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Preface

Overview

Rockchip SDKs use closed-source miniloader to load trust and u-boot by default. All memories (eMMC NAND or NOR Flash) are accessed through block interface. For developers who want to access NAND or NOR Flash through MTD interface, Rockchip provides open source SPL to load trust and u-boot, and access NAND or NOR Fash through MTD interface in u-boot.

Intended Audience

This document (this guide) is mainly intended for:

Technical support engineers

Software development engineers

Product Version

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RK3308	4.4

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1. Build Configuration Changes

1.1 U-Boot

1.1.1 Configurations

The defconfig is configured as follows:

Add:

```
CONFIG CMD NAND=y
CONFIG CMD SF=y
CONFIG CMD SPI=y
CONFIG NAND ROCKCHIP DT=y
CONFIG CMD MTDPARTS=y
CONFIG NAND=y
CONFIG NAND ROCKCHIP=y
CONFIG MTD=y
CONFIG MTD SPI NAND=y
CONFIG CMD MTD BLK=y
CONFIG SPL MTD SUPPORT=y
CONFIG MTD DEVICE=y
CONFIG CMD MTD=y
CONFIG MTD BLK=y
CONFIG SPL SPI FLASH SUPPORT=y
CONFIG_SPL_SPI_SUPPORT=y
CONFIG SPL LOAD RKFW=y
CONFIG SPL NAND SUPPORT=y
CONFIG SPL SYS MALLOC F LEN=0x100000
CONFIG_SPI_FLASH=y
CONFIG SF DEFAULT MODE=0x1
CONFIG SF DEFAULT SPEED=50000000
CONFIG SPI FLASH EON=y
CONFIG SPI FLASH GIGADEVICE=y
CONFIG SPI FLASH MACRONIX=y
CONFIG SPI FLASH WINBOND=y
CONFIG SPI FLASH MTD=y
CONFIG ROCKCHIP SFC=y
CONFIG SYS NAND U BOOT LOCATIONS=y
CONFIG SYS NAND U BOOT OFFS=0x8000
CONFIG SYS NAND U BOOT OFFS REDUND=0x10000
CONFIG RKFW TRUST SECTOR=0X3000  #The flashing address in memory is in
sectors, 1 sector=512 Bytes, which is the start address of the trust in
paramter.txt
CONFIG RKFW U BOOT SECTOR=0X2000  #The flashing address in memory is in
sectors, 1 sector=512 Bytes, which is the starting address of u-boot in
paramter.txt
```

Remove:

```
CONFIG_RKFLASH=y
CONFIG_RKNANDC_NAND=y
CONFIG_RKSFC_NAND=y
CONFIG_RKSFC_NOR=y
```

1.1.2 Compile Instrodution

64-bits:

32-bits:

Excute ./make.sh uboot in root path of SDK or excute ./make.sh rk3308 in [ROOT PATH]/u-boot.

64-bits loader is needed in 32-bit u-boot compilation, so compile 64-bits u-boot firstly, backup spl/u-boot-spl.bin, replace spl/u-boot-spl.bin after compiling 32-bits u-boot, and then pack loader, commands are as follows:

```
cd u-boot
./make.sh rk3308
cp spl/u-boot-spl.bin ..
./make.sh rk3308-aarch32
cp ../u-boot-spl.bin spl/
./make.sh spl-s ../rkbin/RKBOOT/RK3308MINIALL_WO_FTL.ini
```

These commads will generate rk3308 loader wo ftl v*.bin which you can flash into board as final loader.

1.2 Kernel

Taking RK3308 EVB_V13 development board as an example, bootargs is configured to start the rootfs of ubifs, and DTS is modified as follows:

```
diff --git a/arch/arm64/boot/dts/rockchip/rk3308-evb-v13.dtsi
b/arch/arm64/boot/dts/rockchip/rk3308-evb-v13.dtsi
index 92675be..62b80e2 100644
--- a/arch/arm64/boot/dts/rockchip/rk3308-evb-v13.dtsi
+++ b/arch/arm64/boot/dts/rockchip/rk3308-evb-v13.dtsi
@@ -12,7 +12,8 @@
        compatible = "rockchip, rk3308-evb-v13", "rockchip, rk3308";
        chosen {
               bootargs = "earlycon=uart8250,mmio32,0xff0c0000 swiotlb=1
console=ttyFIQ0 root=PARTUUID=614e0000-0000 rootfstype=squashfs rootwait
snd aloop.index=7";
                /*bootargs = "earlycon=uart8250,mmio32,0xff0c0000 swiotlb=1
console=ttyFIQ0 root=PARTUUID=614e0000-0000 rootfstype=squashfs rootwait
snd_aloop.index=7";*/
       bootargs = "earlycon=uart8250, mmio32, 0xff0c0000 swiotlb=1
console=ttyFIQ0 ubi.mtd=5 root=ubi0:rootfs rootfstype=ubifs rootwait
snd aloop.index=7";
       } ;
        adc-keys {
```

For early development and debugging, you can mount rootfs as read-write, and add rw flag to bootargs as follows:

```
bootargs = "earlycon=uart8250,mmio32,0xff0c0000 swiotlb=1 console=ttyFIQ0
ubi.mtd=5 root=ubi0:rootfs rootfstype=ubifs rw rootwait snd_aloop.index=7";
```

The defconfig is configured as follows:

Add:

```
CONFIG_MTD_CMDLINE_PARTS=y

CONFIG_MTD_NAND=y

CONFIG_MTD_NAND_ROCKCHIP_V6=y

CONFIG_MTD_UBI=y

CONFIG_MTD_UBI_WL_THRESHOLD=1024

CONFIG_UBIFS_FS=y

CONFIG_UBIFS_FS_ADVANCED_COMPR=y

# CONFIG_UBIFS_FS_ZLIB is not set

CONFIG_CRYPTO_DEFLATE=y
```

Remove:

```
CONFIG_RK_FLASH=Y
CONFIG_RK_NANDC_NAND=Y
CONFIG_RK_SFC_NAND=Y
CONFIG_RK_SFC_NOR=Y
```

1.3 Buildroot

Takes ubifs as an rootfs example, refer to the configuration below, please refer to ubifs for detailed parameters configurations:

```
[] tar the root filesystem
[*] ubi image containing an ubifs root filesystem
(0x20000) physical eraseblock size PEB:Physical logical block size
(2048) sub-page size Page size
[] Use custom config file
(-v) Additional ubinize options Print compilation information
-*- ubifs root filesystem
(0x1f000) logical eraseblock size LEB:Logical erase block size
(0x800) minimum I/O unit size Page size
(488) maximum logical eraseblock count Number of logical erase blocks
ubifs runtime compression (lzo) --->
Compression method (no compression) --->
(-F -v) Additional mkfs.ubifs options -F can be flashed, -v prints compilation
[] yaffs2 root filesystem information
```

When finishing the configuration, use "make savedefconfig" to save Buildroot configuration.

1.4 Building Script

Add spl building to build.sh. The generated spl file is located at "u-boot/spl/u-boot-spl.bin". The following building script will automatically package spl into MiniloaderAll.bin file. It is not recommended to use this script when compiling 32-bit u-boot, it is recommended to refer to 1.1.2 Compile Instrodution to generate loader manually.

Modify the following fields in BoardConfig.mk:

```
export RK_ROOTFS_TYPE=ubi
export RK_OEM_FS_TYPE=ubifs
export RK_USERDATA_FS_TYPE=ubifs
```

Package tools modification (tools directory), oem and userdata are not packaged as follows:

1.5 Partition Table

The partition table should be GPT table, that is, configure the following fields in parameter.txt file:

```
TYPE: GPT
```

1.6 SD Booting Upgrade

The SPL solution supports SD card upgrade solution. If you need this function, the following configuration should be turned on:

U-Boot directory:

```
-CONFIG_OF_SPL_REMOVE_PROPS="pinctrl-0 pinctrl-names clock-names interrupt-parent assigned-clocks assigned-clock-rates assigned-clock-parents"
+CONFIG_OF_SPL_REMOVE_PROPS=""
+CONFIG_SPL_PINCTRL_GENERIC=y
+CONFIG_SPL_PINCTRL=y
```

kernel directory:

```
diff --git a/drivers/mtd/nand/rockchip_nand_v6.c
b/drivers/mtd/nand/rockchip_nand_v6.c
index 5a74427..31208ba 100644
--- a/drivers/mtd/nand/rockchip_nand_v6.c
+++ b/drivers/mtd/nand/rockchip_nand_v6.c
@@ -20,6 +20,7 @@
#include <linux/gpio.h>
#include <linux/interrupt.h>
#include <linux/iopoll.h>
+#include <asm/io.h>
```

Macros should be turned on in the defconfig of recovery

```
BR2_PACKAGE_MTD=y
```

When finishing building, use the tool SDDiskTool_v1.59 to make the card. First time to upgrade have to generate the firmware needed to upgrade Flash in the root directory of the SD card, so it will take longer time, but will be quicker later.

2. Upgrade Instructions

2.1 Tool

The RKDevTool supports UBI flashing. If the firmware is identified as UBI, format the partition first and then flash the partition. The tool version must be V2.6.9 or later.

2.2 Enable Key Log

SPL Log:

```
U-Boot SPL board init
U-Boot SPL 2017.09-03071-g9cb6379-dirty (Jun 28 2019 - 10:29:22)
```

Then run mount command and it will mount as follows:

```
# mount
ubi0:rootfs on / type ubifs (rw,relatime)
/dev/ubi6_0 on /oem type ubifs (rw,relatime)
/dev/ubi7_0 on /userdata type ubifs (rw,relatime)
```

3. UBIFS Instructions

3.1 UBIFS Introduction

Unordered Block Image File System (UBIFS) is used on solid-state memories and competes with LogFS as one of JFFS2 subsequent file systems.

3.2 UBI Layer

UBIFS includes three subsystems:

- 1. MTD system, providing access interfaces to various Flash chips: drivers or mtd.
- 2. UBI system, working on MTD, providing UBI volume: drivers or mtd or ubi.
- 3. UBIFS file system, working on UBI, fs or ubifs.

3.3 UBIFS Application Examples

3.3.1 Mount an Empty UBIFS File System

There are 6 partitions in current board. The partitions are as follows:

1. Format UBI partition

Format UBI partition with the following command:

```
# ubiformat /dev/mtd6
ubiformat: mtd6 (nand), size 165675008 bytes (158.0 MiB), 1264 eraseblocks of
131072 bytes (128.0 KiB), min. I/O size 2048 bytes
libscan: scanning eraseblock 1263 -- 100 % complete
ubiformat: 1260 eraseblocks are supposedly empty
ubiformat: 4 bad eraseblocks found, numbers: 1260, 1261, 1262, 1263
ubiformat: formatting eraseblock 462 -- 36 % complete  1 Jan 08:00:21
ntpd[377]: Listen normally on 4 wlan0 169.254.47.142:123
ubiformat: formatting eraseblock 1263 -- 100 % complete
```

2. Bind UBI to MTD partition

Use the following command to bind UBI to MTD6 partition:

```
# ubiattach /dev/ubi ctrl -m 6
   [ 91.687268] ubil: attaching mtd6
     92.117692] ubil: scanning is finished
   [ 92.126771] ubi1: attached mtd6 (name "userdata", size 158 MiB)
   [ 92.126838] ubi1: PEB size: 131072 bytes (128 KiB), LEB size: 126976 bytes
   [ 92.126864] ubi1: min./max. I/O unit sizes: 2048/2048, sub-page size 2048
     92.126888] ubi1: VID header offset: 2048 (aligned 2048), data offset: 4096
     92.126912] ubi1: good PEBs: 1260, bad PEBs: 4, corrupted PEBs: 0
      92.126935] ubi1: user volume: 0, internal volumes: UBI device number 1,
total 12601 LEBs (159989760 bytes, 152.6 MiB), available 1220 LEBs (15491,0720
bytes, 147.7 MiB), LEB size 126976 bytes (124.0 KiB)
  max. volumes count: 128
  [ 92.126973] ubi1: max/mean erase counter: 0/0, WL threshold: 1024, image
seq# uence number: 864764485
  [ 92.127000] ubi1: available PEBs: 1220, total reserved PEBs: 40, PEBs
reserved for bad PEB handling: 36
  [ 92.127128] ubi1: background thread "ubi bgt1d" started, PID 465
```

The parameter -m 6 means MTD6 partition is used. The UBI device "ubi1" can be found under "/dev/" only after the UBI is bound to JMTD partition. If a UBI volume has been created, the UBI volume "ubi1_0" can be found and accessed under "/dev/" after binding.

You will find one more device "dev/ubi1" by checking all devices "ls/dev /ubi*",

3. Create UBI Volume

A UBI volume also means a partition of a UBI device. The command to create a UBI volume is as follows:

```
# ubimkvol /dev/ubi1 -N ubifs -s 147.7MiB
Volume ID 0, size 1157 LEBs (146911232 bytes, 140.1 MiB), LEB size 126976
bytes (124.0 KiB), dynamic, name "ubifs", alignment 1
```

The parameter "/dev/ubi0" is the UBI device created in the previous step.

The parameter "-N ubifs" means that the volume name created is "ubifs".

The parameter "-s SIZE" means the size of the created partition.

Note:

The SIZE value should be less than the amount of space provided by the "/de/ubi1" device.

You can use the command "ubinfo" to check the currently available LEBs size. As shown below, when the space provided by the current UBI device is 152.6MiB, the usable space is 147.7MiB. Therefore, you should ensure that the size of the created volume is smaller than the available LEBs.

```
# ubinfo /dev/ubi1
ubi1
Volumes count:
Logical eraseblock size:
                                      126976 bytes, 124.0 KiB
Total amount of logical eraseblocks: 1260 (159989760 bytes, 152.6 MiB)
Amount of available logical eraseblocks: 1220 (154910720 bytes, 147.7 MiB)
Maximum count of volumes
                                      128
Count of bad physical eraseblocks:
                                      4
Count of reserved physical eraseblocks: 36
Current maximum erase counter value:
Minimum input/output unit size:
                                     2048 bytes
Character device major/minor:
                                     249:0
```

The volume needs to be created only once. After successful creation, the volume information will be saved on the UBI device. The next time you start the volume, no need to create a volume. "ubirmvol" is used to delete a volume. When using this command to delete a volume, all information on the volume will be deleted.

4. Mount UBIFS file system

At this point, the created volume can be mounted to the specified directory by the following command:

```
mount -t ubifs /dev/ubi1_0 /mnt/
```

Or

```
mount -t ubifs ubi1:ubifs /mnt
```

When successfully mount, the following information will be displayed:

```
# mount -t ubifs /dev/ubi1_0 /userdata/
[ 503.693331] UBIFS (ubi1:0): default file-system created
[ 503.694376] UBIFS (ubi1:0): background thread "ubifs_bgt1_0" started, PID
477
[ 503.730377] UBIFS (ubi1:0): UBIFS: mounted UBI device 1, volume 0, name
"ubifs"
[ 503.730454] UBIFS (ubi1:0): LEB size: 126976 bytes (124 KiB), min./max. I/O
unit sizes: 2048 bytes/2048 bytes
[ 503.730489] UBIFS (ubi1:0): FS size: 152752128 bytes (145 MiB, 1203 LEBs),
journal size 7618560 bytes (7 MiB, 60 LEBs)
[ 503.730582] UBIFS (ubi1:0): reserved for root: 495# 2683 bytes (4836 KiB)
[ 503.730619] UBIFS (ubi1:0): media format: w4/r0 (latest is w4/r0), UUID
054CEFDB-A535-4680-A69F-EFC0352731EB, small LPT model
```

The following content will be displayed by checking the partition information:

# df					
Filesystem	1K-blocks	Used	Available	Use∜	Mounted on
ubi0:rootfs	54128	54128	0	100%	/
devtmpfs	122976	0	122976	0%	/dev
tmpfs	123136	0	123136	0%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	123136	68	123068	0%	/tmp
tmpfs	123136	96	123040	0%	/run
/dev/ubi1_0	137276	24	132416	0%	/userdata

The remaining space is not accurate when using UBIFS file system to display partition size. Because UBIFS file saves the compressed content of a file, the compression ratio is related to the content of the file. The remaining space may only show 2M, but in fact a 4M file can be completely saved.

3.3.2 Make a UBIFS Root File System UBI Image

· Make an image file

The mtd-ubifs tool should be use to make a UBIFS file system image by the following command:

```
mkfs.ubifs -F -d rootfs_dir -e 126976 -c 240 -m 0x800 -v -o rootfs.ubifs
```

Parameter -F enables "white-space-fixup", if you use u-boot or upgrade tool, this function should be enabled.

Parameter -d rootfs_dir indicates that the root directory to be made into UBIFS image is rootfs. This parameter can also be written as -r rootfs dir.

Parameter -m 0x800 indicates that the minimum read and write unit is 2KiB. The page size of the NAND chip used here is 2KiB. The smallest read-write unit refers to FLASH device for a single read or write operation, the minimum number of bytes is 1 page for NAND devices and 1 byte for NOR devices.

The parameter -o rootfs.ubifs means that the image name is rootfs.ubifs.

The parameter -e 126976 means the logical erase block size.

The minimum read-write unit and logical block size can be obtained by reading MTD and UBI system information, or by calculation.

The command to read MTD information and will display as follows:

```
# mtdinfo /dev/mtd6
mtd6
Name:
                              userdata
Type:
                              nand
Eraseblock size:
                             131072 bytes, 128.0 KiB
Amount of eraseblocks: 1264 (165675008 bytes, 158.0 MiB)
Minimum input/output unit size: 2048 bytes
Sub-page size:
                              2048 bytes
OOB size:
                              64 bytes
Character device major/minor: 90:12
Bad blocks are allowed:
                              true
Device is writable:
                               true
```

Command to read UBI information are as follow:

```
# ubinfo /dev/ubi1
ubi1
Volumes count:
Logical eraseblock size:
                                        126976 bytes, 124.0 KiB
Total amount of logical eraseblocks: 1260 (159989760 bytes, 152.6 MiB)
Amount of available logical eraseblocks: 1220 (154910720 bytes, 147.7 MiB)
Maximum count of volumes
                                        128
Count of bad physical eraseblocks:
                                        4
Count of reserved physical eraseblocks: 36
Current maximum erase ...

Minimum input/output unit size: 2048 k
..../minor: 249:0
Current maximum erase counter value:
                                        7
                                        2048 bytes
```

The parameter -c 240 indicates that there are at most 240 logical erase blocks in this file system. Calculate "240xLEB" to get the maximum usable space of this file system. LEBs=The maximum usable space of this file system /LEB.

The -v parameter displays detailed information during the process of making UBIFS.

The logical erase block size can be calculated by the following table:

FLASH	Logical erase block size
NOR	LEB=blocksize-128
NAND without subpage	LEB=blocksize - pagesize*2
NAND with subpage	LEB=blocksize - pagesize*1
blocksize	flash physical erase block size
pagesize	flash read-write page size

Note that the successfully created UBIFS root file system image is a UBI image. You can upgrade a empty UBIFS file system in kernel. The image cannot be download directly to MTD partition for use, but it can be converted into a directly downloaded file through format conversion to convert to a format which can be downloaded to MTD partition.

• Convert to a firmware that can directly flash MTD

Make UBI image conversion configuration file ubi.cfg as follows:

```
[ubifs-volumn]
mode=ubi
image=out/rootfs.ubifs
vol_id=0
vol_type=dynamic
vol_alignment=1
vol_name=ubifs
vol_flags=autoresize
```

The parameter mode=ubi is a compulsory parameter. You cannot enter other values at present. It is reserved for future extended.

Parameter image=out/rootfs.ubifs, means a source file.

The parameter vol_id=0 indicates volume ID. The UBI image may contain multiple volumes. It is used to distinguish different volumes.

The parameter vol_type=dynamic indicates that the current volume type is read-write. when it is static means

read-only.

Parameter vol name=ubifs, indicates the name of the volume.

Parameter vol_flags=autosize, indicates that the size of the volume is expandable.

Convert UBI format

```
#ubinize -o out/rootfs.img -m 2KiB -p 128KiB ubi.cfg -v
```

The parameter -o out/rootfs.img means output file.

Parameter -m 2KiB, means that the minimum read and write unit is 2KiB.

Parameter -p 128KiB, is flash physical erase size, not logical erase block size.

ubi.cfg is configuration file.

Parameter -v, shows detailed information of the making process.

3.3.3 Build UBIFS Root File System UBI Image by Buildroot

Filesystem images --->select as shown below, where 488 is configured according to the size:

```
[] tar the root filesystem
[*] ubi image containing an ubifs root filesystem
(0x20000) physical eraseblock size
(2048) sub-page size
[] Use custom config file
(-v) Additional ubinize options
-*- ubifs root filesystem
(0x1f000) logical eraseblock size
(0x800) minimum I/O unit size
(488) maximum logical eraseblock count
ubifs runtime compression (lzo) --->
Compression method (no compression) --->
[-F -v) Additional mkfs.ubifs options
[] yaffs2 root filesystem
```

4. Reference documents

[1] UBI FAQ: http://www.linux-mtd.infradead.org/faq/ubi.html

[2] UBIFS FAQ: http://www.linux-mtd.infradead.org/faq/ubifs.html#L_lebsz_mismatch

[3] MTD FAQ: http://www.linux-mtd.infradead.org/faq/general.html