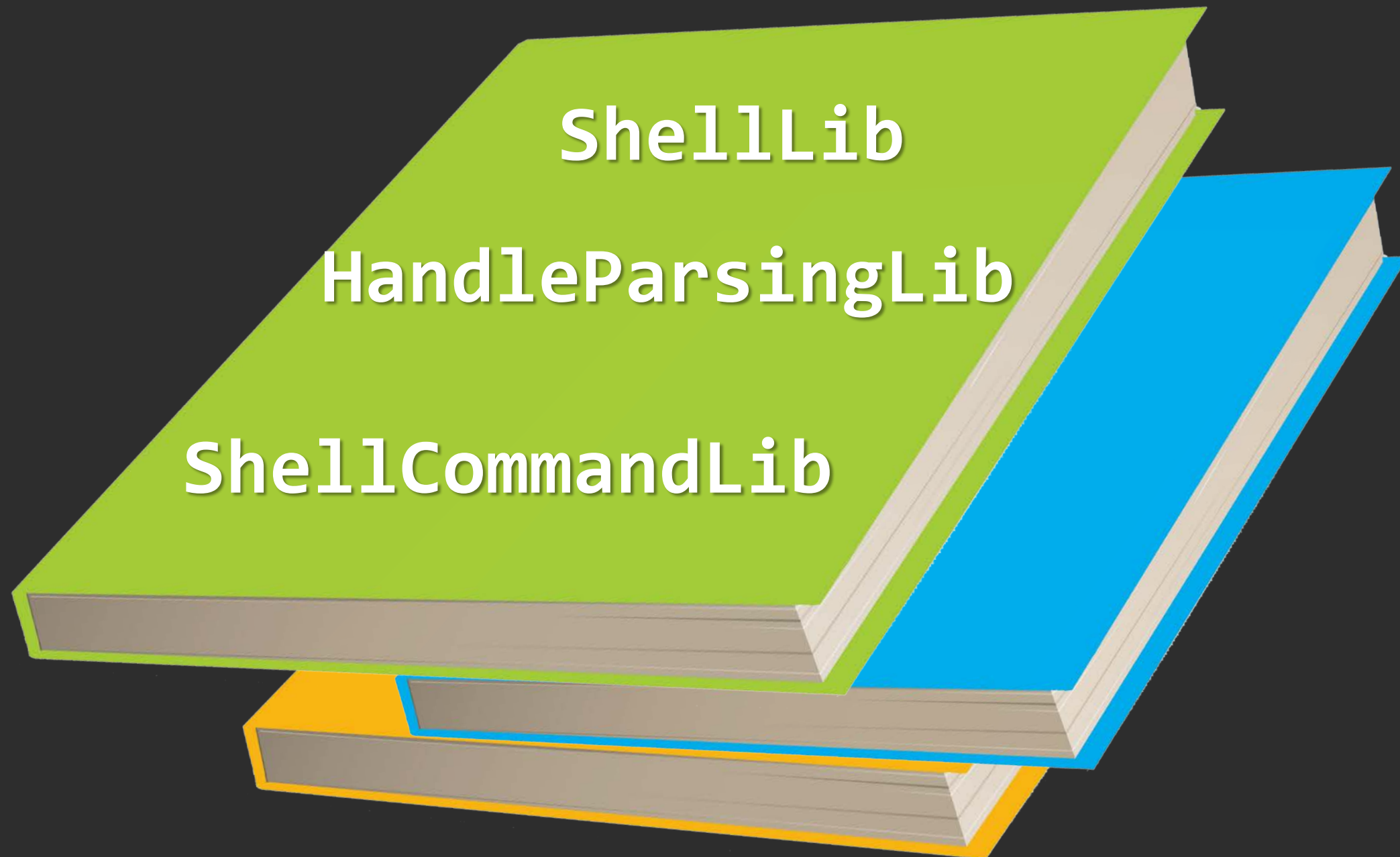
New Shell API

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



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

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

- [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](#)

UEFI Shell 2.x Vs. EFI Shell 1.0

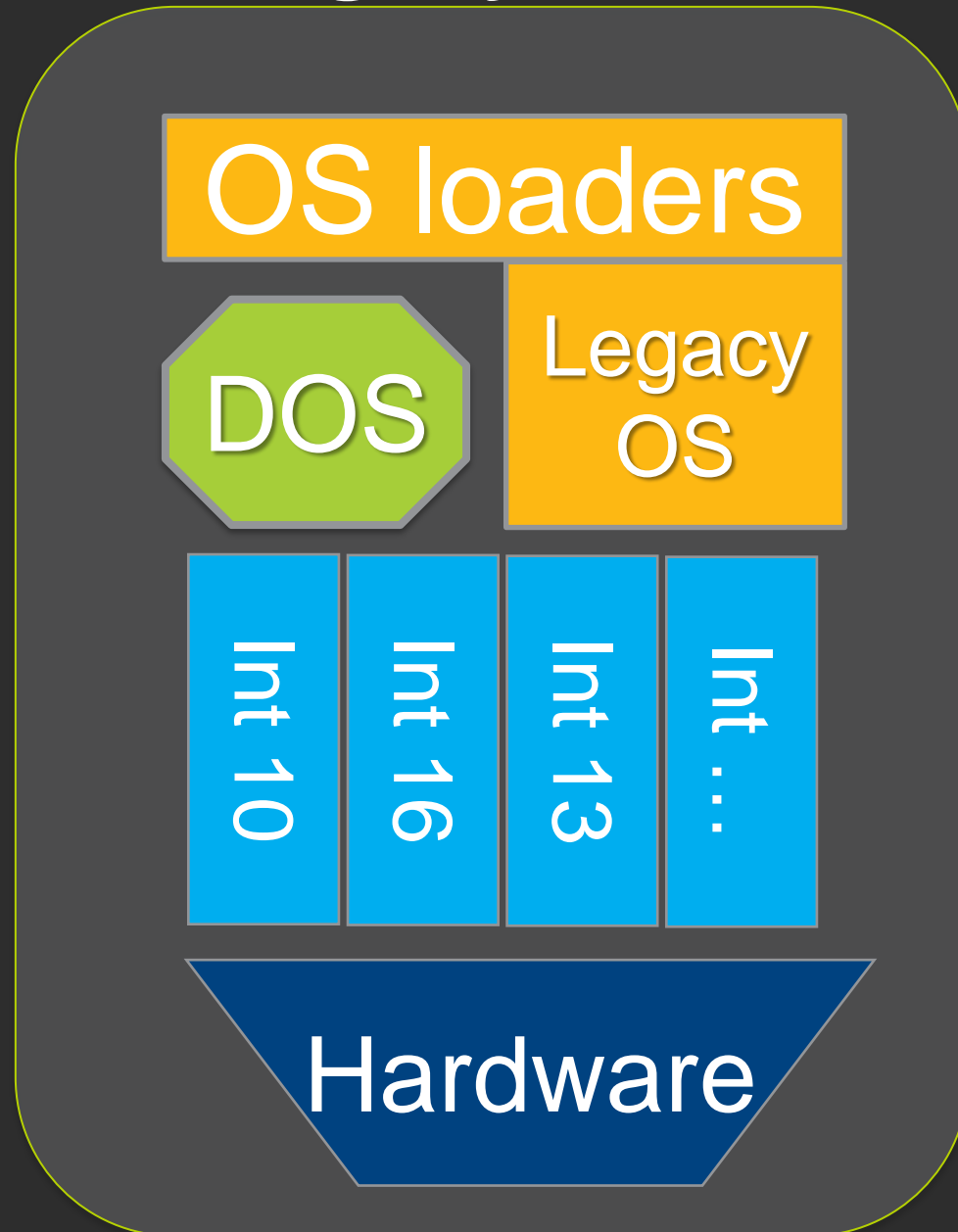
```
...
//Check for UEFI Shell 2.x
    Status = gBS->OpenProtocol(ImageHandle,
                               gEfiShellParametersProtocolGuid,
                               VOID **)&mEfiShellParametersProtocol,
                               ImageHandle,
                               NULL,
                               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
    }
```

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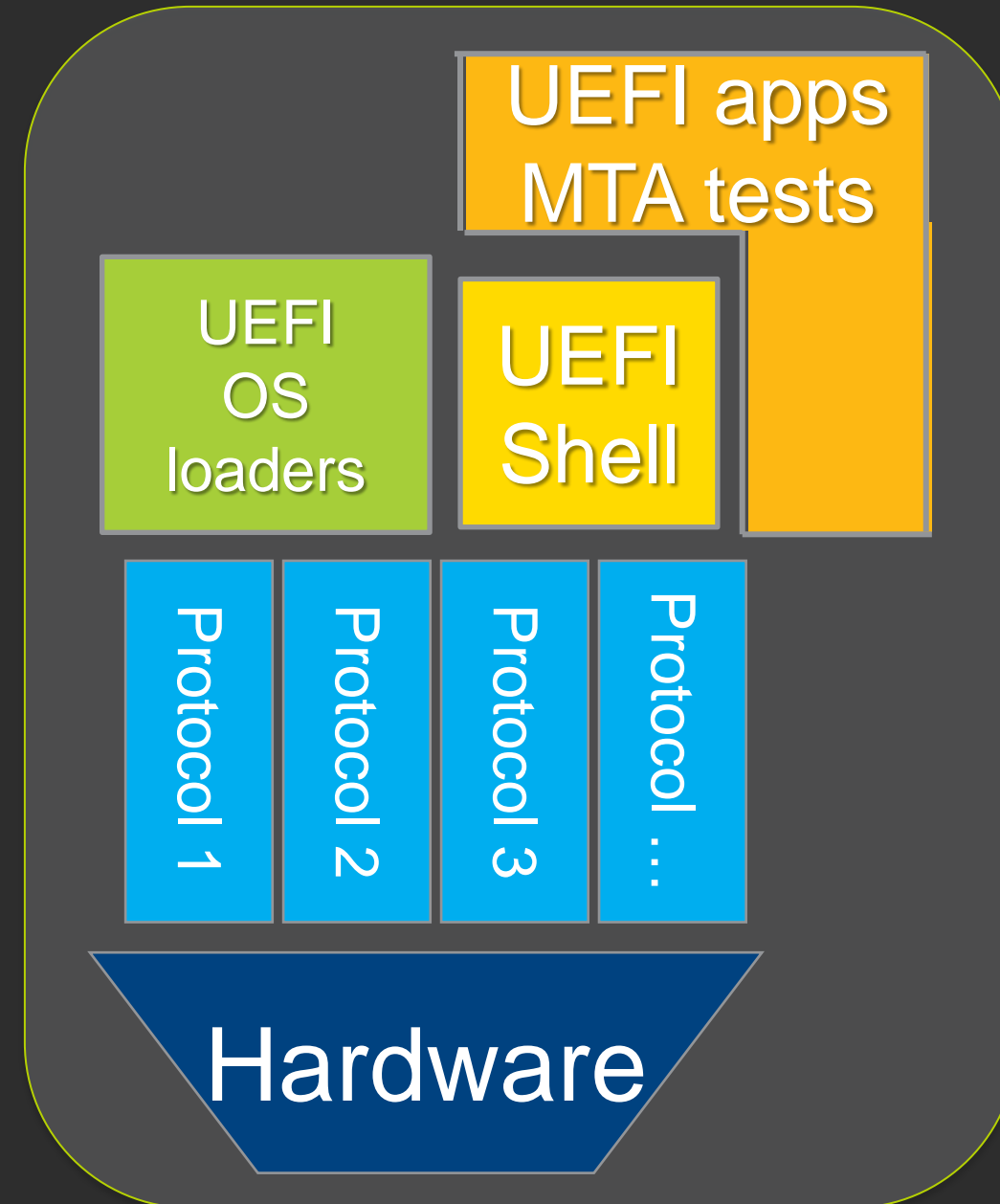


LEGACY VS. UEFI

Legacy BIOS



UEFI



Shell Usage



Execute preboot programs

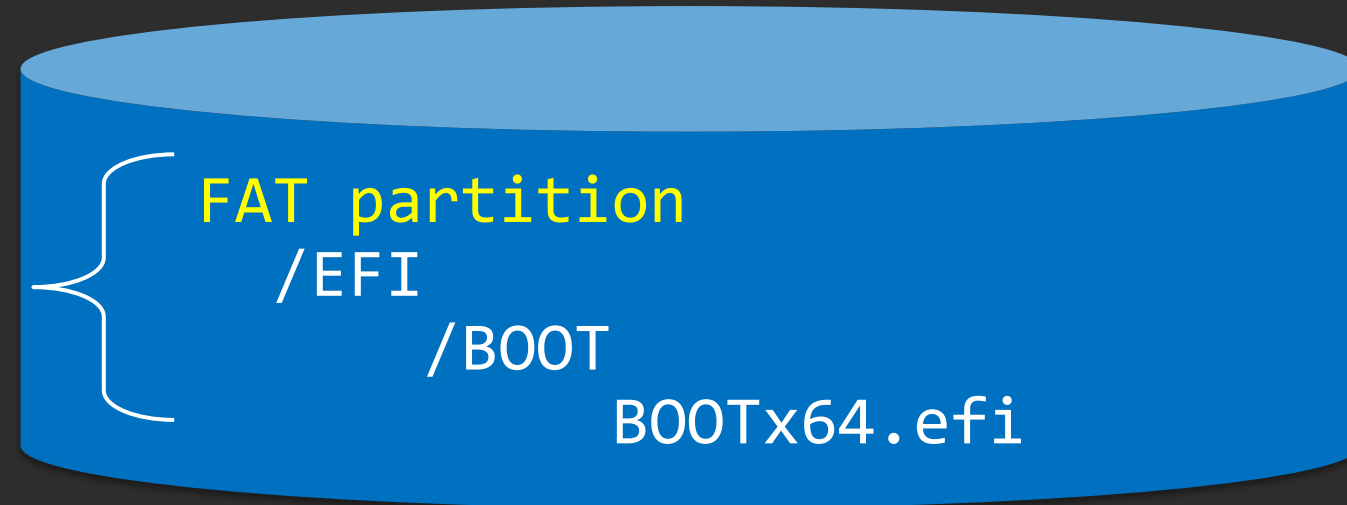
Move files between devices



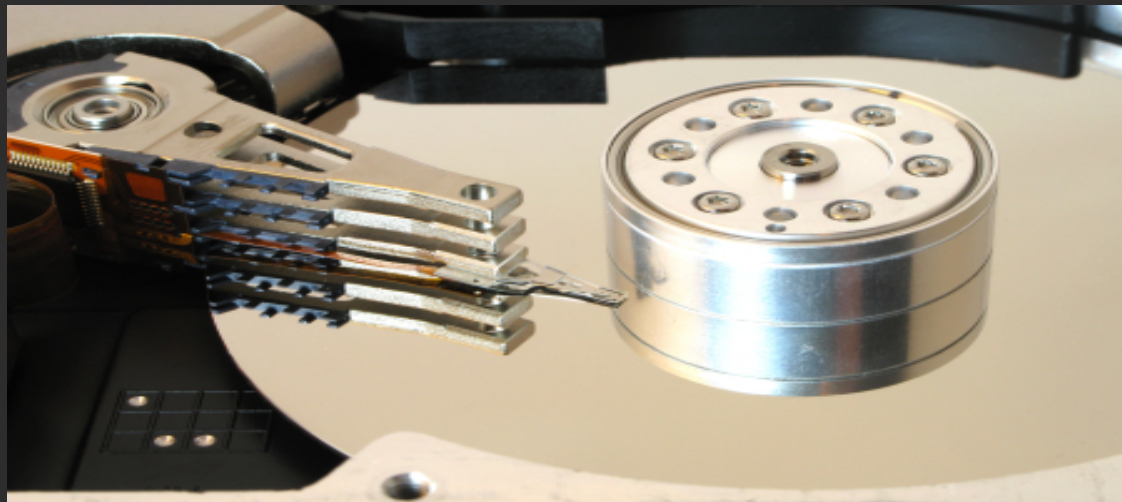
Load a preboot UEFI driver (.efi)

ACCESSING THE SHELL

/EFI/boot/B00Tx64.efi



B00Tx64.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,Secondary)
```

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

```
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)
```

UEFI File System & Device Path

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

- fs0:

- Acpi(PNP0A03,1)

- Pci(1F|0)/Pci(2|0)

- Scsi(Pun0,Lun0)

- HD(Part1,Sig8983DFE0-F474-01C2-507B-9E5F8078F531)

EFI Variable `BOOT0000` == *Some Device Path*

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