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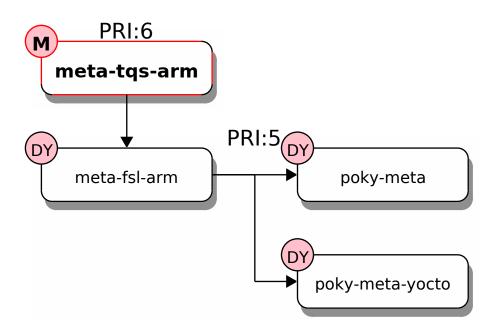
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1.1 BSP Scope

The scope of this release includes meta-tqs-arm. Please, see in next table the complete supported board list.

Machine	Name	CoM	SoC	Layer
qe-	ARM-Versatile PB (ARM1136JFS)	qe-	QEMU	meta-tqs-
muarmv6		muarmv6		arm
tqma35	TQ System i.MX35 Embedded	tqma35	i.MX35	meta-tqs-
	module			arm

1.1.1 Priority of Dependent Layers



No	Name	Description
M	meta-tqs-arm	OE/Yocto BSP layer for TQ Systems ARM based platforms (this).
DY	meta-fsl-arm	OE/Yocto BSP layer for Freescale's ARM platforms: DOC, GIT
DY	poky-meta	Poky Build Tool and Metadata: DOC, GIT
DY	poky-meta-	Yocto Build Tool and Metadata: DOC, GIT
	yocto	

M Master branch

DY Dylan branch

1.2 Linux Kernel

Tqs-community-bsp supports the following sources for Linux Kernel:

• linux-tqs: Linux Kernel stable mainline (kernel.org) with machine extensions

1.2.1 Default Linux Providers

The following table shows the default version of Linux Kernel provided by TQ Systems Community BSP for each supported machine.

Board	Kernel Provider	Kernel Version
qemuarmv6	linux-tqs	2.6.34.14
tqma35	linux-tqs	2.6.34.14

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1.2.2 linux-tqs

linux-tqs provides the Linux Kernel 2.6.34.14 from stable mainline (kernel.org) with TQ Systems embedded module extensions.

Please, see in the following table which are the main features supported by stable mainline kernel for each supported machine.

Machine	Basic Feature List
qemuarmv6	ARM-Versatile PB on an ARMv6
tqma35	

1.3 U-Boot

Tgs-community-bsp supports the following sources for u-boot:

• **u-boot-tqs**: provides the U-Boot 2010.06 version with TQ Systems embedded module extensions and configuration patches.

1.3.1 Default u-boot Provider

The following table shows the default u-boot version and provider for all supported boards.

Board	u-boot Provider	u-boot Version
tqma35	u-boot-tqs	2010.06

1.3.2 u-boot-tqs

The following table shows the version of U-Boot provided and supported by TQ Systems for each supported machine.

Board	u-boot Version	TQS BSP
tqma35	2010.06	v2010.06-tqma35-
		0105

1.4 Userspace Packages

There is a huge number of userspace packages provided by Yocto. The following table shows some version for few highlighhed packages.

Package	Board/SOC family	Version
udev	all	172

1.5 Known Issues

qemuarmv6

• Qemu ARMv6 is not supported by **runqemu**

tqma35

• Work in progress.

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2.1 Build and Boot your TQ Systems Yocto Image

• Check required packages for your Linux Distribution and install them.

• Install the repo utility following these steps:

• Download the BSP metadata (recipes + configuration files + classes):

• Select your machine and prepare the bitbake's environment:

```
# To list all TQS related machines, type
tqs-community-bsp $ find sources/meta-tqs* -name "*.conf" | grep "conf/machine"
tqs-community-bsp $ MACHINE=<selected machine> . ./setup-environment build
# if MACHINE is not set, the default machine is 'qemuarmv6'
build $
```

• Choose an image and bake it!

• Boot (e.g. *core-image-minimal*) on the machine *qemuarmv6* with Yocto's **run-qemu**:

• Flash SD Card for machines other than *gemuarmv6*:

Warning: The issue *Flash SD Card* needs to be evaluated! Do not yet apply this description!

Place your SD Card in the correct board's slot and boot!

Found Errors? Subscribe and report it to the author linz@li-pro.net> with subject ``[tqs-community-bsp] Error report: <your_msq>''.

2.2 Yocto Folders

tqs-community-bsp Base (BASE) directory where all Yocto data resides (recipes, source code, built packages, images, etc).

BASE/sources Source (SOURCE) directory where metadata (layers) resides.

BASE/build Build (BUILD) directory where **bitbake** commands are executed.

BASE/build/tmp Target (TMP) directory for all bitbake commands.

BASE/build/tmp/work Working (WORKING) directory for recipes tasks.

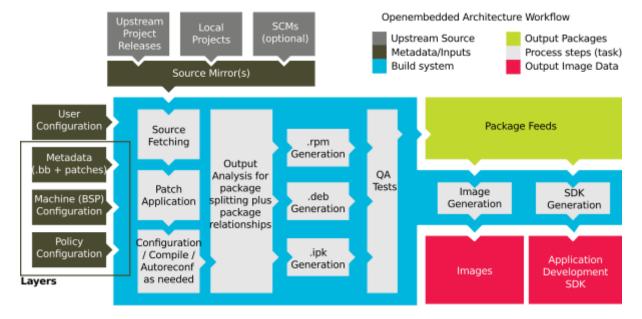
BASE/build/tmp/deploy Deploy (DEPLOY) directory where bitbake's output data is found.

BASE/build/tmp/deploy/images Complete and partial images are found under this folder.

BASE/build/tmp/deploy/sdk Complete SDK installation binaries are found under this folder.

2.3 Yocto Architecture

See introducing the Yocto Project and the general Yocto Project Development Environment figure for more detailed informations:



2.3.1 Yocto Release History

See Yocto Project Releases for more detailed (and latest) informations:

Name	Date	Yocto	Poky	ВВ	Links
	2014-04-	1.6 ²			Features, Schedule, Status, Test Plan, Test
	25				Report
Dora	2013-10-	1.5	10.0	1.20	Features, Schedule, Status, Test Plan, Test
	18				Report
Dylan	2013-04-	1.4	9.0	1.18	Features, Schedule, Status, Test Plan, Test
	26				Report
Danny	2012-10-	1.3	8.0	1.16	Features, Schedule, Status, Test Plan, Test
	26				Report
Denzil	2012-04-	1.2	7.0	1.15	Features, Schedule, Status, Test Plan, Test
	27				Report
Edison	2011-10-	1.1	6.0	1.13	Features, Schedule, Status, Test Plan, Test
	06				Report
Bernard	2011-04-	1.0	5.0	1.11	Features, Schedule, Status, Test Plan
	06				
Lav-		0.9	4.0	1.11	
erne					
Purple			3.2		
Pinky			3.1		
Blinky			3.0		
Clyde			2.0		
Inky			1.0		

2.4 Bitbake Metadata

BitBake handles the parsing and execution of the data files. The data itself is of various types:

- Recipes: Provides details about particular pieces of software.
- Class Data: Abstracts common build information (e.g. how to build a Linux kernel).
- Configuration Data: Defines machine-specific settings, policy decisions, and so forth. Configuration data acts as the glue to bind everything together.

2.4.1 Layers

- Metadata is organized into multiple layers.
- Layers allow you to isolate different types of customizations from each other.
- DO NOT do your modifications in existing layers, instead create a layer and create recipes (.bb files) or modified existing ones (.bbappend files)

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2.4.2 Configuration Data

- build/conf/local.conf: Local User Configuration for your build environment
- build/conf/site.conf: Local Shared (site wide) Configuration for your build environment
- build/conf/bblayers.conf: Define layers, which are directory trees, traversed by BitBake.
- sources/meta-*/conf/layer.conf: Layer configuration file
- sources/meta-*/conf/machine/*.conf: Machine configuration files

Build's local configuration file build/conf/local.conf

```
MACHINE ??= 'tqma35'
DISTRO ?= 'poky'
#PACKAGE_CLASSES ?= "package_rpm"
EXTRA IMAGE FEATURES = "debug-tweaks"
USER CLASSES ?= "buildstats image-mklibs image-prelink"
PATCHRESOLVE = "noop"
BB DISKMON DIRS = "\
    STOPTASKS, ${TMPDIR}, 1G, 100K \
    STOPTASKS, ${DL DIR}, 1G, 100K \
    STOPTASKS,${SSTATE_DIR},1G,100K \
    ABORT, ${TMPDIR}, 100M, 1K \
    ABORT, ${DL DIR}, 100M, 1K \
    ABORT, ${SSTATE DIR}, 100M, 1K"
CONF VERSION = "1"
BB NUMBER THREADS = '4'
PARALLEL MAKE = '-j 4'
ACCEPT FSL EULA = ""
```

Important variables:

- MACHINE: Indicates the target machine, gemuarmv6 is the default.
- BB_NUMBER_THREADS and PARALLEL_MAKE: Indicate the max number of threads when baking and compiling.

Build's local configuration file build/conf/site.conf

```
SCONF_VERSION = "1"
BSPDIR := "${@os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(d.getVar('FILE', True)) + '/../..')}"
DL_DIR = "${BSPDIR}/downloads/"
```

Important variables:

• DL_DIR: Tarball repository. Several users can share the same folder, so data can be reused.

Build's layer configuration file build/conf/bblayers.conf

 Automatically created by the setup-environment script (see section Build and Boot your TQ Systems Yocto Image) Only modified when adding a new layer:

Layer configuration file source/meta-tqs-arm/conf/layer.conf

Important variables:

- BBFILES: Indicates where to look for .bb* files
- BBFILE_PRIORITY_tgs-arm: Indicates layer's priority
- MIRRORS: Indicates where to get the source code

Machine configuration file: meta-tqs-arm/conf/tqma35.conf

```
#@TYPE: Machine
#@NAME: TQ System i.MX35 Embedded module (tqma35)
#@SOC: i.MX35
#@DESCRIPTION: Machine configuration for TQ System i.MX35 Embedded module (tqma35)
include conf/machine/include/soc-family.inc
include conf/machine/include/imx-base.inc
include conf/machine/include/tune-arm1136jf-s.inc

SOC_FAMILY = "mx3:mx35"

PREFERRED_VERSION_udev_mx3 = "172"

PREFERRED_PROVIDER_virtual/kernel_mx3 = "linux-tqs"
PREFERRED_PROVIDER_virtual/kernel_mx3 = "linux-tqs"
```

```
UBOOT_MACHINE = "TQMa35_config"
UBOOT_SUFFIX = "bin"
UBOOT_MAKE_TARGET = "u-boot.${UBOOT_SUFFIX}"

SERIAL_CONSOLE = "115200 ttymxc0"

MACHINE FEATURES += "ext2 ext3 screen"
```

[conf/machine/include/imx-base.inc] (from the *meta-fsl-arm* layer)

Important variables:

- IMAGE_FSTYPES: Located on imx-base.inc. Defines the type of outputs for the Root Filesystem. Default is: "tar.bz2 ext3 sdcard". On the TQMa35 we have to evaluate: "ubi jffs2 tar.bz2".
- UBOOT_ENTRYPOINT_*: Located on imx-base.inc. Defines where the Kernel is loaded by U-Boot.
- SOC_FAMILY: Defines machine's family. Only recipes with the same SOC_FAMILY (defined with the recipe's variable COMPATIBLE_MACHINE) are taken into account when baking for a particular machine.
- UBOOT_MACHINE: Define the U-Boot configuration file
- PREFERRED_PROVIDER_*: Defines which package name (PN) of the recipe you want to give precedence.
 - PREFERRED_PROVIDER_virtual/kernel_mx3. Default located on imx-base.inc. Defines the Freescale community supported Linux kernel (*linux-fslc*). On the TQMa35 we force to use the TQ Systems supported Linux kernel (*linux-tqs*).
 - PREFERRED_PROVIDER_u-boot. Default located on fsl-default-providers.inc. Defines the Freescale community supported U-Boot (*u-boot-fslc*). On the TQMa35 we force to use the TQ Systems supported U-Boot (*u-boot-tqs*).
- PREFERRED_VERSION_*: Defines which package version (PV) of the recipe you want to give precedence.
 - PREFERRED_VERSION_udev_mx3: Default is nowhere located on and is always (and implicitly) defined by the head udev recipe version in the Poky distribution (see poky/meta layer). On the TQMa35 we force to use the older but with the TQ Systems supported Linux kernel more compatible version 172.

Machine configuration file: meta-tqs-arm/conf/qemuarmv6.conf

```
#@TYPE: Machine
#@NAME: arm_versatile_1136jfs
#@DESCRIPTION: arm_versatile_1136jfs
require conf/machine/include/qemu.inc
require conf/machine/include/tune-arm1136jf-s.inc
PREFERRED_VERSION_udev = "172"
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/kernel = "linux-tqs"
```

```
KERNEL_IMAGETYPE = "zImage"

SERIAL CONSOLE = "115200 ttyAMA0"
```

[conf/machine/include/gemu.inc] (from the poky/meta layer)

Important variables:

- IMAGE_FSTYPES: Located on qemu.inc. Defines the type of outputs for the Root Filesystem. Default is: "tar.bz2 ext3". *Ext3* can than used by **rungemu** command.
- EXTRA_IMAGEDEPENDS: Located on qemu.inc. Defines the extra dependent tasks to host's native Qemu tools. Default is: "qemu-native qemu-helper-native"
- KERNEL_IMAGETYPE: Define the Linux kernel image binary format. *zlmage* can than used by **rungemu** command.
- SERIAL_CONSOLE: Define the serial console (baud rate and device name) for getty.
- PREFERRED_PROVIDER_virtual/kernel. Default located on qemu.inc. Defines the Freescale community supported Linux kernel (*linux-yocto*). On the QemuARMv6 we force to use the TQ Systems supported Linux kernel (*linux-tqs*).
- PREFERRED_VERSION_udev: Default is nowhere located on and is always (and implicitly) defined by the head udev recipe version in the Poky distribution (see *poky/meta* layer). On the TQMa35 we force to use the older but with the TQ Systems supported Linux kernel more compatible version 172.

2.5 Creating a new Layer

It is suggested to create a layer when creating or modifying any metadata file (recipe, configuration file or class). The main reason is simple: modularity. In the other hand, make sure your new metadata has not already be implemented (layer, recipe or machine), so before proceeding check this link.

• To have access to Yocto scripts, setup the environment from the BASE folder:

```
tqs-community-bsp $ . setup-environment build
```

 Move to the place you want to create your layer and choose a name (e.g. meta-tqscustom):

```
sources $ yocto-layer create meta-tqs-custom # Answer the questions. Make sure the priority is set correctly # (higher numbers, higher priorities). Set the priority equal to # the lowest already present, except when you have introduce a # new recipe with the same name as other and want to shadow the # original one.
```

- Add any metadata content. Suggestion: Version the layer with Git and upload your local git repo to a server.
- Edit and add the layer to the build/conf/bblayers.conf file.

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• To verify that your layer is *seen* by BitBake, run the following command under the BUILD folder:

```
build $ bitbake-layers show-layers
```

2.6 Patching the Linux Kernel

The Linux Kernel is just another recipe for Yocto, so learning to patch it you learn to patch any other package. In the other hand, Yocto **should not** be used for package development, but in those rare cases follow the steps below. It is assumed that you have already build the package you want to patch.

• Create the patch or patches. In this example we are patching the Linux kernel for tqma35 machine; in other words, the value of MACHINE on the build/conf/local.conf is MACHINE ??= 'tqma35_'. In case you already have the patches, make sure these can be nicely applied with the commands git apply --check <PATCH_NAME>, and jump this step.

- Create a new layer (see section *Creating a new Layer*)
- On the new layer (e.g. meta-tqs-custom), create the corresponding subfolders and the .bbappend file:

```
sources $ mkdir -p meta-tqs-custom/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-tqs-2.6.34.14
sources $ cat > meta-tqs-custom/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-tqs_git.bbappend
FILESEXTRAPATHS_prepend := "${THISDIR}/${PN}-${PV}:"
SRC_URI += "file://0001-calibrate-Add-printk-example.patch"
PRINC := "${@int(PRINC) + 1}"
^d
```

Move the patch to the new layer

```
sources $ mv ../build/tmp/work/tqma35-poky-linux-gnueabi/linux-tqs/\
2.6.34.14+gitAUTOINC+6b4ea726b39f32041ac4d2dd03cf056c57b638ac-r32.1/\
git/0001-calibrate-Add-printk-example.patch \
    meta-tqs-custom/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-tqs-2.6.34.14
```

• Setup the environment and clean previous package's build data (sstate)

```
tqs-community-bsp $ . setup-environment build
build $ bitbake -c cleansstate linux-tqs
```

Compile and Deploy

```
build $ bitbake -f -c compile linux-tqs
build $ bitbake -c deploy linux-tqs
```

• Insert the SD into your host and copy the uImage into the first partition. Do not forget to unmount the partition before removing the card!

Warning: The issue *SD Card preperation* with new Linux kernel needs to be evaluated! Do not yet apply this description!

build \$ sudo cp tmp/deploy/images/uImage /media/boot

• Insert the SD into your board and test your change.

2.7 Building the Kernel Manually

• To setup the Yocto environment, from the BASE folder run:

```
tqs-community-bsp $ . setup-environment build
```

Build the toolchain:

```
build $ bitbake meta-toolchain
# Other toolchains:
# Qt Embedded toolchain build: bitbake meta-toolchain-qte
# Qt X11 toolchain build: bitbake meta-toolchain-qt
```

• Install it on your PC:

```
build $ sudo sh \
  tmp/deploy/sdk/poky-eglibc-x86_64-arm-toolchain-<version>.sh
```

Setup the toolchain environment:

```
build $ source \
  /opt/poky/<version>/environment-setup-armv6-vfp-poky-linux-gnueabi
```

• Get the Linux Kernel's source code:

```
$ git clone git://github.com/lipro/linux-tqs.git linux-tqs
$ cd linux-tqs
```

• Create a local branch:

• Export ARCH and CROSS_COMPILE:

```
linux-tqs $ export ARCH=arm
linux-tqs $ export CROSS_COMPILE=arm-poky-linux-gnueabi-
linux-tqs $ unset LDFLAGS
```

Choose configuration and compile:

```
linux-tqs $ make tqma35_defconfig
linux-tqs $ make uImage
```

• To Test your changes, insert the SD into your host and copy the uImage into the first partition:

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```
linux-tqs $ sudo cp arch/arm/boot/uImage /media/boot
```

• If case you want your changes to be reflected on your Yocto Framework, create the patches following the section *Patching the Linux Kernel*.

2.8 Contributing to the TQ Systems Yocto Project

The Yocto Project is open-source, so anyone can contribute. No matter what your contribution is (bug fixing or new metadata), contributions are sent through patches to a community list. Many eyes will look into your patch and at some point it is either rejected or accepted. Follow these steps to contribute:

• Make sure you have previously configured your personal info:

```
$ git config --global user.name "Your Name Here"
$ git config --global user.email "your_email@example.com"
```

• Download master branches:

```
tqs-community-bsp $ repo init \
  -u git://github.com/lipro/tqs-community-bsp-platform \
  -b master
```

• Update:

```
tqs-community-bsp $ repo sync
```

Create local branches so your work is not done on master:

```
tqs-community-bsp $ repo start <branch name> --all
```

Where

branch name> is any name you want to give to your local branch (e.g. fix_uboot_recipe, new_gstreamer_recipe, etc.).

• Make your changes in any TQ Systems related folder (e.g. sources/meta-tqs-arm). In case you modified a recipe (.bb) or include (.inc) file, do not forget to *bump* (increase the value by one) either the PR or INC_PR value.

• Commit your changes using git. In this example we assume your change is on metatqs-arm folder:

```
sources/meta-tqs-arm $ git add <file 1> <file 2>
sources/meta-tqs-arm $ git commit
```

On the commit's log, the title must start with the filename change or introduced, then a brief description of the patch's goal, following with a long description. Make sure you follow the standards (type **git log --pretty=oneline** to see previous commits).

• Create a patch:

```
sources/meta-tqs-arm $ git format-patch -s \
    --subject-prefix='meta-tqs-arm][PATCH' -1
```

Where the last parameter (-1) indicate to patch last commit. In case you want to create patches for older commits, just indicate the correct index. If your patch is done in other folder, just make sure you change the --subject-prefix value.

• Send your patch or patches with:

Where <patch> is the file created by **git format-patch**.

- Keep track of patch's responses on the mailing list. In case you need to rework your patch, repeat the steps but this time the patch's subject changes to --subject-prefix='meta-tqs-*][PATCH v2'.
- Once your patch has been approved, you can delete your working branches:

```
tqs-community-bsp $ repo abandon <branch name>
```