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5: File system

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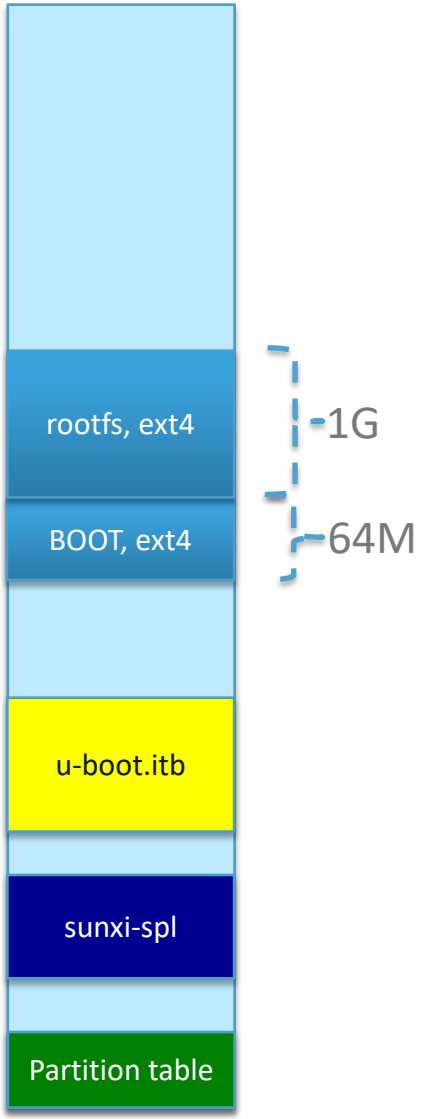
SDCard configuration

- Since the u-boot laboratory, the SDcard has this configuration:



Kernel and rootfs configuration

mkfs.ext2 and tune2fs

```
cd workspace/nano/buildroot
make busybox-menuconfig
```

Go to "Linux Ext2 FS Progs" → [*] tune2fs

Go to "Linux System Utilities" → [*] mkfs.ext2

Btrfs, NILFS2, F2FS, XFS

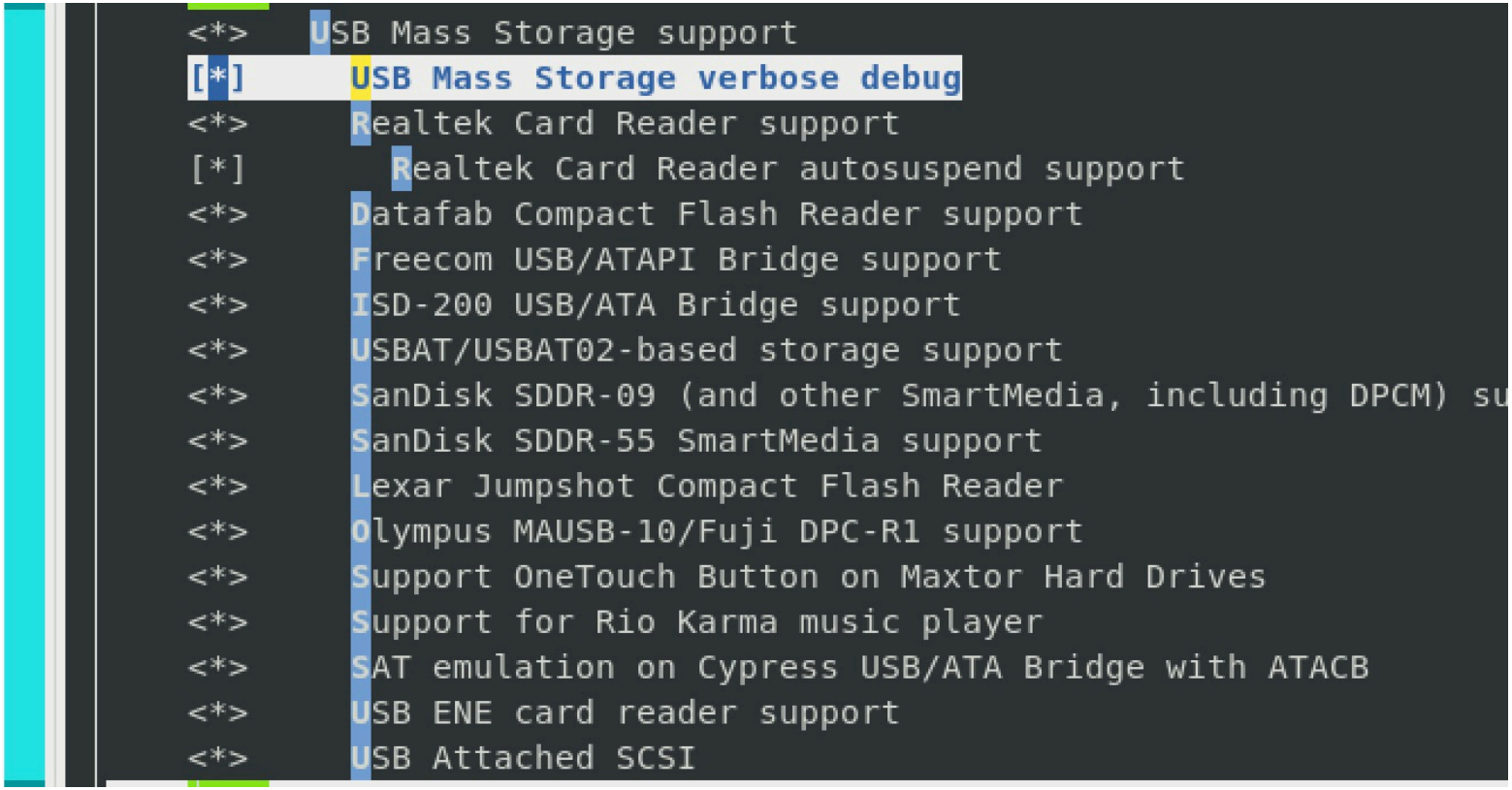
```
cd workspace/nano/buildroot
make linux-menuconfig
```

Go to "File Systems" and activate the different filesystems

Kernel: USB mass storage activtion

USB Mass Storage

```
cd workspace/nano/buildroot
make linux-menuconfig
   Device drivers → USB Support →
```



Kernel and rootfs configuration

Cryptsetup

```
cd workspace/nano/buildroot
make menuconfig
```

Go to: target packages → hardware handling → [*] cryptsetup

```
cd workspace/nano/buildroot
make linux-menuconfig
```

Go to: device driver → <*> Multiple Devices drivers support (RAID and LVM) → <*>Device mapper support → <*> Crypt target support

Kernel and rootfs configuration

Initramfs

```
cd workspace/nano/buildroot
make linux-menuconfig
  Go to: General setup ---> [*] Initial RAM filesystem and RAM disk
     (initramfs/initrd) support
  Go to: Device Drivers → Generic Drivers options → [*] Maintain a
     devtmpfs filesystem to mount at /dev → [*] Automount a devtmpfs at
     /dev, after the kernel mounted the rootfs
```

- Install new kernel and rootfs on the SDcard

Question 1: EXT4

On NanoPi

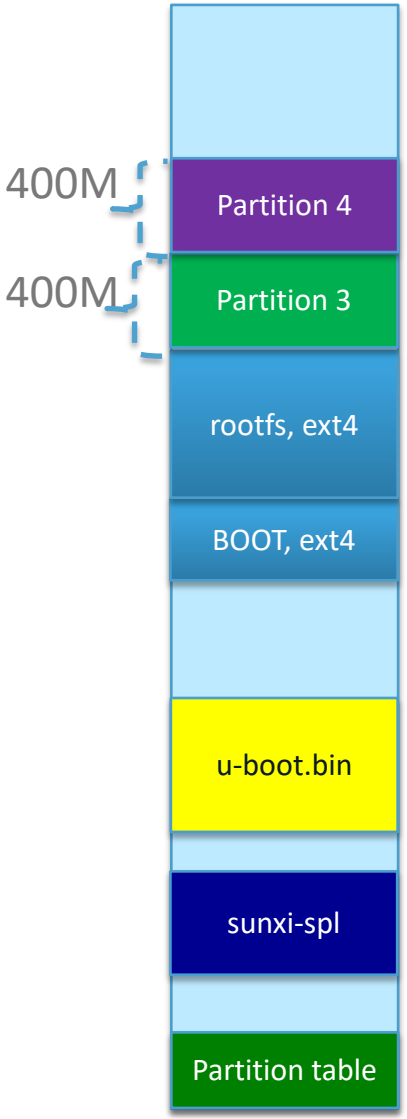
Questions

- How the kernel knows that rootfs is in the second partition of the SDcard
- Mount the first partition of the Sdcard on /mnt
- What are the major and minor number of the node file managing the SDcard

Question 2: btrfs, f2fs, nilfs2, xfs

On PC

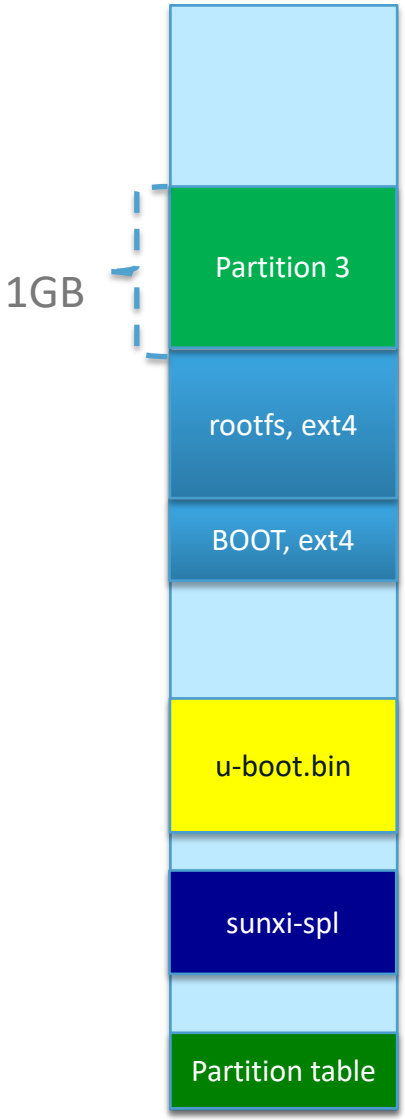
1. Create 2 new partitions (partition3 and 4). You can use fdisk or parted commands (fdisk is simpler)
2. Choose two file systems among the four (e.g. btrfs-f2fs or nilfs2-xfs or …) and format these two partitions with selected file systems
3. Write a program which write 1000 small files of 1024 bytes and one big file of 1MB. Measure the writing time (small and big files) on an ext4 file system (rootfs) and on partitions 3 and 4. On moodle you can find an program skeleton.



Question 3: LUKS, cryptsetup, dmcrypt

On PC

1. Create partition 3. On PC, you can use fdisk or parted commands (fdisk is simpler). For next questions, this partition will be used as a LUKS partition



Question 3.1: LUKS, cryptsetup options

- Cryptsetup: Explain simply what is the difference between the « Plain Mode » « Luks extension mode » (**man cryptosetup**). Which mode is the best to use?
- Cryptsetup: what means the `–hash` option for the luks mode?
- Cryptsetup: What is the default cipher for the luks mode?
- Cryptsetup: What means the `–key-file` option?

Question 3.2: LUKS test 1

On PC

- Initialise a LUKS partition (partition 3), format the LUKS partition as ext4, and mount it in the directory `/mnt/usr`
- Copy a file in the LUKS partition
- Add a new passphrase to the LUKS partition
- Dump the header partition and the crypted master key
- With the `dd` command, dump 1 Mbytes of the partition /dev/sbd3 to a file. Can you find the header partition and the crypted master key
- Connect your SDCard card on NanoPi and activate the crypted partition

Question 3.3: rootfs in a luks partition

The goal of this question is to have a crypted rootfs on partition 3

On Host PC

- Generate a random passphrase in a file:
  With `dd and /dev/urandom` generates the random file « `passphrase` » with 64 bytes
- Initialize a LUKS partion (for partition 3) with these caractericties:
  - Hash: sha512
  - Key-size: 512
  - Passphrase: in the file "`passphrase`"
- Create a mapping `/dev/mapper/usrfs1`
- Format the LUKS partition as ext4 partition
- With the command below, copy the rootfs to the luks partition:

```
sudo dd
if=~/workspace/nano/buildroot/output/image/rootfs.ext4
of=/dev/mapper/usrfs1 bs=4M
```

Question 3.3: rootfs in a luks partition

On NanopPi

- Boot NanoPi and mount manually the luks partition (partition 3).
- Write as init script (/etc/S40luks) in order this partition is mounted automatically

Question 4: initramfs

- On your PC generate a initramfs but the `/init` script don't execute the `exec switch_root` command but the `exec sh`

```
mount -t proc none /proc
mount -t sysfs none /sys
mount —t ext4 /dev/mmcblk1p2 /newroot
mount -n -t devtmpfs devtmpfs /newroot/devexec sh

exec sh
# exec switch_root /newroot /sbin/init
```

- Initialize NanoPi in order to start the initramfs

- Start NanoPi and start manually the `exec switch_root` command

Question 5: initramfs-LUKS partition

- From the shell on the initramfs (exec sh), mount the partition 3 as LUKS partition.
- Start manually the `exec switch_root` command to this encrypted rootfs partition
- Write a script in order to start automatically the encrypted rootfs partition