

ESP-9010

Debian Live System

Building Environment Guide

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1. DEBIAN LIVE SYSTEM

ESP-9010 LMP OS uses Debian Live system as the firmware skeleton. The output firmware image contains Debian maintained stable packages. The system supports boots from USB stick or hard drive.

1.1 Build Environment

ESP-9010 LMP OS is developed on **Debian 8.1.0** (jessie) **x86_64** PC host system or virtual machine (VM). The Linux kernel is **version 3.16.0.4**. To install Debian Live system, please execute “*sudo apt-get install live-build*” in the host system, described at Chap 2. The Debian Live system includes several sub-projects. Below table lists the versions of major ones used in ESP-9010 LMP OS system.

Debian Live Project	Version
live-build	4.0.3-1
live-boot	4.0.2-1
live-config	4.0.4-1

Table 1 Live Project Version

1.2 Live System Configuration

The Debian Live system is a collection of scripts that, in build time, download official packages from Debian main section to construct the firmware image for i386 or x86_64 architecture target. The scripts are separated into three parts: (1) live-build: scripts used to build customized Debian Live system, (2) live-boot: scripts used in early boot phase via the hooker of initramfs, (3) live-config: scripts used in rest boot process after live-boot. The details of all parameters of Debian Live system is out of the scope of this document. Please reference the manual page of “*lb_config*”, “*live-boot*”, and “*live-config*” as well as the user guide from the Debian web site.

Powered by Debian’s rich package support, it is easy to add new package by updating the configuration file without bothering to build each package from scratch for most of cases. Below is the configuration file of Debian Live system for ESP-9010 LMP OS.

```
#!/bin/sh

lb config noauto \
    --architectures amd64 \
    --bootappend-live "boot=live components live-getty persistence noeject nopat ip=frommedia console=ttyS1,115200n8li
acpi_enforce_resources=lax pcie_aspm=off quiet" \
    --mirror-bootstrap ftp://debian.csie.ntu.edu.tw/pub/debian/ \
    --mirror-chroot ftp://debian.csie.ntu.edu.tw/pub/debian/ \
    --mirror-chroot-security ftp://debian.csie.ntu.edu.tw/pub/debian-security/ \
```

```
--mirror-binary ftp://debian.csie.ntu.edu.tw/pub/debian/ \
--mirror-binary-security ftp://debian.csie.ntu.edu.tw/pub/debian-security/ \
"${@}"
```

Table 2 Live System Configuration

Except for Debian default installed packages, the extra packages are listed in “<workspace>/config/package-lists/”. See below table for the details.

```
live-boot live-config live-config-systemd openipmi pciutils ipmitool less memtester dmidecode bridge-utils i2c-tools lm-sensors
usbutils openssh-server strace tree acpi-support ethtool acpidump acpi acpitool tcpdump ncurses-term lrzsz screen tshark irqbalance
iasl setserial expect ntpdate vim hdparm bzip2 unzip python file p7zip-full gawk tftp-hpa psmisc libc6-i386 lib32gcc1 ecryptfs-utils
parted
```

Table 3 Live System Package List

If user wants to add new package, he or she may want to navigate all available packages first by executing “apt-cache dumpavail” in the host system.

In order to ensure the download speed, user could modify the “--mirror” prefixed options by choosing the distribution mirror sites in your nearby. The worldwide Debian mirror sites are listed in the web site of <http://www.debian.org/mirror/list>.

1.3 Source Code Structure

The LMP OS source tree is structured as below table.

Note: the entries marked in blue are files and directories generated in build time and the red ones are the important configuration files and packages the customers need to reference.

<workspace>	LMP source code work space
_auto	Folder that contains the configuration for live-build
_build	Wrapper script of “lb build” command with customized settings
_clean	Wrapper script of “lb clean” command with customized settings
_config	Wrapper script of “lb config” command with customized settings
_cache	Folder that contains the downloaded cache files
_live-cache.tar.bz2	Tarball of live system cache files, preserved to accelerate build process
_chroot	Filesystem in image
_config	Folder that contains additional files to be put in firmware image
_common	Common configuration file for all stages
_bootstrap	Configuration file generated for live-build bootstrap stage
_chroot	Configuration file generated for live-build chroot stage
_binary	Configuration file generated for live-build binary stage
_source	Configuration file generated for live-build source stage

l_hooks	Scripts to update contents in binary and/or other stages
l_includes.binary	Customized bootstrap configuration files
l_includes.chroot	Additional files to be installed in target rootfs
l_package-lists	List of Debian-oriented package to be installed
l_packages.chroot	List of additional package (with deb suffix) to be installed
l_<misc>	
l_Makefile	Entity Makefile to build LMP Live system
l_binary	Folder that contains bootloader , kernel, initrd, and rootfs images
l_live-image-amd64	Firmware image to be programming to USB stick and/or hard drive
l_live-image-amd64.contents	List of binary files in binary folder
l_build.log	Build time log of live-build
l_live-image-amd64.packages	List of package and version packed in firmware image
l_chroot.packages.install	List of package installed in target
l_chroot.packages.live	List of package installed in target for booting Live system
l_persistence.conf	Define which directories to be persistent
l_version	Version
l_src	Folder that contains add-in packages and patch files
l_fastpath	Data Plane switch
l_fastpath2	Control Plane switch
l_ifupdown	Used to configure network interfaces based on scripts in /etc/network/
l_linux-kernel	Customized Linux kernel, configuration file, and patch file
l_sdk-xgs-robo	Broadcom SDK, configuration file, and patch files
l_sys-utils	The collection of Advantech-developed utilities
l_igb-driver	Intel gigabit Ethernet NIC adapter driver
l_memtest86+	Memory test utility
l_lfdk	Add lfdk utility (RU-like utility for Linux)
l_<misc>	
l_<misc>	

Table 4 Source Code Structure

1.4 Build Firmware Image

Generate LMP firmware image from scratch:

\$ cd <workspace>	
\$ make disclean	Clean up all files of specific package
\$ make all	Build all add-in/customized packages
\$ make imgclean	Clean up LMP firmware image and related files
\$ make image	Generate LMP firmware image

Re-build specific package and generate new LMP firmware image:

```
$ cd <workspace>
$ make <package>                Re-build specific package
$ make <package>.rebuild        Make disclean and make all
$ make <package>.install        Update package installation files in chroot
```

Configure Linux kernel parameters:

```
$ cd <workspace>
$ make linux-kernel config      Run Linux menuconfig
```

Note: There are more detailed make commands defined in <workspace>/Makefile.

1.5 Install Firmware Image to USB Stick or Hard Drive

The generated firmware image (live-image-amd64) contains a VFAT partition and the syslinux boot-loader. After user generates the firmware image, it is ready to be written to a USB stick or hard drive by:

```
$ cd <workspace>
$ make install DEVICE=/dev/sdX    Install LMP firmware image to hard drive
```

Note: <sdX> could be sda, sdb, or others, depending on the existence of other hard drives connected to mSTATA/STATA interface, or USB sockets.

Note: this operation will definitely overwrite the contents on the USB stick or hard drive.

1.6 Bootup Sequence

To enter to the BIOS, press DEL or F2. You can modify the bootup sequence and indicate to boot from specific devices (like mSATA1/mSATA2/USB). The configuration is saved in BIOS. BIOS will load the syslinux boot menu of the specific device. If specific device is broken, it can't load boot menu of the device. You can change Boot Option to load boot menu of another device.

Boot Option:

mSATA1: P0: SQF-SHMM1-32G-S7C
mSATA2: P1: SQF-SHMM2-32G-S9C

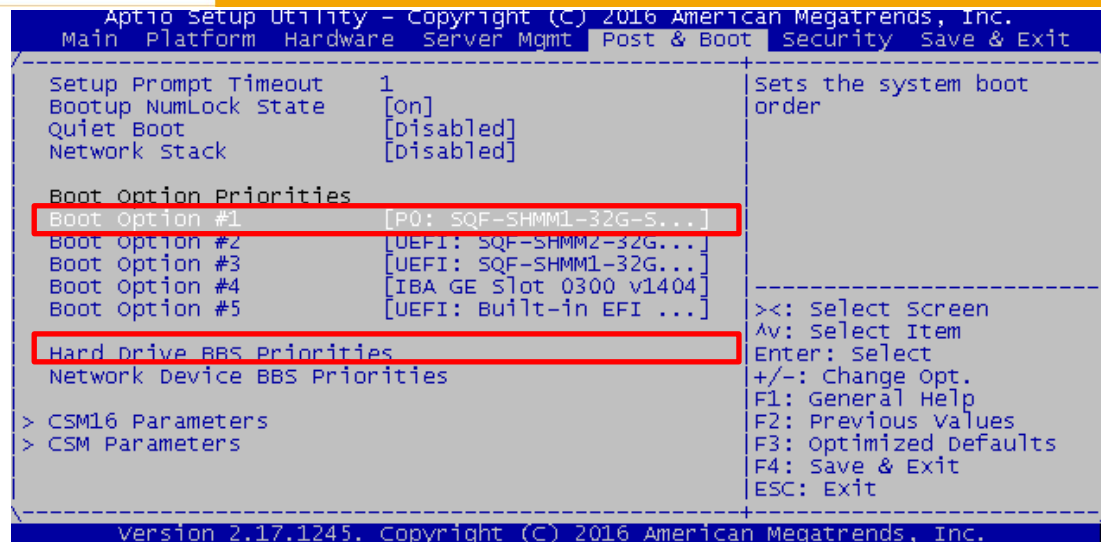


Figure 1 BIOS Boot Option

1.7 Syslinux Boot Menu

The bootstrap of Debian live system is syslinux that provides multi-boot capability. It is a collection of boot loaders capable of booting from different devices. Below figure is the snapshot of LMP boot menu customized for ESP-9010.

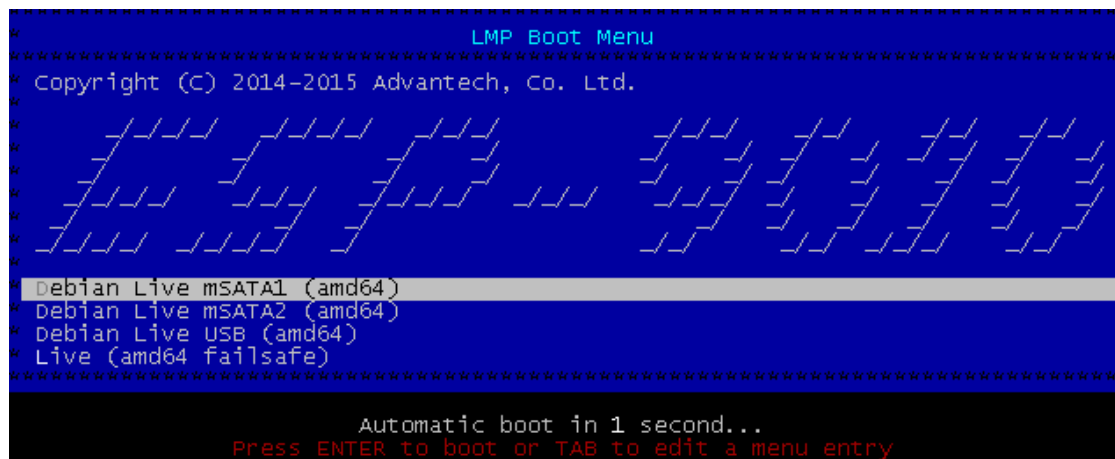


Figure 2 LMP Boot Menu

The menu is separated into four parts:

- Title: this is “LMP Boot Menu”.
- Banner: Advantech copyright and product fancy banner.
- Boot options:
 - “Debian Live mSATA1 (amd64)”: normal booting. Loading Linux Kernel from mSATA1. (Default)
 - “Debian Live mSATA2 (amd64)”: normal booting. Loading Linux Kernel from mSATA2.
 - “Debian Live USB (amd64)”: normal booting. Loading Linux Kernel from USB.
 - “Live (amd64 failsafe)”: fail-safe booting.
- Message bar:

- How long to wait until booting “Debian live (amd64)” automatically”. The default value is 3 seconds. The timer could be cancelled by user input. Once user does this, he/she has to manually select boot option or press TAB key to adjust boot parameters.

If it is required to configure syslinux parameters, title, banner, or boot menu, please update the configuration files or add new ones under “<workspace>/config/includes.binary/syslinux”.

The selected boot option is available only at the current time. If you would like to set mSATA2 to be default booting, please refer to **chap 6.6 Boot from mSATA1/mSATA2** in quick start guide.

1.8 How to Start Build Firmware Image

The steps of development setting:

- Step 1. Debian Environment Prepare (Chap 2)
- Step 2. If needed, VirtualBox Environment Prepare (Chap 3)
- Step 3. Modify Script for live build (Chap 4)
- Step 4. Change to gcc version to v4.8 due to fastpath compatibility
#sudo update-alternatives --config gcc
- Step 5. Start to do live build image. If building successfully, firmware image (live-image-amd64) will be generated at root of LMP source code work space.
make all
make image
- Step 6. Install firmware image to USB Stick or Hard Drive
For example, if usb stick or hard drive is mounted at /dev/sdc
make install DEVICE=/dev/sdc

2. DEBIAN ENVIRONMENT PREPARE

It describes which packages are needed to install for image building.

Update source.list

- \$ sudo vim /etc/apt/sources.list

add two source download list

deb http://http.debian.net/debian jessie main contrib non-free

deb-src http://http.debian.net/debian jessie main contrib non-free

- \$ sudo apt-get update

Enable sudo privilege without passwd for image building

- open a terminal
- enter "su" then enter root password
- apt-get install sudo
- enter "visudo"
- add a new line "<account> ALL(ALL:ALL) NOPASSWD:ALL"
 - user ALL=(ALL:ALL) NOPASSWD:ALL

Install packages

- mandatory packages
 - sudo apt-get install build-essential linux-headers-`uname -r` (for building debian linux package)
 - sudo apt-get build-dep linux (for building debian linux package)
 - sudo apt-get install live-build live-boot live-config (for debian live build)
 - sudo apt-get install libncurses5-dev (for linux menuconfig)
 - sudo apt-get install libc6-dev-i386 (for 32-bit packages, e.g. memtest86+)
 - sudo apt-get install fakeroot kernel-package (for building linux kernel related Debian packages)
 - sudo apt-get install iconx
 - sudo apt-get install noweb
 - sudo apt-get install nowebm
 - sudo apt-get install usbutils (for USB device ID mapping)
 - sudo apt-get install zlib1g-dev libftdi-dev libusb-dev libftdi1 libpci-dev (for flashrom)
 - sudo apt-get install ecryptfs-utils

- sudo apt-get install doxygen
- sudo apt-get install autoconf
- sudo apt-get install libssl-dev
- download and install manually, if can't do apt-get install
 - wget http://ftp.us.debian.org/debian/pool/main/i/icon/iconx_9.4.3-4.2_amd64.deb
 - wget http://ftp.us.debian.org/debian/pool/main/n/noweb/noweb_2.11b-9_amd64.deb
 - wget http://ftp.us.debian.org/debian/pool/main/n/noweb/nowebm_2.11b-9_all.deb
- optional packages
 - sudo apt-get install vim (for editor)
 - sudo apt-get install tree (for directory navigation)
 - sudo apt-get install git-core gitg subversion (for version control)
 - sudo apt-get install gdb (for debugging)
 - sudo apt-get install php5-cli php5-json php5-gd php-fpdf (for Phoronix test suite)
 - sudo apt-get install squashfs-tools (for mksquashfs)
 - sudo apt-get install yum
 - sudo apt-get install mock (for sudo without password)
 - sudo apt-get install python-pip (for python colorlog)
 - sudo pip install --upgrade colorlog (for python colorlog)

Install packages for gcc4.8

- sudo apt-get install gcc-4.8-multilib
- sudo apt-get install g++-4.8-multilib
- Reference
 - <http://askubuntu.com/questions/453681/gcc-wont-link-with-m32>

Change gcc from 4.9 to 4.8

The gcc 4.8 is used to build code due to fastpath compatibility.

- sudo update-alternatives --install /usr/bin/gcc gcc /usr/bin/gcc-4.8 30
- sudo update-alternatives --install /usr/bin/gcc gcc /usr/bin/gcc-4.9 40
- sudo update-alternatives --config gcc

Remove unused/out-of-date packages

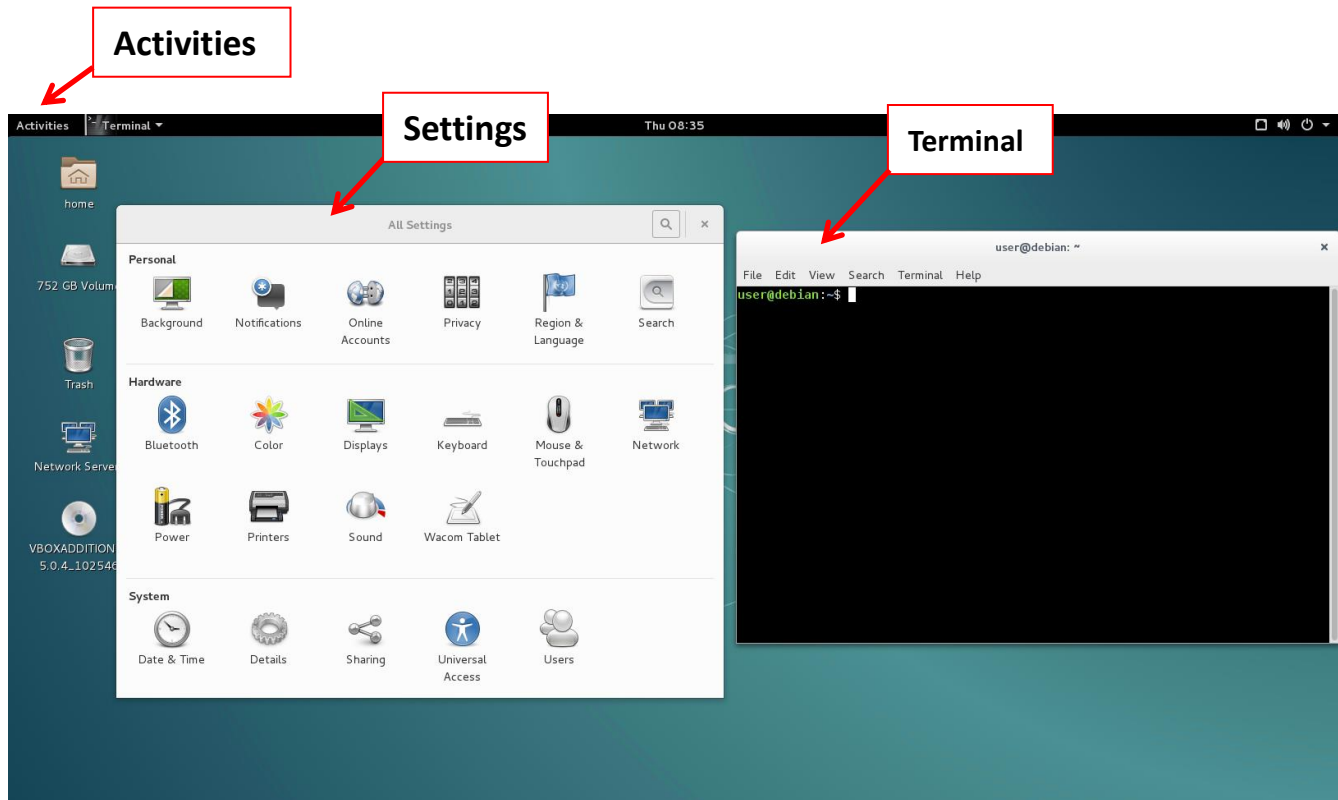
- open a terminal
- remove out-of-date packages
 - sudo apt-get autoclean
 - sudo apt-get autoremove
- remove old linux kernels
 - dpkg --get-selections | grep linux

Update PCI & ISB ID to description database

- sudo update-pciids
- sudo update-usbids

3. VIRTUALBOX ENVIRONMENT PREPARE

If you use VirtualBox (Virtual Machine) to develop and build code, the below steps will let development easier. Download VirtualBox from <https://www.virtualbox.org/>



Adjust system settings

- click "Activities" in top left corner then enter "Settings" and start below tunnings
- disable screen lock
 - click "Privacy->Screen Lock" and turn off "Automatic Screen Lock"
- disable notifications
 - click "Privacy->Screen Lock" and turn off "Show Notifications"
- disable blank screen
 - click "Power" and set "Blank screen" to "Never"
- disable auto start program
 - click "Details->Removable Media" and select "Never prompt or start programs on media insertion" checkbox
- enable auto login
 - click "Users->Unlock", enter root password then turn on "Automatic Login"
 - click "Users->Unlock" again
- turn off speaker
 - click "Sound" and turn off "Output volume"
- enable NTP

- click "Date and Time->Unlock", enter root password then turn on "Automatic Time Zone"

Install VirtualBox guest additions

- click "Device" in toolbar -> "Install Guest Additions" in top bar
- click "Cancel" button if auto-run window pops up
- open terminal then enter "sudo sh /media/cdrom/VBoxLinuxAdditions.run"
- enter "sudo eject /dev/sr<cdrom index>"

Enable application icon to desktop

- enable desktop icon
 - click "Activities" in top left corner then enter "Tweak Tool"
 - click "Desktop" in left sidebar and turn on "Icon on Desktop"
 - select/deselect icons you want to show on desktop

Adjust terminal preference

- open a terminal
- change to "white on black" theme
 - click "Edit->Profile Preferences" in terminal's top bar then click "Colors" tag
 - unselect "Use colors from system theme"
 - select "White on black" of "Built-in schemes"
- disable scrolling line limitation
 - click "Edit->Profile Preferences" in terminal's top bar then click "Scrolling" tag
 - deselect "Limit scrollbar to" of "Scrollbar"
- enable colorful shell prompt
 - uncomment "force_color_prompt=yes" in <home>/.bashrc
- enable colorful vim output
 - uncomment "syntax on" in /etc/vim/vimrc

Mount workspace disk

- mkdir /home/user/workspace
- chmod 777 /home/user/workspace
- add to /etc/fstab to auto-mount disk
 - /dev/sdb /home/user/workspace ext3 defaults,errors=remount-ro 0 0

4. MODIFY SCRIPT FOR LIVE BUILD

In Debian8.1, we must modify building script for live build.

1. Replace **`$_BOOTLOADER`** with **`SYSLINUX`**

```
#sudo vim /usr/lib/live/build/binary_hdd
```

```
dd if=chroot/usr/lib/$_BOOTLOADER/mbr.bin of=${FREELO} bs=440 count=1
```

replaced by

```
dd if=chroot/usr/lib/SYSLINUX/mbr.bin of=${FREELO} bs=440 count=1
```

This is because the syslinux version in jessie expects mbr.bin to be found in `/usr/lib/SYSLINUX/mbr.bin`, but `$_BOOTLOADER` of Debian8.1 script is **`syslinux`**.

2. Add **`sync`** to **`/usr/lib/live/build/binary_hdd`**

```
if [ -n "$_SYSLINUX_INSTALLER" ]
then
    case "${LB_BUILD_WITH_CHROOT}" in
        true)
            Chroot chroot "$_SYSLINUX_INSTALLER"
            ;;
        false)
            $_SYSLINUX_INSTALLER
            ;;
    esac
fi

sync; sync; sync; sync; sync
umount chroot/binary.tmp
rmdir chroot/binary.tmp
```