Quick Guide



Building Sabrelite Linux SDK Development Environment and System Image



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1 Overview

Sabrelite SDK is a software development environment for Freescale Sabrelite Development Board. This quick guide mainly contains three parts:

- 1) Downloading SDK from Internet
- 2) Compiling SDK on a local PC
- 3) Running system image on Sabrelite

The part includes two methodes by which different SDK packages can be obtained. The first is downloading the exsiting SDK package, the second is building a custom version of SDK online and then downloading it.

2 Downloading SDK Package

2.1 Downloading Exsiting Pakcage

Pleae following the steps listed blow to download a dedault Freescale SDK from http://www.timesys.com/.

Access thehomepage of http://www.timesys.com/ and click User LinuxLink FREE Register now (the button marked with a red arrow in the figure shown below) on the right;



Figure 2-1 Timesys Website Homepage

2) Enter the information required on registration page;

- Contact Info	
First Name *	
Last Name *	
Title *	Select
Phone *	
Company *	
Country *	Select
Referred by 🕚	Web
Referring person / Company	
— Login Info	
Email Address Why should I provide a valid email address?	
Password *	
Enter Password Again *	
Agree to Terms of Service	
— Your Board/Processor Info —	
Board you want to assemble Linux for * Please contact us if you do not find the board you are looking for	Select 💌
Processor of Interest *	Select
Get Access Now!	

Figure 2-2 Timesys Registration Page

The items marked with "*" and the email address are required for registration. The table shown below contains brief decriptions of these items.

Table 2-1 Registration Information

Items	Descriptions
First Name	Enter your first name
Last Name	Enter your last name

Items	Descriptions
Title	Select a job title
Phone	Enter your phone number
Comany	Enter your company name
Country	Enter your county's name
Password	Enter a login password
Enter Password Again	Enter login password again
Agree to Terms of Service	Check it to agree the terms
Board you want to assemble Linux for	Select the name of your development board, which would be Freescale i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite here.
Processor of Interest	Select the name of the CPU, which would be Freescale i.MX6 here.

After all the required informtion are entered, click **Get Access Now** at the bottom of the page to finish registration, and then click **Login to LinuxLink** on the top-right of the page to login with your email address and password you previously entered.

 Click **Download BSP/SDK** (marked with a red arrow as shown below) in the navigation bar of the page;

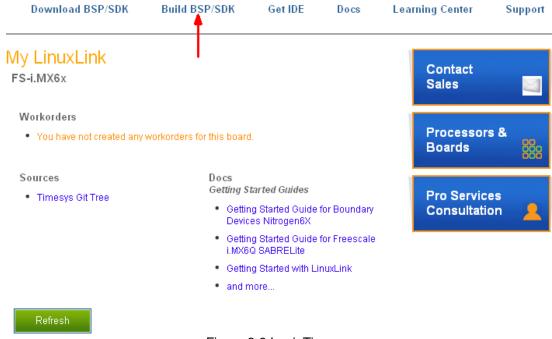


Figure 2-3 LoginTimesys

Click i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite Small Footprint (marked with a red arrow as shown below) in the following page;

Download BSP/SDK FS-i.MX6x Customized Builds . There are no builds Pre Built Starting Points Freescale i.MX6 Boundary Devices Nitrogen6X · Nitrogen6X Video and Graphics Demo Freescale i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite Small Footprint

Contact Sales Processors & **Boards** Pro Services Consultation

Figure 2-4 Download Page

Click the link (marked with a red arrow as shown below) next to **Download SDK installer** to download SDK pakcage;

Downloads for Freescale i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite

This page lists the SDK installer which includes the Board Support Package (BSP) files for booting your board and setting up your host with tools for application development, and the Desktop Factory installer.

Build Summary

To view the kernel, toolchain, host tools and package versions included in the SDK, click on the build summary.

View Buld Summary Build Summary

Boot your board or setup your application development host

To boot your board and/or setup your development machine, download the SDK installer that includes the custom BSP: bootloader, kernel, toolchain and root filesystem (RFS). Install the SDK by making the installer executable and then running the installer

Download SDK installer i.MX6QSABRELite-development-environment.sh (md5) 213416 KB Set executable permissions chmod +x i.MX6QSABRELite-development-environment.sh Run the installer ./i.MX6QSABRELite-development-environment.sh

After you have installed the SDK, refer to the Getting Started Guide, in order to setup your host and boot the board.

Read Getting Started Guide Read Getting Started Guide for Freescale i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite Figure 2-5 Download SDK Package

Note:

The SDK package downloaded above only includes file system image, but not the tools and u-boot source code. You can display their download links by clicking View All Files at the bottom of the page.

2.2 Making a Custom SDK Online

Please follow the steps listed in this section to make a custom SDK on http://www.timesys.com/;

1) Accesss and login http://www.timesys.com/, and then click **Build BSP/SDK** in the navigation bar to enter project creation page as shown below;



Click **Create a Project** in the above page;

2) Enter information such as **Name** and **Description** in the following page and select **Freescale** i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite in the Board drop-down menu;

Create a Project



Figure 2-7 Enter Project information

Then click Create Project at the bottom of the page;

3) Click Create a Workorder in the following page;

Create a Workorder, Copy or Edit an Existing Workorder:

Project: Embest Board: i.MX6QSABRELite

Cancel

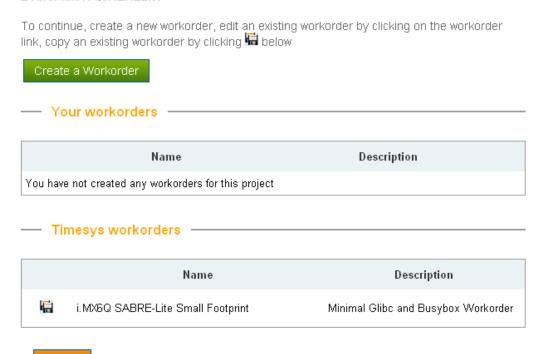


Figure 2-8 Create a Workorder

4) Enter the name of new workorder in the following page and click **Next**;

Create a Workorder for:

Project: Embest

Board: Freescale i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite

Workorder: New Workorder



5) Select kernel version in the following page and click **Next**;

Select Kernel for:

Project: Embest

Board: Freescale i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite

Workorder: New Workorder



Figure 2-10 Select Kernel Version

6) Select a toolchain you need in the following page. The option **glibc Recommended** is recommended. Click **Next**;

Select Toolchain for:

Project: Embest

Board: Freescale i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite Workorder: New Workorder

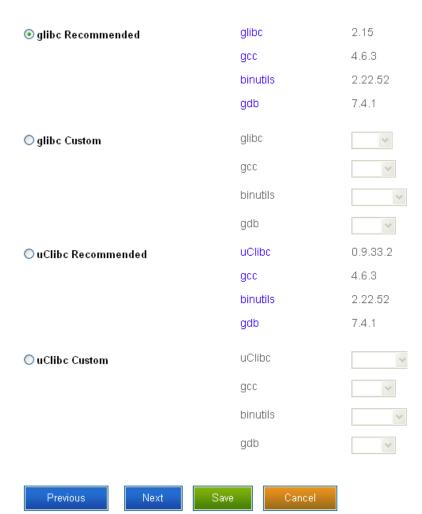


Figure 2-11 Select Toolchain

7) Select software package in the table of the following page;

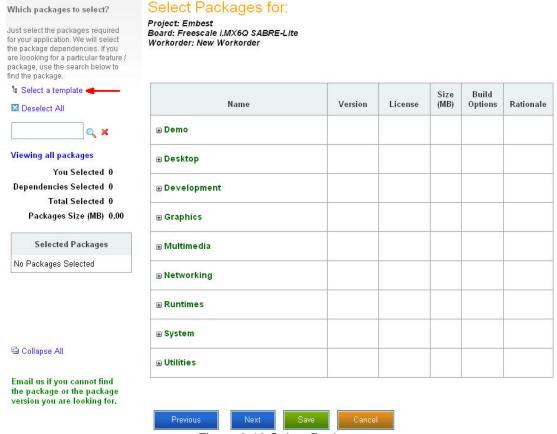


Figure 2-12 Select Package

Choosing a template in the **Select a template** drop-down menu in the left of the page can help you complete the selection of a bulk of functions with a single click, for example, you may select Busybox Init, Systemv Init and X Windows GUI for different packages;

Click **Next** at the bottom of the page;

Note: The default SDK requires **Busybox Init** to be selected. Additionally, the options fluidlauncher, qt-about-timesys, timesys-theatre-1080p and nitrogen6x-addons-tslib under **Demo** in the table and fsl-mm-aacpdec-codeclib, fsl-codec-full and libfslcodec under **Multimedia** are required as well.

8) Keep the default options unchanged in the following page and click Next;

Select Build Options for:

Project: Embest Board: Freescale i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite Workorder: New Workorder Include native toolchain in the RFS? Include Kernel in RFS? RFS Image Format Tar Archive OJFFS2 Cramfs Squashfs Initramfs RFS Size Optimization Strip all libraries and binaries in the RFS Remove Man Pages ✓ Remove Info pages Remove i18n, locale, and zoneinfo databases Remove the /usr/doc and /usr/share/doc directories Remove /usr/include directory Remove all static files

Application Output Format

O Deb
ORPM
O Binary Tarball

O IPKG

None



9) Click **Next** in the following page;

Advice for:

Project: Embest

Board: Freescale i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite

Workorder: New Workorder

Core Recommendations

 Busybox or the combination of bash and sysvinit are typically needed to produce a bootable platform. Timesys recommends busybox. Would you like to select busybox?



Figure 2-14 Click Next

10) In the Workorker Summary page as shown below, all the contents of SDK can be modified; You can click Save at the bottom of the page to save the project, or click Build to start building custom SDK pakcage; The building process may last for a while before it is finished and a notification email is sent to your email box by the website.



Figure 2-15 Saving and Building SDK

11) After you receive the notification, please login www.timesys.com and click **Download** BSP/SDK in the navigation bar to enter the page as shown below;

Download BSP/SDK

FS-i.MX6x

Customized Builds

Name	Board	Build Date	Status	Actions
New Workorder	Freescale i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite	2013-01-23	Good	J

Pre Built Starting Points

Freescale i.MX6 Boundary Devices Nitrogen6X

Nitrogen6X Video and Graphics Demo

Freescale i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite

i.MX6Q SABRE-Lite Small Footprint



Figure 2-16 Completed SDK

Click \$\bullet\$ to enter the next page;

12) Click the link next to **Download SDK installer** to download the custom SDK package (marked with a red arrow);

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Set executable permissions chmod +x i.MX6QSABRELite-development-environment.sh
Run the installer ./i.MX6QSABRELite-development-environment.sh

After you have installed the SDK, refer to the Getting Started Guide, in order to setup your host and boot the board.

Read Getting Started Guide Read Getting Started Guide for Freescale i.MXBQ SABRE-Lite

Figure 2-17 Downloading Custom SDK

3 Compiling SDK on PC

3.1 Installing SDK

 Put the downloaded SDK package i.MX6QSABRELite-development-environment.sh under /workof user directory, and then install the package under Bash Shell environment of Linux system;

yanglsh@TIOP:~/work\$ chmod a+x i.MX6QSABRELite-development-environment.sh yanglsh@TIOP:~/work\$./i.MX6QSABRELite-development-environment.sh

Note: The words in bold are the instructions need to be entered.

During the installation process, you need to press SPACE key on your PC's keyboard for many times and then type **Y** in the last stage to confirm the installation. The default installation directory is **\$HOME/timesys**;

2) The following instructions can be used to view the SDK files which have been installed in the systetm;

yanglsh@TIOP:~/work\$ cd \$HOME/timesys
yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys\$ Is -I i_MX6QSABRELite/
total 3684
drwxr-xr-x 2 yanglsh yanglsh 4096 2012-12-17 03:58 bootloader
drwxr-xr-x 3 yanglsh yanglsh 4096 2012-12-17 04:41 kernel-source
drwxr-xr-x 2 yanglsh yanglsh 4096 2013-01-10 15:34 rfs
drwxr-xr-x 12 yanglsh yanglsh 4096 2013-01-10 15:34 toolchain
-rw-r--r-- 1 yanglsh yanglsh 3750792 2013-01-10 15:34 ulmage-3.0-ts-armv7l

A precompiled u-boot can be found under **bootloader** directory; The recompiled Linux kernel is named ulmage-3.0-ts-armv7l;

3) Now enter the following instruction to put the path of cross compiler into the path list.

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys\$ export PATH=\$PATH:\$HOME/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/toolchain/ccache:\$HOME/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/toolchain/bin

3.2 Compiling SDK

3.2.1 Compiling u-boot

Please following the steps listed below to accomplish the compilation of u-boot.

1) Click **View All Files** at the bottom of the page as shown in the above Figure 2-17, and then click **source/** (marked with a red arrow) in the new page as shown below;

factory Embest-1 files:/output (Completed) [Good] Last Modified Size (kb) Name 0 [parent directory] BUILD-SUMMARY.txt (md5) 2013-01-23 13:10:08 3 2013-01-23 13:10:48 0 bootloader/ 2013-01-23 13:10:07 6597 factory.tar.gz (md5) i.MX6QSABRELite-development-environment.sh (md5) 2013-01-23 13:09:05 210065 i.MX6QSABRELite-factory-installer.sh (md5) 2013-01-23 13:10:32 102815 2013-01-23 13:10:33 4 index.html (md5) 2013-01-23 13:12:22 0 packages/ 2013-01-23 13:09:16 6939 rootfs.tar.gz (md5) 2013-01-23 13:11:36 0 sources/ 🔷 2013-01-23 13:09:11 97892 toolchain-final-armv7l-timesys-linux-gnueabi.tgz (md5) toolchain-initial-armv7l-timesys-linux-gnueabi.tgz (md5) 2013-01-23 13:09:16 97884 ulmage-3.0-ts-armv7I (md5) 2013-01-23 13:09:16 3663 2013-01-23 13:09:16 78 workorder (md5)

Figure 2-18 Viewing All Files

2) Click **u/** (marked with a red arrwo) in the following page;

factory Embest-1 files:/output/sources

Name	Last Modified	Size (kb)
[parent directory]		0
b/	2013-01-23 13:11:36	0
c/	2013-01-23 13:11:23	0
device_table	2013-01-23 13:09:19	3
e/	2013-01-23 13:11:15	0
f/	2013-01-23 13:10:53	0
g/	2013-01-23 13:11:35	0
i/	2013-01-23 13:10:53	0
k/	2013-01-23 13:11:15	0
I/	2013-01-23 13:10:52	0
m/	2013-01-23 13:10:54	0
n/	2013-01-23 13:11:14	0
p/	2013-01-23 13:10:52	0
sources.tar.gz	2013-01-23 18:10:00	236815
u/ 	2013-01-23 13:10:51	0
z/	2013-01-23 13:10:53 Figure 2-19 Clicki	

Click u-boot/ (marked with a red arrow) in the following page;

factory Embest-1 files:/output/sources/u

Name	Last Modified	Size (kb)
[parent directory]		0
u-boot/	2013-01-23 13:10:50	0
uboot-scripts-6q/	2013-01-23 13:10:51	0
util-linux/	2013-01-23 13:10:49 Figure 2-20 Clickir	

4) Click **u-boot-2009.08/** (marked with a red arrow) in the following page;



Figure 2-21 Clicking u-boot-2009.08

5) Click **u-boot-2009.08.tar.bz2** and **u-boot-2009.08-imx6-12.09.01-201209111811.patch** in the following page to download them to **\$HOME/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite**;

factory Embest-1 files:/output/sources/u/u-boot/u

Name	Last Modified	Size (kb)
[parent directory]		0
u-boot-2009.08-imx6-12.09.01-201209111811.patch	2013-01-23 13:09:18	8199
u-boot-2009.08.tar.bz2	2013-01-23 13:09:18	8533

Figure 2-22 Downloading u-boot

6) Execute the following instructions to uncompress u-boot and install patch;

```
yanglsh@TIOP:~/work$ cd $HOME/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite
yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite$ tar -xvf u-boot-2009.08.tar.bz2
yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite$ cd u-boot-2009.08/
yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/u-boot-2009.08$ patch -p1 <../u-boot-2009.08-imx6-12.09.01-201209111811.patch
```

7) Execute the following instructions to start compilation;

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/u-boot-2009.08\$ CROSS_COMPILE=armv7I-timesys-linux-gnueabi- distclean	make
yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/u-boot-2009.08\$ CROSS_COMPILE=armv7I-timesys-linux-gnueabi- mx6q_sabrelite_config	make
Configuring for mx6q_sabrelite board	

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/u-boot-2009.08\$ CROSS COMPILE=armv7I-timesys-linux-gnueabi-

make

Generating include/autoconf.mk

Generating include/autoconf.mk.dep

8) Execute the following instruction to copy the software tool **mkimage** to ../toolchain/bin/;

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/u-boot-2009.08\$ tools/mkimage ../toolchain/bin/

ср

3.2.2 Compiling Linux Kernel

Execute the following instructions to compile Linux kernel;

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/u-boot-2009.08\$ cd \$HOME/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/kernel-source/linux-3.0

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/kernel-source/linux-3.0\$ make ARCH=arm distclean

CLEAN

CLEAN arch/arm/kernel

CLEAN drivers/tty/vt

CLEAN drivers/video/logo

CLEAN firmware

CLEAN kernel

CLEAN lib

CLEAN arch/arm/boot/compressed

CLEAN arch/arm/boot

CLEAN .tmp_versions

CLEAN vmlinux System.map .tmp_kallsyms1.o .tmp_kallsyms1.S .tmp_kallsyms2.o .tmp_kallsyms2.S .tmp_vmlinux1 .tmp_vmlinux2 .tmp_System.map

CLEAN scripts/basic

CLEAN scripts/genksyms

CLEAN scripts/kconfig

CLEAN scripts/mod

CLEAN scripts

CLEAN include/config include/generated arch/arm/include/generated

CLEAN .config .config.old .version include/linux/version.h Module.symvers

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/kernel-source/linux-3.0\$ make ARCH=arm imx6_defconfig

HOSTCC scripts/basic/fixdep

HOSTCC scripts/kconfig/conf.o

SHIPPED scripts/kconfig/zconf.tab.c

SHIPPED scripts/kconfig/lex.zconf.c

SHIPPED scripts/kconfig/zconf.hash.c

HOSTCC scripts/kconfig/zconf.tab.o

HOSTLD scripts/kconfig/conf

#

configuration written to .config

#

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/kernel-source/linux-3.0\$ make ARCH=arm CROS S_COMPILE=armv7l-timesys-linux-gnueabi- ulmage

scripts/kconfig/conf --silentoldconfig Kconfig

CHK include/linux/version.h

UPD include/linux/version.h

A file named **ulmage** can be found under \$HOME/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/kernel-source/linux-3.0/arch/arm/boot/ after the compilation is done.

3.2.3 Making Filesystem Image

1) Execute the following instructions to uncompress the package;

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/kernel-source/linux-3.0\$ cd \$HOME/timesys/i_M X6QSABRELite/rfs

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/rfs\$ mkdir rootfs

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/rfs\$ cd rootfs/

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/rfs/rootfs\$ sudo tar -xvf ../rootfs.tar.gz

2) Execute the following instructions to make a new compressed package;

yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/rfs/rootfs\$ sudo tar -jcvf ../rootfs.tar.bz2 *
yanglsh@TIOP:~/timesys/i_MX6QSABRELite/rfs/rootfs\$ Is -I ../
total 43972
drwxr-xr-x 19 root root 4096 2012-12-17 04:40 rootfs
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 20820205 2013-01-11 17:37 rootfs.tar.bz2
-rw-r--r-- 1 yanglsh yanglsh 24145795 2013-01-10 15:34 rootfs.tar.gz

4 Writing and Running Images

4.1 Writing Images

Please follow the steps shown in the following sections to accomplish the writing of images.

4.1.1 Preparing Tools and Images

Table 4-1 Preparing Tools and Images

Items	Descriptions
Writing tool "Mfgtool"	It is Running under Windows and saved under \linux\tools of the CD-ROM.
Virtual Terminal	For exampe, the HyperTerminal of Windows
Image file "ulmage"	Please refer to 3.2.2 Compiling Linux Kernel
Image file "u-boot.bin"	Please refer to 3.2.1 Compiling u-boot
Compress Image file "rootfs.tar.bz2"	Please refer to 3.2.3 Making Filesystem Image
Sabrelite board	No description
USB OTG cable	No description
Male-to-male crossover serial cable	It is used to observe the writing process
Serial extension wire	It is used to observe the writing process
5V DC power adapter	No description
TF card	No description

4.1.2 Copying Files

Table 4-2 Copying Files

Steps	Operations
1	Copy the folder Mfgtools-Rel-12.04.01_ER_MX6Q_UPDATER from CD-ROM to C:\
2	Copy u-boot.bin to C:\Mfgtools-Rel-12.04.01_ER_MX6Q_UPDATER\Profiles\MX6Q Linux Update\OS Firmware\files\ (or replace the exsiting file)
3	Copy ulmage to C:\Mfgtools-Rel-12.04.01_ER_MX6Q_UPDATER\Profiles\MX6Q Linux Update\OS Firmware\files\ (or replace the exsiting file)
4	Copy rootfs.tar.bz2 to C:\Mfgtools-Rel-12.04.01_ER_MX6Q_UPDATER\Profiles\MX6Q Linux Update\OS Firmware\files\ (or replace the exsiting file)

4.1.3 Connecting Hardware

Table 4-3 Connecting Hardware

Steps	Operations	
1	Connect the serial extension wire to Sabrelite, and then connect PC's serial interface to the wire with a crossover serial cable.	
2	Connect Sabrelite to PC with a USB OTG cable	
3	3 Connect the power adpater to Sabrelite	
4	Insert the TF card to Sabrelite	

4.1.4 Configureing USB Boot Mode

Set the switch marked as SW1 on Sabrelite to the state of "01 USB OTG" according to the following table;

Table 4-4 Configuring SW1

Switch	D1	D2
SW1	ON	OFF

4.1.5 Running Mfgtool and Detecting Sabrelite

Run MfgTool.exe and press SW4 bottun on Sabrelite to reset the board. The MfgTool will find the board as shown below;

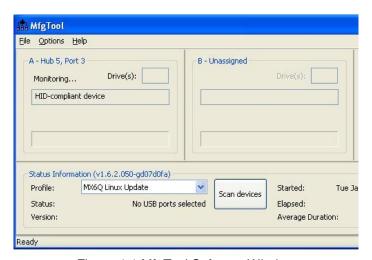


Figure 4-1 MfgTool Software Window

4.1.6 Starting Writing

Click the green botton in the MfgTool window as shown below to start the writing process;

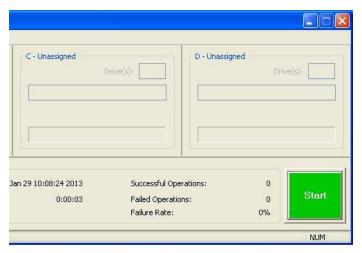


Figure 4-2 Click Green Button

Click the red button when the writing process is completed as shown below;

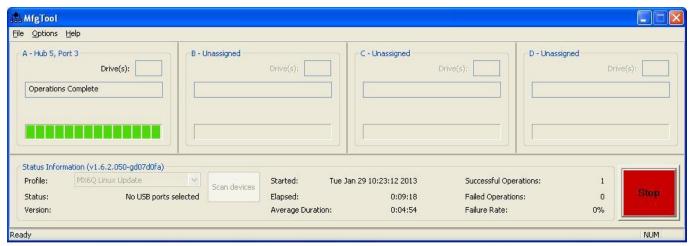


Figure 4-3 Click Red Button

4.2 Running Image Files

Please run image files according to the contents of the following sections.

4.2.1 Configuring SPI-NOR Boot Mode

Configure SW1 switch according to the table shown below;

Table 4-5 Configuring SW1

Switch	D1	D2
SW1	OFF	OFF

4.2.2 Open Terminal

Start HyperTerminal of Windows and configure it according the figure shown below;

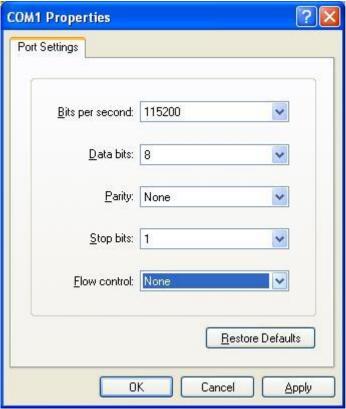


Figure 4-4 Configuring HyperTerminal

4.2.3 Running System Image

Press SW4 button on Sabrelite to reset the board and run the system image; HyperTerminal will show the booting information as shown below;

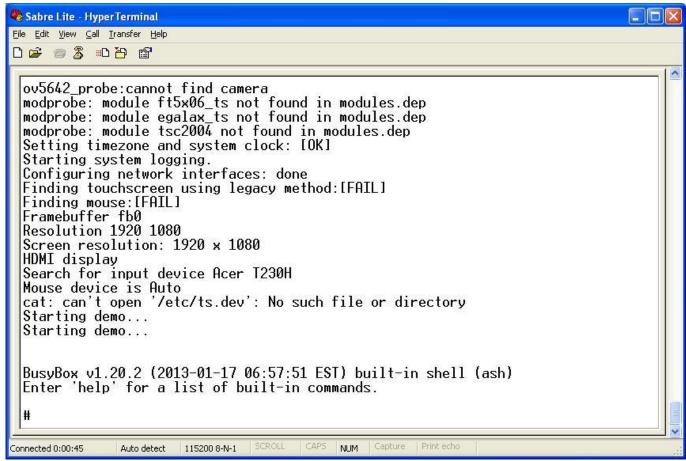


Figure 4-5 System Booting Information

The above information indicates that the system image is running properly.

5 Appendix

- For more information on Linux related materials, please visit http://www.timesys.com/embedded-linux/resources/dev-center/imx6.
- If you encounter software issues when using Linux, please send an email to support@timesys.com.
- If you encounter hardware issues when using our products, please send an email to support@timll.com, or simply call +86-0755-25503401.

