



# Introducing Embedded Firmware Development Using TianoCore's UEFI Implementation on the EDK2 Platform

Course: Embedded Firmware Development with UEFI

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#### 1. Introduction



#### **UEFI:**

**UEFI (Unified Extensible Firmware Interface)** is a modern firmware standard replacing BIOS, providing an interface between a computer's hardware and operating system during the boot process. It supports advanced features like secure boot, faster startup, network booting, and large disk support.

UEFI enables better hardware compatibility, manageability, and extensibility in computing systems.



#### 1. Introduction



# TianoCore's EDKII Platform:



TianoCore's EDK2 (UEFI Development Kit 2) is an opensource development framework for building UEFI firmware. It provides a modular architecture, allowing developers to create firmware for various platforms and hardware configurations.

EDK2 streamlines UEFI development, promotes code reuse, and fosters collaboration, enabling the creation of advanced and customizable firmware solutions to enhance hardware and operating system interactions.



#### 1. Introduction



#### **QEMU**



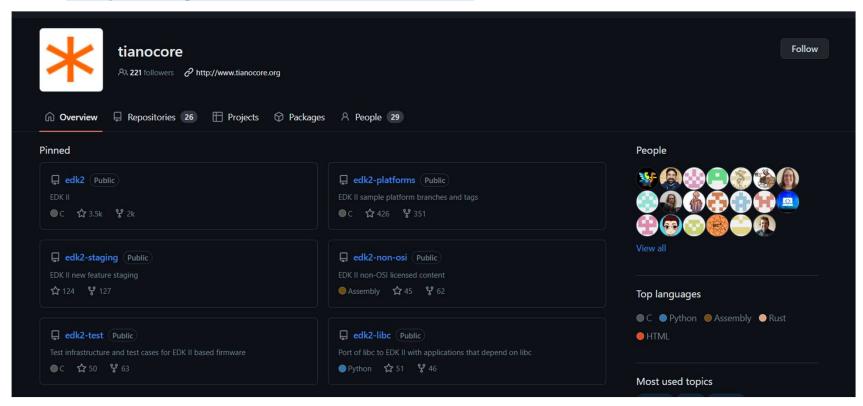
QEMU: Quick Emulator is a free open-source emulator used to run Hardware Platforms and Operating systems on a virtual machine of the host computer.

Here, we use QEMU for the TianoCore's EDKII Platform to test firmware and boot processes.





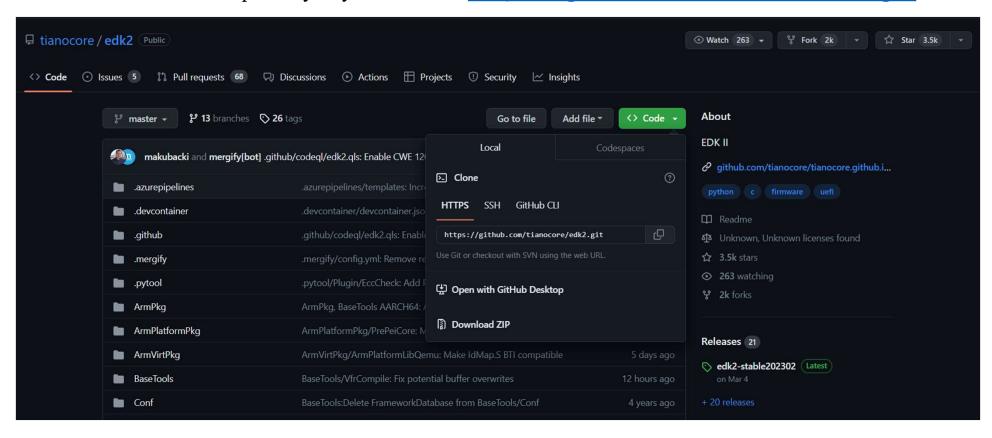
#### https://github.com/tianocore







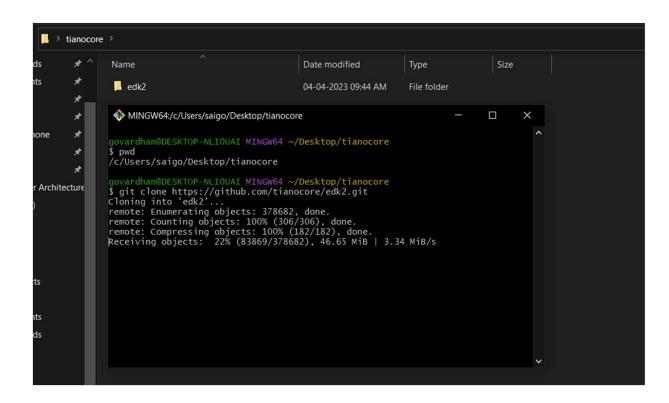
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git submodule update --init

	saigo/Desktop/tianocore/ed				×
Conf/ CryptoPkg/ DynamicTablesPkg/ EmbeddedPkg/	License-History.txt License.txt Maintainers.txt MdeModulePkg/	ReadMe.rst RedfishPkg/ SecurityPkg/ ShellPkg/	UnitTestFram edksetup.bat edksetup.sh pip-requirem		
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Editing the config file

C:\Users\saigo\Desktop\tianocore\edk2\Conf

Change the Active Platform to OVMF and the Target Architecture to your host PC's system architecture.

```
files.
# ACTIVE PLATFORM
                        = EmulatorPkg/EmulatorPkg.dsc
ACTIVE PLATFORM
                      = OvmfPkg/OvmfPkgX64.dsc
                                     Optional
   TARGET
                          List
                                                 Zero or more of the fol
                                                 UserDefined; separated
                                                If not sp
                                                in the pl
                                                built.
 TARGET ARCH
                        = IA32
TARGET ARCH
                      = X64
  TOOL DEFINITION FILE Filename Optional
                                              Specify the
                                               the tools t
                                              WORKSPACE/C
                      = Conf/tools def.txt
TOOL CHAIN CONF
```



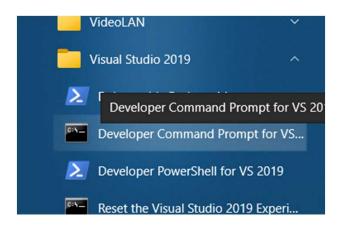
# 3. Installing Dependencies



Downloading other dependencies:

ASL - <a href="https://github.com/tianocore/tianocore.github.io/wiki/Asl-Setup">https://github.com/tianocore/tianocore.github.io/wiki/Asl-Setup</a>
Python 27
Visual Studio 2019

Open VS Shell





# 4. Building the OVMF Firmware Package (OVMF: Open Virtual Machine Firmware Package)

Developer Command Prompt for VS 2019



Enter the following commands into the VS Shell

cd C:\Users\saigo\Desktop\tianocore\toolchain\edk2

set PYTHON HOME=C:\Python27\

set NASM\_PREFIX=C:\NASM\

edksetup.bat

build -t VS2019

\Users\saigo\Desktop\tianocore\edk2> \Users\saigo\Desktop\tianocore\edk2>cd C:\Users\saigo\Desktop\tianocore\edk2 :\Users\saigo\Desktop\tianocore\edk2>set PYTHON HOME=C:\Python27\ :\Users\saigo\Desktop\tianocore\edk2>set NASM\_PREFIX=C:\NASM\ :\Users\saigo\Desktop\tianocore\edk2>edksetup.bat = C:\Users\saigo\Desktop\tianocore\edk2\BaseTools\BinWrappers\WindowsLike;C:\Users\saigo\Desktop ocore\edk2\BaseTools\Bin\Win32;C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Community\Common7\IDE\\Extension rosoft\IntelliCode\CLI;C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Community\VC\Tools\MSVC\14.29.30133\bin\ X86\x86;C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Community\Common7\IDE\VC\VCPackages;C:\Program Files (x8 icrosoft Visual Studio\2019\Community\Common7\IDE\CommonExtensions\Microsoft\TestWindow;C:\Program Files (x86)\Micro Visual Studio\2019\Community\Common7\IDE\CommonExtensions\Microsoft\TeamFoundation\Team Explorer;C:\Program Files ( \Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Community\MSBuild\Current\bin\Roslyn;C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\20 ommunity\Team Tools\Performance Tools;C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\Shared\Common\VSPerfCollectionT \vs2019\;C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft SDKs\Windows\v10.0A\bin\NETFX 4.8 Tools\;C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft al Studio\2019\Community\Common7\IDE\CommonExtensions\Microsoft\FSharp\Tools;C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual dio\2019\Community\Common7\Tools\devinit;C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\bin\10.0.19041.0\x86;C:\Program File 86)\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86;C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Community\\MSBuild\Current\Bin;C:\Wi s\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319;C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Community\Common7\IDE\;C:\P am Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Community\Common7\Tools\;C:\Program Files\Eclipse Foundation\jdk-8.0.302 otspot\bin;C:\Program Files\Python38\Scripts\;C:\Program Files\Python38\;C:\Program Files (x86)\Intel\oneAPI\tbb\lat redist\intel64\vc mt\;C:\Program Files (x86)\Intel\oneAPI\tbb\latest\redist\ia32\vc mt\;C:\Program Files (x86)\Intel API\compiler\latest\windows\redist\intel64\_win\compiler;C:\Program Files (x86)\Intel\oneAPI\compiler\latest\windows\ st\ia32\_win\compiler;C:\Program Files\Common Files\Oracle\Java\javapath;C:\WINDOWS\system32;C:\WINDOWS;C:\WINDOWS\Sy 32\Wbem;C:\WINDOWS\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\;C:\WINDOWS\System32\OpenSSH\;C:\Program Files\MATLAB\R2021b\bin; rogram Files (x86)\Calibre2\;C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\Bin\;C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\V vin64\Bin\;C:\Program Files\Git\cmd;C:\Program Files\PuTTY\;C:\Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\130\Tools\Binn\;C: gram Files\Microsoft SQL Server\Client SDK\ODBC\170\Tools\Binn\;C:\Users\saigo\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python3



# 4. Building the OVMF Firmware Package



Enter the following commands into the VS Shell Start the Build:

#### build -t VS2019

```
C:\Users\saigo\Desktop\tianocore\edk2>build -t VS2019
Build environment: Windows-10-10.0.19044-SP0
Build start time: 10:11:44, Apr.04 2023
WORKSPACE
                = c:\users\saigo\desktop\tianocore\edk2
                = c:\users\saigo\desktop\tianocore\edk2\basetools
EDK_TOOLS_PATH
EDK TOOLS BIN
                = c:\users\saigo\desktop\tianocore\edk2\basetools\bin\win32
                = c:\users\saigo\desktop\tianocore\edk2\conf
CONF_PATH
PYTHON\_COMMAND = py -3
Processing meta-data .
Architecture(s) = X64
Build target
                = DEBUG
Toolchain
                = VS2019
Active Platform
                        = c:\users\saigo\desktop\tianocore\edk2\OvmfPkg\OvmfPkgX64.dsc
```

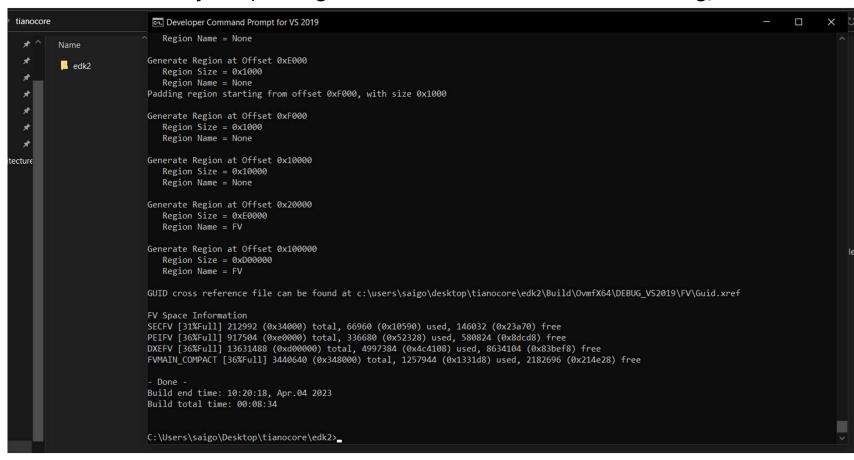
Note: This step will take time to complete (~8 minutes)



## 4. Building the OVMF Firmware Package



After successfully completing the build of the EDKII for OvmfPkg,





# 5. QEMU setup



Install QEMU for your host PC: <a href="https://www.qemu.org/downLoad/#windows">https://www.qemu.org/downLoad/#windows</a>

#### Download QEMU

Source code	Linux	macOS	Windows
Stefan Weil provides binaries and ins	tallers for botl 32-bit and <u>64-bit</u> Windo	ows.	
MSYS2:			
	also. MSYS2 uses pacman to manage and. Now choose the proper comman		stallation procedure. Then update the
• For 32 bit Windows 7 or above	(in MINGW32):		
pacman -S mingw-w64-i686-qe	mu		
For 64 bit Windows 7 or above	(in MINGW64):		
pacman -S mingw-w64-x86 64-	gemu		

Setup QEMU and provide the install location



# 5. QEMU setup



#### The qemu-system-x86\_64 application can be located in the install path (Program Files)

ess	Name	Date modified	Type	Size
riter	gemu-system-riscv64	30-12-2022 10:52 PM	Application	10,444 KB
	gemu-system-riscv64w	30-12-2022 10:54 PM	Application	10,444 KB
Explorer	qemu-system-rx	30-12-2022 10:53 PM	Application	5,461 KB
dation	qemu-system-rxw	30-12-2022 10:52 PM	Application	5,461 KB
	emu-system-s390x	30-12-2022 10:54 PM	Application	6,722 KB
	💮 qemu-system-s390xw	30-12-2022 10:53 PM	Application	6,722 KB
	qemu-system-sh4	30-12-2022 10:54 PM	Application	8,489 KB
	🥞 qemu-system-sh4eb	30-12-2022 10:53 PM	Application	8,495 KB
Office	🥞 qemu-system-sh4ebw	30-12-2022 10:54 PM	Application	8,495 KB
t Office 15	🎅 qemu-system-sh4w	30-12-2022 10:54 PM	Application	8,489 KB
t SDKs	🎅 qemu-system-sparc	30-12-2022 10:53 PM	Application	5,956 KB
t SQL Servi	equ-system-sparc64	30-12-2022 10:54 PM	Application	8,664 KB
	eqemu-system-sparc64w	30-12-2022 10:53 PM	Application	8,664 KB
t Update F	eqemu-system-sparcw	30-12-2022 10:53 PM	Application	5,956 KB
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leWindow	nemu-system-tricorew	30-12-2022 10:52 PM	Application	5,549 KB
	qemu-system-x86_64	30-12-2022 10:52 PM	Application	13,234 KB
	emu-system-x86_64w	30-12-2022 10:54 PM	Application	13,234 KB
Instrumen	e qemu-system-xtensa	30-12-2022 10:53 PM	Application	11,427 KB
s-15	eqemu-system-xtensaeb	30-12-2022 10:53 PM	Application	11,299 KB
++	qemu-system-xtensaebw	30-12-2022 10:53 PM	Application	11,299 KB
Networks	eqemu-system-xtensaw	30-12-2022 10:53 PM	Application	11,427 KB
Check	🧣 qemu-uninstall	30-01-2023 10:17 AM	Application	116 KB
	README.rst	12-08-2022 01:06 PM	RST File	6 KB
Displays	SDL2.dll	30-12-2022 10:52 PM	Application extens	2,037 KB
	SDL2_image.dll	30-12-2022 10:52 PM	Application extens	126 KB
В	VERSION	14-12-2022 12:09 PM	File	1 KB
	Sib1.dll  Signal S	30-12-2022 10:52 PM	Application extens	118 KB



# 6. QEMU interfacing



Open the cmd prompt at the qemu directory and load the build to be emulated on QEMU using the following command

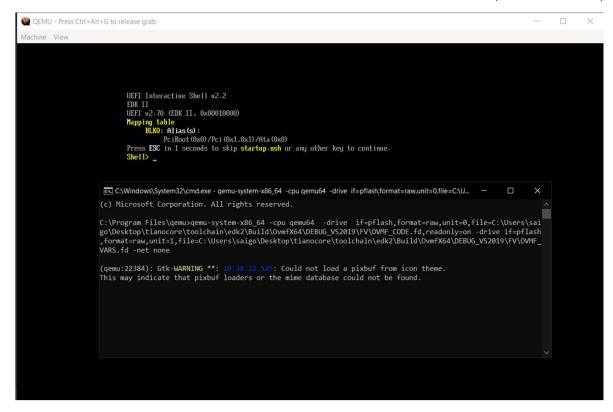
qemu-system-x86\_64 -cpu qemu64 -drive
if=pflash,format=raw,unit=0,file=C:\Users\saigo\Desktop\tianocore\toolch
ain\edk2\Build\OvmfX64\DEBUG\_VS2019\FV\OVMF\_CODE.fd,readonly=on -drive
if=pflash,format=raw,unit=1,file=C:\Users\saigo\Desktop\tianocore\toolch
ain\edk2\Build\OvmfX64\DEBUG\_VS2019\FV\OVMF\_VARS.fd -net none



# 6. QEMU interfacing



The UEFI interactive shell will be displayed when the build is successfully virtualised. Note that this is a command line interface (like bash)







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```
Shell> ver
UEFI Interactive Shell v2.2
EDK II
UEFI v2.70 (EDK II, 0x00010000)
Shell>
```





The UEFI interactive shell will be displayed when the build is successfully virtualised. Note that this is a command line interface (like bash) Below, I have displayed the memory map (\$map) and the boot options (\$bcfg boot dump)

```
Optional- N
Shell> map
Mapping table
     BLKO: Alias(s):
          PciRoot (0x0) /Pci (0x1,0x1) /Ata (0x0)
Shell> bcfg boot dump
Option: 00. Variable: Boot0000
  Desc - UiApp
 DeuPath - Fu (7CB8BDC9-F8EB-4F34-AAEA-3EE4AF6516A1)/FuFile (462CAA21-7614-4503-836E-8AB6F4662331)
 Optional- N
Option: 01. Variable: Boot0001
 Desc - UEFI QEMU DVD-ROM QM00003
  DeuPath - PciRoot (0x0) / Pci (0x1,0x1) / Ata (0x0)
 Optional- Y
Option: 02. Variable: Boot0002
  Desc - EFI Internal Shell
  DevPath - Fu (7CB8BDC9-F8EB-4F34-AAEA-3EE4AF6516A1)/FuFile (7C04A583-9E3E-4F1C-AD65-E05268D0B4D1)
 Optional- N
Shell>
```





#### Other examples:

```
type: 100 1eW arguments
Shell> mem
Memory Address 00000000079EE018 78 Bytes
                                                                                  Shell> devices
  079EE018: 49 42 49 20 53 59 53 54-46 00 02 00 78 00 00 00 *IBI SYSTF...x...*
                                                                                      T D
  079EE028: 8B 99 07 57 00 00 00 00-18 FF 95 07 00 00 00 00 *...\...............*
                                                                                      Y C I
  079EE038: 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 00-98 6E DB 06 00 00 00 00 *.........
                                                                                      PFA
  079EE048: 40 0E D3 06 00 00 00 00-98 E6 0D 07 00 00 00 00 *@.....*
                                                                                  CTRL E G G #P #D #C Device Name
  079EE058: 20 AE B4 06 00 00 00 00-18 59 DB 06 00 00 00 00
  079EE068: A0 11 D3 06 00 00 00 00-98 EB 9E 07 00 00 00 00
                                                                                    33 R - - 0 1 5 PciRoot (0x0)
                                                                                    66 D - - 2 0 O Primary Console Input Device
  079EE078: F0 5D EB 07 00 00 00 00-09 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 *.].....*
                                                                                    67 D - - 2 0 0 Primary Console Output Device
  079EE088: 98 EC 9E 07 00 00 00 00-
                                                                                    68 D - - 1 0 0 Primary Standard Error Device
                                                                                    95 D - - 1 0 0 PciRoot (0x0) /Pci (0x0,0x0)
Valid EFI Header at Address 00000000079EE018
                                                                                    96 B - - 1 1 3 PciRoot (0x0) / Pci (0x1,0x0)
                                                                                    97 B - - 1 4 1 Sata Controller
System: Table Structure size 00000078 revision 00020046
                                                                                    98 D - - 1 0 0 PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1,0x3)
                                                                                    99 B - - 1 1 1 QEMU Video PCI Adapter
ConIn (0000000006D30E40) ConOut (0000000006B4AE20) StdErr (0000000006D311A0)
                                                                                    9B B - - 1 3 1 PciRoot (0x0) / Pci (0x2,0x0) / AcpiAdr (0x80010100)
Runtime Services 00000000079EEB98
                                                                                    9E B - - 1 1 1 PciRoot (0x0) / Pci (0x1,0x0) / Serial (0x0)
Boot Services
                 0000000007EB5DF0
                                                                                    9F D - - 1 0 0 PciRoot (0x0) / Pci (0x1,0x0) / Serial (0x1)
AO B - - 1 3 1 PS/2 Keyboard Device
ACPI Table
                 0000000007B7E000
                                                                                    A1 B - - 1 1 1 SIO Serial Port #0
ACPI 2.0 Table
                                                                                    A2 B - - 1 5 3 PC-ANSI Serial Console
                 0000000007B7E014
                                                                                    A3 D - - 1 2 0 SCSI Disk Device
MPS Table
                 00000000000000000
SMBIOS Table
                 000000000795E000
```





You can additionally use (\$help) to display a list of all the commands, Reset (\$reset), Shut Down (\$shutdown)

```
Optional- N
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 Optional- N
Shell>
```



#### 8. Reference Manual



All the reference commands can be found listed in the UEFI Shell Specification: <a href="https://uefi.org/sites/default/files/resources/UEFI Shell 2.pdf">https://uefi.org/sites/default/files/resources/UEFI Shell 2.pdf</a>

Note: Chapter 5 is a good collation of all the commands





#### 5.1 Overview

This section describes the standard UEFI Shell commands.

The table below lists all standard UEFI Shell commands.

**Table 11 Commands from Default Build Shell** 

Command	Description	Required at Shell Level or Profile	
alias	Displays, creates, or deletes aliases in the UEFI Shell environment	3	
attrib	Displays or changes the attributes of files or directories.	2	
bcfg	Manipulate boot order and driver order	Debug1,	

**UEFI Shell Specification** 



#### 9. Conclusion



In this presentation, we have covered the UEFI toolchain installation, build procedure for OVMF Firmware and interfaced it with QEMU with basic shell commands.

This can be used for building custom .efi applications on a firmware package and can be emulated virtually on QEMU.





# Thank you

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