Wonderful World of Mactel Debian

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What's new in Debian on MacBook

- New architecture
  Boots with EFI
  Want to play with machine with weird architecture
- Everything is connected via USB, including built-in keyboard, mouse, iSight, IR-remote.
- Intel Core Duo: dual-core CPU

EFI: a Good News

	BIOS	EFI
Partition	MBR: 4 (basic)	GPT: 128
Filesystem	Mystery	Reads FAT
Execution format	What?	PE32+

EFI: command-line

Allows use of MS-DOS-like command-line
You can enter commands even before boot-loader starts!
EFI> fs0:
EFI fs0:> cd EFI
EFI fs0:\EFI> cd dancer
EFI fs0:\EFI\dancer> cd refit
EFI fs0:\EFI\dancer\refit> dir
refit.efi
EFI fs0:\EFI\debian\refit> refit

dual-booting Mac OS X and Debian

- Buy MacBook
- Process partition from Mac OS X
- Install rEFIt
- Install Debian
- Configuration

Buy MacBook

- Click!

Process partition from Mac OS X

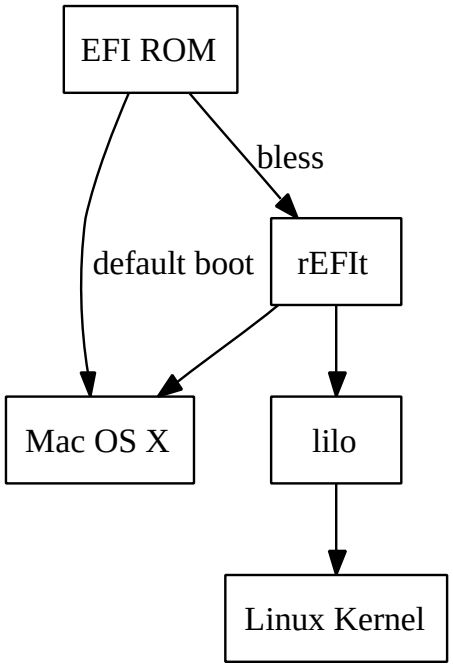
- Online resize possible with recent Mac OS X

```
Mac OS X♯ sudo diskutil resizevolume disk0s2 20G
```

Install rEFIt

- run bless on Mac OS X, make rEFIt at boot
- When downloading binary from `http://refit.sourceforge.net/`
  - Extract files to `/efi`, or somewhere
  - Run `./enable.sh` (It will run `bless` for you)
- When using Debian refit package
  - copy `/usr/lib/refit/` to Mac OS X partition
  - `sudo bless --folder [full path to directory with refit.efi] --file [full path to refit.efi]`
- rEFIt screen will show after a reboot

Boot sequence



Install Debian

- etch after July 2006 will probably work
  Install partition must be partition 3 or 4.
- Boot loader is lilo, but it won't work
- parted will create GPT table, but destroy MBR.
  move to command-console with Alt-F2
  synchronise with gptsync command
  return with Alt-F1
- Install lilo to partition
- Linux is now selectable from rEFIt after reboot

MBR vs GPT

Shows up differently even on same disk

MBR

Disk /dev/sda: 80.0 GB, 80026361856 bytes
255 heads, 63 sectors/track, 9729 cylinders
Units = cylinders of 16065 * 512 = 8225280 bytes

Device Boot Start End Blocks Id System

/dev/sda1 1 26 204819+ ee EFI GPT

/dev/sda2 26 2637 20971520 af Unknown

/dev/sda3 * 2637 2758 976563 ef EFI (FAT-12/16/32)

/dev/sda4 2758 5190 19531250+ ef EFI (FAT-12/16/32)

GPT

major minor ♯blocks name

8 0 78150744 sda
8 1 204800 sda1
8 2 20971520 sda2
8 3 976563 sda3
8 4 19531250 sda4
8 5 2929688 sda5

X configuration

- i810
- use 915resolution to set to 1280x800
- `xkbset m` will help with lack of right/middle mouse buttons

kernel configuration

- Older kernels before 2.6.17 seems to panic 4/5 times.
- rtc.ko seems to be broken, use rtc-dev.ko
- sound:`snd_hda_intel`
- NW: sky2
  wifi: madwifi
- CPU frequency can be controlled with `cpufreq_centrino`;
  `apt-get install cpufreqd`

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- sometimes seems to hang at boot; stability is not too good.

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- `sudo apt-get install linux-uvc-source linux-uvc-tools`
- `sudo m-a prepare`
- `sudo m-a a-i linux-uvc`
- `sudo mount /dev/sda2 /mnt/mac`
- `sudo macbook-isight-firmware-loader /mnt/mac/System/Library/Extensions/IOUSBFamily.kext/Contents/PlugIns/AppleUSBVideoSupport.kext/Contents/MacOS/AppleUSBVideoSupport`
- `sudo modprobe uvcvideo`
- `sudo apt-get install ekiga libpt-plugins-v4l2`

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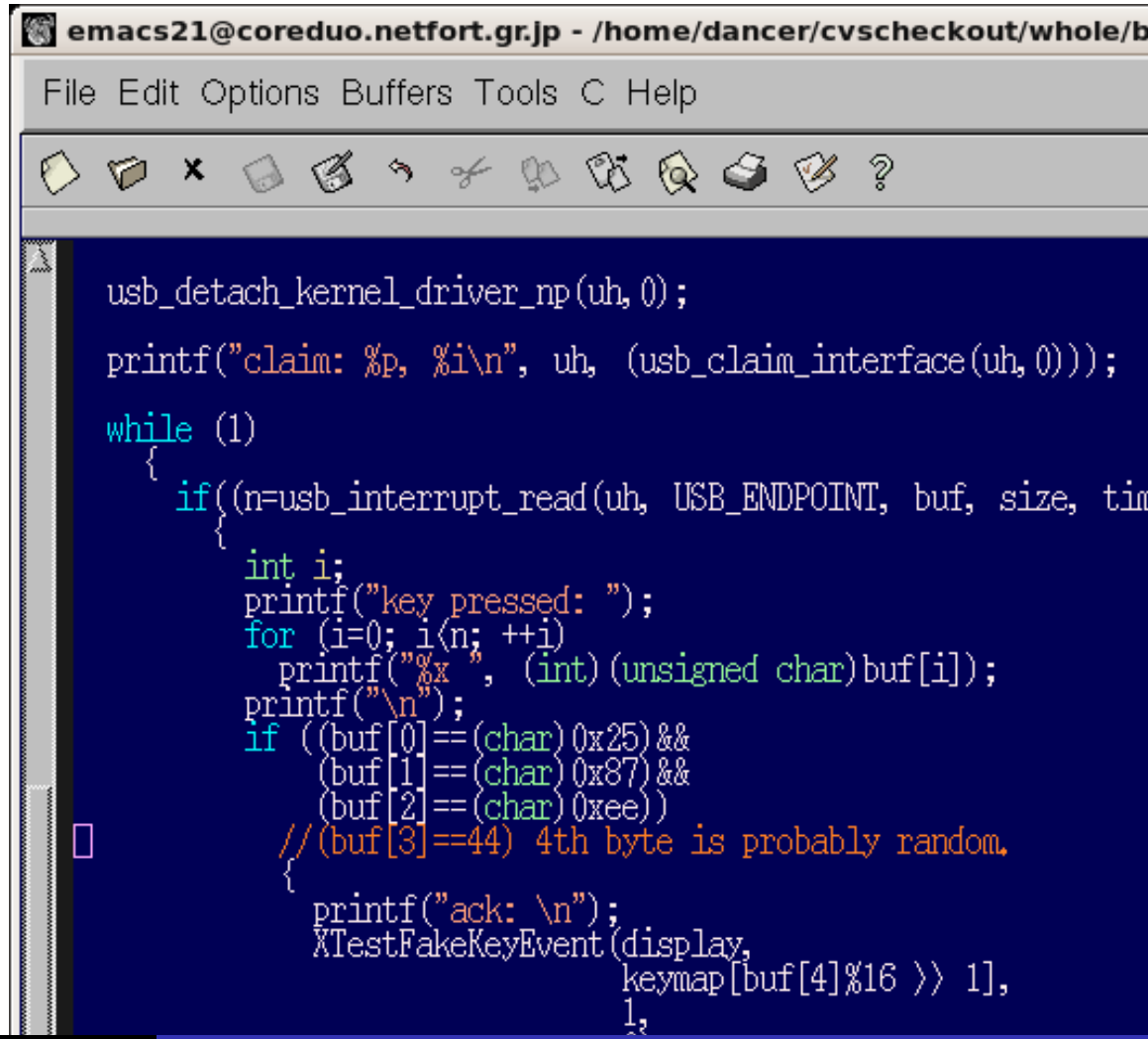

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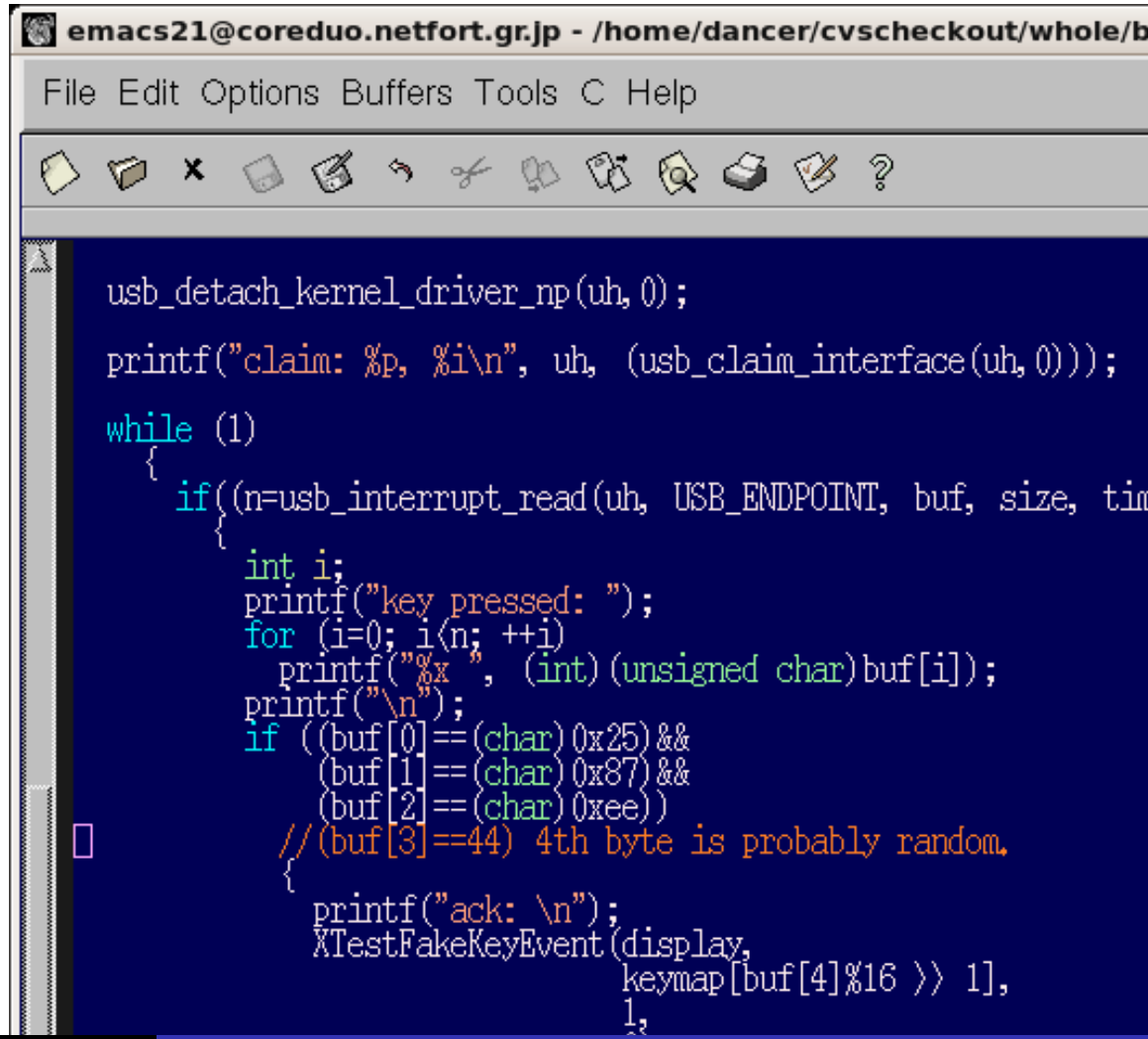
- There is already a kernel driver, you could do all this with xmodmap.



What next?

Devices that I haven't touched yet

- suspend/sleep
- CD-R writing
- backlight control
- bluetooth
- other yet unknown features ..