PetaLinux Tools Documentation

PetaLinux Command Line Reference

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PetaLinux Tools

Introduction

PetaLinux is a development and build environment which automates many of the tasks required to boot embedded Linux on Xilinx SoC's and FPGA's. It uses Yocto Project underneath for configuring and building various components. This document contains detailed information about the various tools that comprise the PetaLinux environment.

There are six independent tools that make up the PetaLinux design flow. They are:

- petalinux-create
- petalinux-config
- petalinux-build
- petalinux-boot
- petalinux-package
- petalinux-util

In most cases, the individual PetaLinux tools are flexible such that the specific options passed to the tools present you with a unique usage model, compared to other options for the same tool.

For the purposes of this document, command line arguments that behave as a modifier for a workflow are referred to as "options". When options can accept user-specified values, these values are shown in italics. In some cases, omitting the user-specified value may result in a built-in default behavior. See the "Default Value" column in the tables for details about relevant default values.



Design Flow Overview

In general, the PetaLinux tools follow a sequential workflow model. The table below provides an example design workflow, demonstrating the order in which the tasks should be completed and the corresponding tool or workflow for that task.

Table 1-1: Design Flow Overview

Design Flow Step	Tool / Workflow
Hardware Platform Creation	Vivado
Create PetaLinux Project	petalinux-create -t project
Initialize PetaLinux Project	petalinux-configget-hw-description
Configure System-Level Options	petalinux-config
Create User Components	petalinux-create -t COMPONENT
Configure the Linux Kernel	petalinux-config -c kernel
Configure the Root Filesystem	petalinux-config -c rootfs
Build the System	petalinux-build
Test the System on qemu	petalinux-bootqemu
Deploy the System	petalinux-packageboot



petalinux-create

The petalinux-create tool creates objects that are part of a PetaLinux project. This tool provides two separate workflows. In the petalinux-create -t project workflow, the tool creates a new PetaLinux project directory structure. In the petalinux-create -t COMPONENT workflow, the tool creates a component within the specified project.

These workflows are executed with petalinux-create -t project or petalinux-create -t COMPONENT, respectively.

Table 1-2 details the command line options that are common to all petalinux-create workflows.

	Table 1-2:	petalinux-create	Command	Line Options
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Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
-t,type TYPE	Specify the TYPE of object to create. This is required.	projectappsmodules	None
-n,name NAME	Create object with the specified NAME. This is optional when creating a project from a BSP source. Otherwise, this is required.	User-specified	None
-p,project PROJECT	PetaLinux project directory path. This is optional.	User-specified	Current Directory
force	Overwrite existing files on disk. This is optional.	None	None
-h,help	Display usage information. This is optional.	None	None

petalinux-create -t project

The petalinux-create -t project command creates a new PetaLinux project at the specified location with a specified name. If the specified location is on the Network File System (NFS), it changes the TMPDIR automatically to /tmp/<projname_timestamp>. If /tmp/<projname_timestamp> is also on NFS, then it throws an error. You can change the TMPDIR through petalinux-config. Do not configure the same location as TMPDIR for two different PetaLinux projects, this may cause build errors. By default, the directory structure created by this command with template is minimal, and is not useful for building a complete system until initialized using the petalinux-config

--get-hw-description command. Projects created using a BSP file as their source are suitable for building immediately.



Options

Table 1-3 details options used specifically when creating a project.

Table 1-3: petalinux-create -t project Options

Option Functional Description		Value Range	Default Value
template TEMPLATE	Assumes the specified CPU architecture, and is only required whensource is not provided.	microblazezynqzynqMP	None
-s,source SOURCE	Create project based on specified BSP file. SOURCE is the full path on disk to the BSP file. This is optional.	User-specified	None

Examples

The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-create -t project command.

- Create a new project from a reference BSP file.
 - \$ petalinux-create -t project -s <PATH-TO-BSP>
- Create a new project based on the MicroBlaze™ template.
 - \$ petalinux-create -t project -n <NAME> --template microblaze

petalinux-create -t COMPONENT

The petalinux-create -t COMPONENT command allows you to create various components within the specified PetaLinux project. These components can then be selectively included or excluded from the final system by toggling them using the petalinux-config -c rootfs workflow.



Options

The petalinux-create -t apps command allows you to customize how application components are initialized during creation. Table 1-4 details options that are common when creating applications within a PetaLinux project.

Table 1-4: petalinux-create -t apps Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
-s,source SOURCE	Create the component from pre-existing content on disk. Valid formats are .tar.gz, .tar.bz2, .tar, .zip, and source directory (uncompressed). This is optional.	User-specified	None
template TEMPLATE	Create the component using a pre-defined application template. This is optional.	 c c++ autoconf, for GNU autoconfig install, for application which has prebuilt binary only. 	С
enable	Upon creating the component, automatically enable it in the projects' root filesystem. Else, enable using the petalinux-config -c rootfs. This is optional.	None	Disabled

Examples

The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-create -t COMPONENT command.

Create an application component that is enabled in the root filesystem.

```
$ petalinux-create -t apps -n <NAME> --enable
```

• Create a new install-only application component. In this flow, nothing is compiled.

```
$ petalinux-create -t apps -n <NAME> --template install
```



petalinux-config

The petalinux-config tool allows you to customize the specified project. This tool provides two separate workflows. In the petalinux-config --get-hw-description workflow, a project is initialized or updated to reflect the specified hardware configuration. In the petalinux-config -c COMPONENT workflow, the specified component is customized using a menuconfig interface.

Table 1-5 details the available options for the petalinux-config tool.

Table 1-5: petalinux-config Command Line Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
get-hw-description PATH	Initializes or updates the hardware configuration for the PetaLinux project. Mutually exclusive with -c. This is required.	User-specified	None
-c,component COMPONENT	Configures the specified system component. Mutually exclusive withget-hw-description. This is required.	 kernel rootfs u-boot bootloader pmufw, for ZynqMP only device-tree 	None
defconfig DEFCONFIG	Valid for Linux kernel and u-boot. Use the specified defconfig file to initialize the Linux kernel/u-boot configuration. This is optional.	User-specified. For example, for Linux kernel, the file name of a file in <kernel_ source="">/arch/ <arch>/config s/ XXX_ defconfig. For u-boot, the file name of a file in <uboot_ source=""> /configs.</uboot_></arch></kernel_>	None
oldconfig	Parse the config file on Kconfig and generate a new config file. The idea of it is to pull in dependencies if there are any.	None	None
-v,verbose	Displays additional output messages. This is optional.	None	None
-h,help	Displays tool usage information. This is optional.	None	None



Note: Previously, petalinux-config generated the source code for all the embedded software applications such as fsbl, device-tree, pmufw and fs-boot. Currently, the source code has to be generated explicitly with -c option, if required. Otherwise, it is automatically generated with the petalinux-build.

petalinux-config --get-hw-description

The petalinux-config --get-hw-description command allows you to initialize or update a PetaLinux project with hardware-specific information from the specified Vivado hardware project. The components affected by this process may include FSBL configuration, U-Boot options, Linux kernel options, and the Linux device tree configuration. This workflow should be used carefully to prevent accidental and/or unintended changes to the hardware configuration for the PetaLinux project. The path used with this workflow is the directory that contains the HDF/DSA file rather than the full path to the HDF/DSA file itself. This entire option can be omitted if run from the directory that contains the HDF file.

Examples:

The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-config --get-hw-description command.

- Initialize a PetaLinux project within the project directory with an external HDF/DSA.
 - \$ petalinux-config --get-hw-description=<PATH-TO-HDF/DSA-DIRECTORY>
- Initialize a PetaLinux project from within the directory containing an HDF/DSA.
 - \$ petalinux-config --get-hw-description -p <PATH-TO-PETALINUX-PROJECT>
- Initialize a PetaLinux project from a neutral location.

```
$ petalinux-config --get-hw-description <PATH-TO-HDF/DSA> -p
<PATH-TO-PETALINUX-PROJECT>
```

petalinux-config -c COMPONENT

The petalinux-config -c COMPONENT command allows you to use a standard menuconfig interface to control how the embedded Linux system is built, and also generates the source code for embeddedSW apps. When petalinux-config is executed with no other options, it launches the system-level or "generic" menuconfig. This interface allows you to specify information such as the desired boot device or metadata about the system such as default hostname. The petalinux-config -c kernel, petalinux-config -c u-boot and petalinux-config -c rootfs workflows launch the menuconfig interfaces for customizing the Linux kernel, u-boot and the root filesystem, respectively.

The --oldconfig option allows you to parse the edited config file onto Kconfig, so that it can pull the dependencies.



The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-config -c COMPONENT command:

- Start the menuconfig for the system-level configuration:
 - \$ petalinux-config
- Parse the configuration onto Kconfig without opening the GUI, for the root filesystem:
 - \$ petalinux-config -c rootfs --oldconfig
- Load the Linux kernel configuration with a specific default configuration:
- Load the u-boot configuration with a specific default configuration:
 - \$ petalinux-config -c u-boot --defconfig xilinx_zynqmp_zcu102_defconfig
- Generate the source code for fsbl/fs-boot:

petalinux-config -c bootloader



petalinux-build

The petalinux-build tool builds either the entire embedded Linux system or a specified component of the Linux system. This tool uses the Yocto Project underneath. Whenever petalinux-build is invoked, it internally calls bitbake. While the tool provides a single workflow, the specifics of its operation can be dictated via the petalinux-build -c and petalinux-build -x options.

Table 1-6 outlines the valid options for the petalinux-build tool.

Table 1-6: petalinux-build Command Line Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
-p,project PROJECT	PetaLinux project directory path. This is optional.	User-specified	None
-c,component	Build specified component. These are the default values which are supported. You can build against your own target. This is optional.	 bootloader kernel u-boot rootfs pmufw, only for ZynqMP arm-trusted-firmw are, only for ZynqMP device-tree 	None
-x,execute STEP	Execute specified build step. All yocto tasks can be passed through this option. To get all tasks of a component use "listtasks". This is optional.	 build clean cleansstate distclean install listtasks populate_sysroot package mrproper 	None
-v,verbose	Displays additional output messages. This is optional.	None	None
-s,sdk	Builds SDK. This is optional.	None	None
-b	Builds components ignoring dependencies. This is optional.	None	None



Table 1-6: petalinux-build Command Line Options (Cont'd)

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
-f,force	Force runs a specific task against a component, or a single task in the component, ignoring the stamps. This is optional.	None	None
-h,help	Displays tool usage information. This is optional.	None	None

petalinux-build --component

The petalinux-build -c option builds the specified component of the embedded system. When no components are specified, the petalinux-build tool operates on the project as a whole. User-created components for the root filesystem can be built by targeting those components by name (For example, with -c <APP-NAME>). This is equivalent to bitbake <COMPONENT>.

Options

Table 1-7 summarizes the available components that can be targeted with this command.

Table 1-7: petalinux-build -c Components

Component	Equivalent Bitbake Commands	Description
bootloader	bitbake virtual/fsb l	Build only the bootloader elf image and copy it into <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/. For Zynq® and Zynq UltraScale+™ MPSoC devices it is FSBL and for MicroBlaze CPUs it is FS-BOOT.</plnx-proj-root>
device-tree	bitbake virtual/dtb	Build only the device-tree DTB file and copy it into <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/. The device tree source is in <plnx-proj-root>/components/plnx_workspa ce/device-tree/device-tree/</plnx-proj-root></plnx-proj-root>
arm-trusted -firmware	bitbake virtual/arm -trusted-fi rmware	Build only the ATF image and copy it into <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux</plnx-proj-root>
pmufw	bitbake virtual/pmu fw	Build only the pmu-firmware image and copy it into <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux</plnx-proj-root>
kernel	bitbake virtual/ker nel	Build only the Linux kernel image and copy it into <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux</plnx-proj-root>



Table 1-7: petalinux-build -c Components (Cont'd)

Component	Equivalent Bitbake Commands	Description
rootfs	bitbake petalinux-u ser-image -c do_image_co mplete	Build only the root filesystem. It generates the target rootfs in \${TMPDIR}/work/\${MACHINE}/petalinux-user -image/1.0-r0/rootfs/ and the sysroot in \${TMPDIR}/tmp/sysroots/\${MACHINE}
u-boot	bitbake virtual/boo tloader	Build only the U-Boot elf image and copy it into <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux</plnx-proj-root>

The petalinux-build command runs bitbake petalinux-user-image internally. The default image target is petalinux-user-image. There is no restriction on the components, you can build your own packages. For the names of the packages, please search in petalinux-config -c rootfs.

Example to build base-files:

petalinux-build -c base-files

petalinux-build --execute

The petalinux-build -x option allows you to specify a build step to the petalinux-build tool to control how the specified components are manipulated.

Options

Table 1-8 summarizes the available Makefile commands that can be used with this option.

Table 1-8: petalinux-build -x Components

Component	Description
clean	Cleans build data for the target component.
cleansstate	This removes the sstate cache of the corresponding component.
distclean	This removes the sstate cache of the corresponding component.
cleanall	This removes the downloads, sstate cache and cleans the work directory of a component.
mrproper	Cleans the build area. This removes the <plnx-proj-root>/build/, <tmpdir> and <plnx-proj-root>/images/ directories. This the recommended way of cleaning the entire project.</plnx-proj-root></tmpdir></plnx-proj-root>
build	Build the target component.



Table 1-8: petalinux-build -x Components (Cont'd)

Component	Description
install	Install the target component. For bootloader, ATF, Linux kernel, u-boot and device tree, it copies the generated binary into <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/. For rootfs and rootfs component, it copies the generated binary to target rootfs host copy \${TMPDIR}/work/\${MACHINE}/petalinux-user-image/1.0-r0/rootfs/.</plnx-proj-root>
package	Valid for -c all or no component is specified only. Generate FIT image image.ub from build area and copy into <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/.</plnx-proj-root>

The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-build command.

- Clear the build area of the PetaLinux project for archiving as a BSP or for revision control. This example retains the images directory of the project.
 - \$ petalinux-build -x distclean
- Clean all build collaterals from the U-Boot component of the PetaLinux project.
 - \$ petalinux-build -c u-boot -x cleansstate
- Clean all build collaterals. It removes build/, \${TMPDIR} and images. This will bring the project to its initial state.
 - \$ petalinux-build -x mrproper
- Create an updated FIT image from the current contents of the deploy area.
 - \$ petalinux-build -x package
- Build the entire PetaLinux project.
 - \$ petalinux-build
- Build the kernel forcefully
 - \$ petalinux-build -c kernel -f
- Compile a kernel forcefully
 - \$ petalinux-build -c kernel -x compile -f



petalinux-boot

The petalinux-boot tool boots the specified Linux system image files. This tool provides two distinct workflows. In the petalinux-boot --jtag workflow, the system image files are downloaded and booted on a physical board via a JTAG cable connection. In the petalinux-boot --qemu workflow, the system image files are loaded and booted via the QEMU software emulator. Either the --jtag or the --qemu is mandatory for the petalinux-boot tool.

By default, the petalinux-boot tool loads files from the <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/directory.

Table 1-9 details the command line options that are common to all petalinux-boot workflows.

Table 1-9: petalinux-boot Command Line Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
jtag	Use the JTAG workflow. Mutually exclusive with the QEMU workflow. This is required.	None	None
qemu	Use the QEMU workflow. Mutually exclusive with the JTAG workflow. This is required.	None	None
prebuilt	Boot a prebuilt image. This is optional.	• 1 (bitstream /FSBL) ⁽¹⁾	None
		• 2 (U-Boot)	
		• 3 (Linux Kernel)	
boot-addr, BOOT_ADDR	Boot address. This is optional.	None	None
-i,image IMAGEPATH	Image to boot. This is optional.	User-specified	None
u-boot	Specify U-Boot elf binary. This is optional.	User-specified	<pre><plnx-projroo t="">/images/ linux/uboot. elf</plnx-projroo></pre>



Table 1-9: petalinux-boot Command Line Options (Cont'd)

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
kernel	Specify Linux kernel binary. This is optional.	User-specified	• zImage for Zynq-7000
			• Image for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC
			• image.elffor MicroBlaze.
			The default image is in <plnx-projroot>/images/linux.</plnx-projroot>
-v,verbose	Displays additional output messages. This is optional.	None	None
-h,help	Displays tool usage information. This is optional.	None	None

Notes:

1. --prebuilt 1 is not a valid option for the QEMU workflow.

petalinux-boot --jtag

The petalinux-boot --jtag command boots the MicroBlaze or Zynq®-7000 or Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC system with a PetaLinux image via a JTAG connection.

Note: The petalinux-boot --jtag command may not work as expected when executed within a virtual machine, since virtual machines often have problems with jtag cable drivers.

Options

Table 1-10 contains details of options specific to the JTAG boot workflow.

Table 1-10: petalinux-boot -- jtag Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
xsdb-conn COMMAND	Customised XSDB connection command to run prior to boot. This is optional.	User-specified	None
hw_server-url URL	URL of the hw_server to connect to. This is optional.	User-specified	None
tcl OUTPUTFILE	Log JTAG Tcl commands used for boot. This is optional.	User-specified	None



Table 1-10: petalinux-boot --jtag Options (Cont'd)

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
fpga ⁽¹⁾	Program FPGA bitstream. This is optional.	User-specified	If no bitstream is specified with thebitstream option, it uses the bitstream found in <plnxproj-root>/images/linux directory.</plnxproj-root>
bitstream BITSTREAM	Specify a bitstream. This is optional.	User-specified	None
pmufw PMUFW-ELF	PMU Firmware image. This is optional and applicable for ZynqMP. PMU Firmware image is loaded by default, unless it is specified otherwise. To skip loading pmufw use "pmufw no".	None	<pre><plnx-projro ot="">/images/l inux/pmufw.e lf</plnx-projro></pre>
before-connect <cmd></cmd>	Extra command to run before XSDB connect command. This is optional and can be used multiple times.	None	None
after-connect <cmd></cmd>	Extra commands to run after XSDB connect command. This is optional and can be used multiple times.	None	None

Notes:

^{1.} The --fpga option looks for download.bit in $\proj-root>/pre-built/linux/implementation$ by default.



The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-boot --jtag command.

- Download and boot a pre-built bitstream (and FSBL for Zynq-7000 or Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC) via JTAG to a physical board.
 - \$ petalinux-boot --jtag --prebuilt 1
- Download and boot a pre-built U-Boot elf via JTAG to a physical board.
 - \$ petalinux-boot --jtag --prebuilt 2
 - For MicroBlaze, it downloads
 - bitstream pre-built/linux/implementation/download.bit
 - **u-boot** pre-built/linux/images/u-boot.elf
 - For Zynq-7000, it downloads:
 - bitstream pre-built/linux/implementation/download.bit
 - fsbl pre-built/linux/images/zyng fsbl.elf
 - **u-boot** pre-built/linux/images/u-boot.elf
 - For Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC, it downloads:
 - bitstream pre-built/linux/implementation/download.bit
 - fsbl pre-built/linux/images/zynqmp fsbl.elf
 - ATF pre-built/linux/images/bl31.elf
 - **u-boot** pre-built/linux/images/u-boot.elf
 - pmufw pre-built/linux/images/pmufw.elf
- Download and boot a pre-built kernel image via JTAG to a physical board.
 - \$ petalinux-boot --jtag --prebuilt 3
 - For MicroBlaze, it downloads:
 - bitstream pre-built/linux/implementation/download.bit
 - **kernel** pre-built/linux/images/image.elf
 - For Zynq-7000, it downloads:
 - bitstream pre-built/linux/implementation/download.bit
 - **fsbl** pre-built/linux/images/zynq fsbl.elf
 - DTB pre-built/linux/images/system.dtb
 - **kernel** pre-built/linux/images/zImage



- For Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC, it downloads:
 - bitstream pre-built/linux/implementation/download.bit
 - fsbl pre-built/linux/images/zynqmp_fsbl.elf
 - kernel pre-built/linux/images/Image
 - DTB pre-built/linux/images/system.dtb
 - ATF pre-built/linux/images/bl31.elf
 - **pmufw** pre-built/linux/images/pmufw.elf
- Download and boot a built U-Boot image via JTAG to a physical board.
 - \$ petalinux-boot --jtag --u-boot
 - For MicroBlaze, it downloads images/linux/u-boot.elf
 - For Zynq-7000, it downloads:
 - **fsbl** images/linux/zynq_fsbl.elf
 - **U-Boot** images/linux/u-boot.elf.
 - For Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC, it downloads:
 - **fsbl** images/linux/zynqmp_fsbl.elf
 - **U-Boot** images/linux/u-boot.elf
 - ATF images/linux/bl31.elf
 - pmufw images/linux/pmufw.elf
- Download and boot a built kernel image via JTAG to a physical board.
 - \$ petalinux-boot --jtag --kernel
 - For MicroBlaze, it downloads images/linux/image.elf
 - For Zynq-7000, it boots:
 - fsbl images/linux/zynq fsbl.elf
 - **DTB** images/linux/system.dtb
 - **kernel** images/linux/zImage
 - For Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC, it boots:
 - **fsbl** images/linux/zynqmp fsbl.elf
 - **kernel** images/linux/Image
 - **DTB** images/linux/system.dtb
 - ATF images/linux/bl31.elf
 - pmufw images/linux/pmufw.elf



petalinux-boot -- qemu

The petalinux-boot --qemu command boots the MicroBlaze or Zynq-7000 or Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC system with a PetaLinux image via the QEMU emulator. Many QEMU options require superuser (root) access to operate properly. The --root option enables ROOT MODE and prompts you for sudo credentials.

Options

Table 1-11 contains details of options specific to the QEMU boot workflow.

Table 1-11: petalinux-boot --qemu Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
dtb DTBFILE	Use a specified device tree file. This is optional.	User-specified	system.dtb

Examples

The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-boot --qemu command.

Load and boot a pre-built U-Boot elf via QEMU.

```
$ petalinux-boot --gemu --prebuilt 2
```

Load and boot a pre-built U-Boot elf via QEMU in root mode.

```
$ petalinux-boot --qemu --root --prebuilt 2
```



petalinux-package

The petalinux-package tool packages a PetaLinux project into a format suitable for deployment. The tool provides several workflows whose operation varies depending on the target package format. The supported formats/workflows are boot, bsp and pre-built.

The petalinux-package tool is executed using the package type name to specify a specific workflow in the format petalinux-package --PACKAGETYPE.

- The boot package type creates a file (.BIN or .MCS) that allows the target device to boot.
- The bsp package type creates a .bsp file which includes the entire contents of the target PetaLinux project.
- The pre-built package type creates a new directory within the target PetaLinux project called "pre-built" and contains pre-built content that is useful for booting directly on a physical board. This package type is commonly used as a precursor for creating a bsp package type.

By default, the petalinux-package tool loads default files from the <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/ directory.

Table 1-12 details the command line options that are common to all of the petalinux-package workflows.

Table 1-12: petalinux-package Command Line Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
-p,project PROJECT	PetaLinux project directory path. This is optional.	User-specified	Current Directory
-h,help	Display usage information. This is optional.	None	None

Petalinux-package --boot

The petalinux-package --boot command generates a bootable image that can be used directly with a Zynq family device (including both Zynq-7000 and Zynq UltraScale+MPSoC) or MicroBlaze-based FPGA design. For Zynq family devices, bootable format is BOOT.BIN which can be booted from an SD card. For MicroBlaze-based designs, the default format is an MCS PROM file suitable for programming via Vivado or other PROM programmer.

For Zynq family devices, this workflow is a wrapper around the bootgen utility provided with Xilinx SDK. For MicroBlaze-based FPGA designs, this workflow is a wrapper around the corresponding Vivado Tcl commands and generates an MCS formatted programming file. This MCS file can be programmed directly to a target board and then booted.



Options

Table 1-13 details the options that are valid when creating a bootable image with the petalinux-package --boot command.

Table 1-13: petalinux-package --boot Command Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
format FORMAT	Image file format to generate. This is optional.	• BIN • MCS	BIN
fsbl FSBL	Path on disk to FSBL elf binary. This is required.	User-specified	• zynqmp_fsbl.elffor Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC
			• zynq_fsbl.elf for Zynq-7000
			• fs-boot.elf for MicroBlaze.
			The default image is in <plnx-proj -root="">/images/linux .</plnx-proj>
force	Overwrite existing files on disk. This is optional.	None	None
fpga BITSTREAM	Path on disk to bitstream file. This is optional.	User-specified	None
atf ATF-IMG	Path on disk to Arm trusted firmware elf binary. This is optional.	User-specified	<pre><plnx-projroot>/ima ges/linux/bl31.elf</plnx-projroot></pre>
u-boot UBOOT-IMG	Path on disk to U-Boot binary. It is U-Boot ELF for	User-specified	• u-boot.elf for Zynq family device
	Zynq family device and u-boot-s.bin for		• u-boot-s.bin for MicroBlaze.
	MicroBlaze. This is optional.		The default image is in <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux</plnx-proj-root>
kernel KERNEL-IMG	Path on disk to Linux Kernel image. This is optional.	User-specified	<pre><plnx-projroot>/ima ges/linux/image.ub</plnx-projroot></pre>
pmufw PMUFW-ELF	Optional and applicable only for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC. By default, pre-built pmufw image is packed. Use this option to either specify a path for pmufw image or to skip packing of pmufw. To skip packing pmufw use "pmufw no".	User-specified	<pre><plnx-proj-root>/im ages/linux/pmufw.el f</plnx-proj-root></pre>



Table 1-13: petalinux-package --boot Command Options (Cont'd)

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
add DATAFILE	Path on disk to arbitrary data to include. This is optional.	User-specified	None
offset OFFSET	Offset at which to load the prior data file. Only the ELF files are parsed. This is optional.	User-specified	None
bmm BMMFILE	Valid for MicroBlaze only. This is optional.	User-specified	BMM in directory with FPGA bitstream
flash-size SIZE	Flash size in MB. Must be a power-of-2. Valid for MicroBlaze only. Not needed for parallel flash types. Ensure you just pass digit value to this option. Please do not include MB in the value. This is optional.	User-specified	16
flash-intf INTERFACE	Valid for MicroBlaze only. This is optional.	• SERIALx1 • SPIx1 • SPIx2 • SPIx4 • BPIx8 • BPIx16 • SMAPx8 • SMAPx16 • SMAPx32	Auto-detect
-o,output OUTPUTFILE	Path on disk to write output image. This is optional.	User-specified	Current Directory
cpu DESTINATION CPU	Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only. The destination CPU of the data file. This is optional.	a53-0 a53-1 a53-2 a53-3	None
file-attribute DATA File ATTR	Zynq-7000 or Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only. Data file file-attribute. This is optional.	User-specified	None
bif-attribute- value VALUE	Zynq-7000 or Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only. The value of the attribute specified by file-attribute argument. This is optional.	User-specified	None



Table 1-13: petalinux-package --boot Command Options (Cont'd)

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
bif BIF FILE	Zynq-7000 or Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only. BIF file. It overrides all other settings:	User-specified	None
	• -fsbl,		
	• –fpga,		
	• -u-boot,		
	• -add,		
	 –fsblconfig, 		
	 –file-attribute, 		
	 –bif-attribute, 		
	 –bif-attribute-value. 		
	This is optional.		
boot-device BOOT-DEV	Zynq-7000 or Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only. This is optional.	User-specified	Default value is the one selected from the system select menu of boot image settings.

The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-package --boot command.

• Create a BOOT.BIN file for a Zynq family device (including Zynq-7000 and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC).

```
$ petalinux-package --boot --format BIN --fsbl <PATH-TO-FSBL> --u-boot -o
<PATH-TO-OUTPUT-WITH-FILE-NAME>
```

• Create a BOOT.BIN file for a Zynq family device that includes a PL bitstream and FIT image.

```
$ petalinux-package --boot --format BIN --fsbl <PATH-TO-FSBL> --u-boot --fpga
<PATH-TO-BITSTREAM> --kernel -o <PATH-TO-OUTPUT>
```

Create a x8 SMAP PROM MCS file for a MicroBlaze design.

```
$ petalinux-package --boot --format MCS --fsbl <PATH-TO-FSBL> --u-boot --fpga
<PATH-TO-BITSTREAM> --flash-size <SIZE> --flash-intf SMAPx8 -o
<PATH-TO-OUTPUT-WITH-FILE-NAME>
```

Create a BOOT.BIN file for a Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC device that includes a PMU firmware.

```
$ petalinux-package --boot --u-boot --kernel --pmufw <PATH_TO_PMUFW>
```



petalinux-package --bsp

The petalinux-package --bsp command compiles all contents of the specified PetaLinux project directory into a BSP file with the provided file name. This .bsp file can be distributed and later used as a source for creating a new PetaLinux project. This command is generally used as the last step in producing a project image that can be distributed to other users. All Xilinx reference BSP's for PetaLinux are packaged using this workflow.

Options

Table 1-14 details the options that are valid when packaging a PetaLinux BSP file with the petalinux-package --bsp command.

Table 1-14: petalinux-package --bsp Command Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
-o,output BSPNAME	Path on disk to store the BSP file. File name is of the form BSPNAME.bsp. This is required.	User-specified	Current Directory
-p,project PROJECT	PetaLinux project directory path. In the BSP context, multiple project areas can be referenced and included in the output BSP file. This is optional.	User-specified	Current Directory
force	Overwrite existing files on disk. This is optional.	None	None
clean	Clean the hardware implementation results to reduce package size. This is optional.	None	None
hwsource HWPROJECT	Path to a Vivado project to include in the BSP file. This is optional.	None	None



The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-package --bsp command.

- Clean the project and then generate the BSP installation image (.BSP file)
 - \$ petalinux-package --bsp --clean -o <PATH-TO-BSP> -p <PATH-TO-PROJECT>
- Generate the BSP installation image that includes a reference hardware definition
 - \$ petalinux-package --bsp --hwsource <PATH-TO-HW-EXPORT> -o <PATH-TO-BSP> -p
 <PATH-TO-PROJECT>
- Generate the BSP installation image from a neutral location
 - \$ petalinux-package --bsp -p <PATH-TO-PROJECT> -o <PATH-TO-BSP>

petalinux-package --image

The petalinux-package --image command packages an image for a component. You can use it to generate uImage for kernel.

Options

Table 1-15 details the options that are valid when packaging an image with the petalinux-package -- image workflow.

Table 1-15: PetaLinux-package --image Command Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
-p,project PROJECT	PetaLinux project directory path. This is optional.	User-specified	Current Directory
-c,component COMPONENT	PetaLinux project component. This is optional.	User-specified	• kernel
format FORMAT	Image format. It relies on the component. This is optional.	User-specified	kernel: uImage Image for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC
			• zImage for Zynq-7000



The following example demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-package --image command.

Generate uImage.

```
$ petalinux-package --image -c kernel --format uImage
```

The uImage is in <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux directory.

petalinux-package --prebuilt

The petalinux-package --prebuilt command creates a new directory named "pre-built" inside the directory hierarchy of the specified PetaLinux project. This directory contains the required files to facilitate booting a board immediately without completely rebuilding the project. This workflow is intended for those who will later create a PetaLinux BSP file for distribution using the petalinux-package --bsp workflow. All Xilinx reference PetaLinux BSP's contain a pre-built directory.

Options

Table 1-16 details the options that are valid when including pre-built data in the project with the petalinux-package --prebuilt workflow.

Table 1-16: petalinux-package --prebuilt Command Options

Options	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
-p,project PROJECT	PetaLinux project directory path. This user-spec is optional.		Current Directory
force	Overwrite existing files on disk. This is optional.	None	None
clean	Remove all files from the <plnx-proj-root>/prebuilt directory. This is optional.</plnx-proj-root>	None	None
fpga BITSTREAM	Include the BITSTREAM file in the prebuilt directory. This is optional.	User-specified	None
-a,add src:dest	Add the file/directory specified by src to the directory specified by dest in the pre-built directory. This is optional and can be used multiple times.	User-specified	None



The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-package --prebuilt command.

- Include a specific bitstream in the pre-built area.
 - \$ petalinux-package --prebuilt --fpga <BITSTREAM>
- Include a specific data file in the pre-built area.
 - \$ petalinux-package --prebuilt -a <APP>:images/<APP>

petalinux-package --sysroot

The petalinux-package --sysroot command installs sdk to a specified directory in publish mode. This directory can be used as sysroot for application development.

Options

Table 1-16 details the options that are valid when installing an SDK with the petalinux-package --sysroot workflow.

Table 1-17: petalinux-package --sysroot Command Options

Options	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
-p,project PROJECT	PetaLinux project directory path. This is optional.	User-specified	Current Directory
-s,sdk SDK	SDK path on disk to SDK .sh file. This is optional.	None	<pre><plnx-proj-root>/ima ges/linux/sdk.sh</plnx-proj-root></pre>
-d,dir DIRECTORY	Directory path on disk to install SDK.This is Optional.	None	<pl><plnx-proj-root>/images/li nux/sdk</plnx-proj-root></pl>

Examples

The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-package --sysroot command.

- Install default SDK to default directory
 - petalinux-package --sysroot
- Install specified sdk to default directory
 - petalinux-package --sysroot -s <PATH-TO-SDK>
- Install specified sdk to specified sdk to specified directory

```
petalinux-package --sysroot -s <PATH-to-SDK> -d <PATH-TO-INSTALL-DIR>
```



petalinux-util

The petalinux-util tool provides various support services to the other PetaLinux workflows. The tool itself provides several workflows depending on the support function needed.

petalinux-util --gdb

The petalinux-util --gdb command is a wrapper around the standard GNU GDB debugger and simply launches the GDB debugger in the current terminal. Executing petalinux-util --gdb --help at the terminal prompt provides verbose GDB options that can be used.

For more information regarding GDB, see Using Xilinx SDK.

Example

The following example demonstrates proper usage of the petalinux-util --gdb command.

Launch the GNU GDB debugger.

```
$ petalinux-util --gdb
```

petalinux-util --dfu-util

The petalinux-util --dfu-util command is a wrapper around the standard dfu-util, and simply launches the dfu-util in the current terminal. Executing petalinux-util --dfu-util --help at the terminal prompt, provides verbose dfu-util options that can be used.

Example

The following example demonstrates proper usage of the petalinux-util --dfu-util command.

• Launch the dfu-util

```
$ petalinux-util --dfu-util
```

petalinux-util --xsdb-connect

The petalinux-util --xsdb-connect command provides XSDB connection to QEMU, this is for Zynq-7000 and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only.

For more information regarding XSDB, see Using Xilinx SDK.



Options

Table 1-18 details the options that are valid when using the petalinux-util --xsdb-connect command.

Table 1-18: petalinux-util --xsdb-connect Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
xsdb-connect HOST:PORT	Host and the port XSDB should connect to. This should be the host and port that QEMU has opened for GDB connections. It can be found in the QEMU command line arguments from:gdb tcp: <qemu_host>: <qemu_port>. This is required.</qemu_port></qemu_host>	User-specified	None

petalinux-util --jtag-logbuf

The petalinux-util --jtag-logbuf command logs the Linux kernel printk output buffer that occurs when booting a Linux kernel image via JTAG. This workflow is intended for debugging the Linux kernel for review and debug. This workflow may be useful for users when the Linux kernel is not producing output via a serial terminal. For details on how to boot a system via JTAG, see the petalinux-boot --jtag command. For MicroBlaze, the image is <plank-proj-root>/image/linux/image.elf. For Arm, the image is <plank-proj-root>/image/linux/vmlinux.

Options

Table 1-19 details the options that are valid when using the petalinux-util --jtag-logbuf command.

Table 1-19: petalinux-util -- jtag-logbuf Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
-i,image IMAGEPATH	Linux kernel ELF image. This is required.	User-specified	None
hw_server-url URL	URL of the hw_server to connect to. This is optional.		None
-p,project PROJECT	PetaLinux project directory path. This is optional.	User-specified	Current Directory
noless	Do not pipe output to the less command. This is optional.	None	None
-v,verbose	Displays additional output messages. This is optional.	None	None



Table 1-19: petalinux-util -- jtag-logbuf Options (Cont'd)

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
-h,help	Displays tool usage information. This is optional.	None	None
dryrun	Prints the commands required to extract the kernel log buffer, but do not run them.	None	None

The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-util --jtag-logbuf command.

• Launch a specific Linux kernel image.

```
$ petalinux-util --jtag-logbuf -i <PATH-TO-IMAGE>
```

• Launch the JTAG logger from a neutral location. This workflow is for Zynq-7000 devices only.

\$ petalinux-util --jtag-logbuf -i <PATH-TO-IMAGE> -p <PATH-TO-PROJECT>

petalinux-util --find-hdf-bitstream

The petalinux-util --find-hdf-bitstream extracts bitstream from hdf.

Options

Table 1-20 details the options that are valid when using the petalinux-util --find-hdf-bitstream command.

Table 1-20: petalinux-util --find-hdf-bitstream Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
hdf-file <hdf></hdf>	Argument to specify the HDF file to use. This is optional.	None	system.hdf file in the subsystem directory.

Example

The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-util --find-hdf-bitstream command:

• To find the default bitstream of a project:

petalinux-util --find-hdf-bitstream



To find the bitstream of a hdf:

petalinux-util --find-hdf-bitstream --hdf-file <path to hdf file>

petalinux-util --webtalk

The petalinux-util --webtalk command toggles the Xilinx WebTalk feature ON or OFF. Xilinx WebTalk provides anonymous usage data about the various PetaLinux tools to Xilinx. A working Internet connection is required for this feature.

Options

Table 1-21 details the options that are valid when using the petalinux-util --webtalk command.

Table 1-21: petalinux-util --webtalk Options

Option	Functional Description	Value Range	Default Value
webtalk	Toggle WebTalk. This is required.	• On	On
		• Off	
-h,help	Display usage information. This is optional.	None	None

Examples

The following examples demonstrate proper usage of the petalinux-util --webtalk command.

- Toggle the WebTalk feature off.
 - \$ petalinux-util --webtalk off
- Toggle the WebTalk feature on.
 - \$ petalinux-util --webtalk on



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