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Desktop Haswell and Broadwell




Support	Version
Initial macOS Support	OS X 10.8, Mountain Lion
Note 1	Haswell iGPUs are only supported up-to macOS 12

Starting Point

So making a config.plist may seem hard, it's not. It just takes some time but this guide will tell you how to configure everything, you won't be left in the cold. This also means if you have issues, review your config settings to make sure they're correct. Main things to note with OpenCore:

- **All properties must be defined**, there are no default OpenCore will fall back on so **do not delete sections unless told explicitly so**. If the guide doesn't mention the option, leave it at default.
- **The Sample.plist cannot be used As-Is**, you must configure it to your system
- **DO NOT USE CONFIGURATORS**, these rarely respect OpenCore's configuration and even some like Mackie's will add Clover properties and corrupt plists!

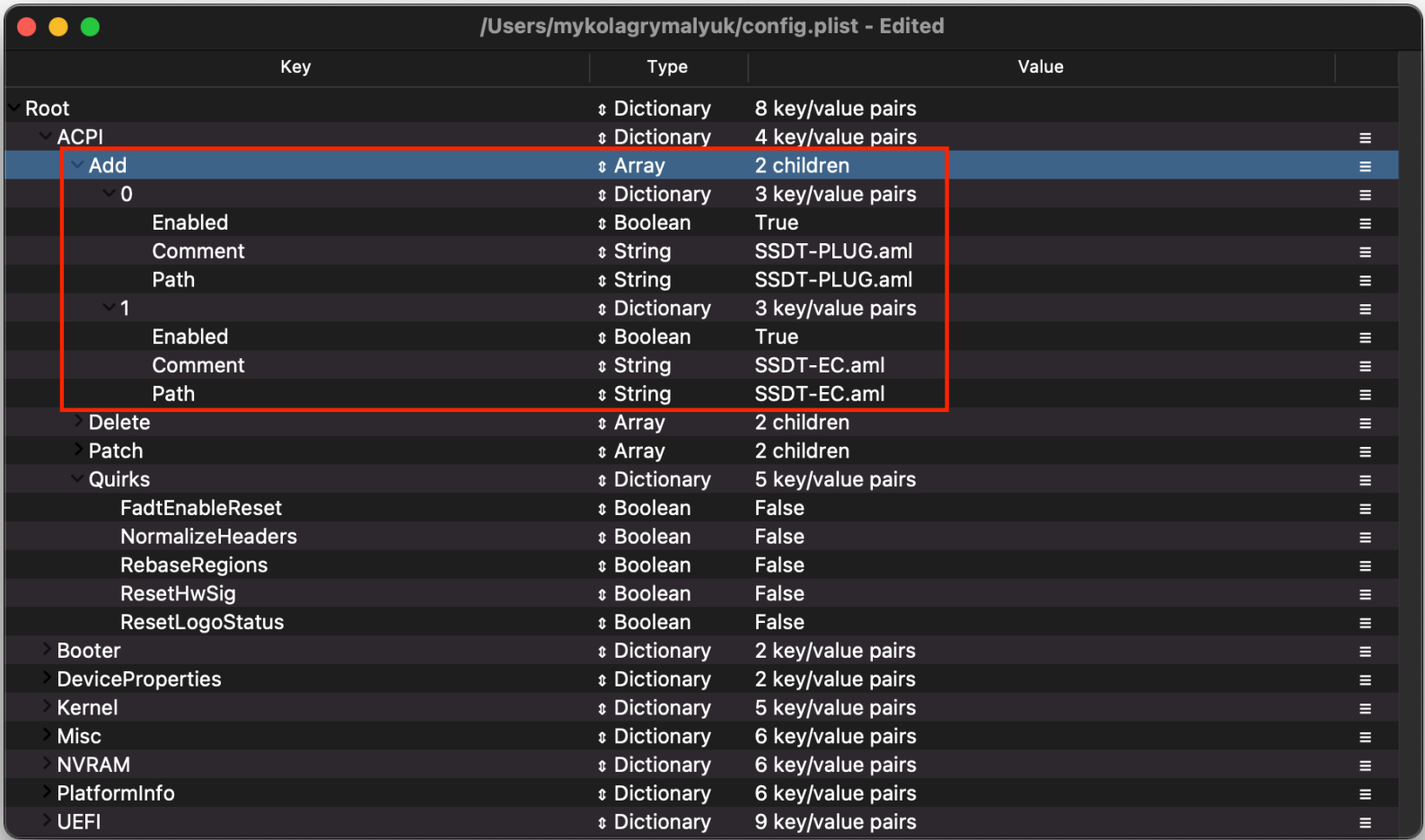
Now with all that, a quick reminder of the tools we need

- [ProperTree](#) 
 - Universal plist editor
- [GenSMBIOS](#) 
 - For generating our SMBIOS data
- [Sample/config.plist](#) 
 - See previous section on how to obtain: [config.plist Setup](#)

WARNING



Read this guide more than once before setting up OpenCore and make sure you have it set up correctly. Do note that images will not always be the most up-to-date so please read the text below them, if nothing's mentioned then leave as default.

ACPI







Add

Info

This is where you'll add SSDTs for your system, these are very important to **booting macOS** and have many uses like [USB maps](#)  , [disabling unsupported GPUs](#) and such. And with our system, **it's even required to boot**. Guide on making them found here: [Getting started with ACPI](#) 

For us we'll need a couple of SSDTs to bring back functionality that Clover provided:

Required SSDTs	Description
SSDT-PLUG 	Allows for native CPU power management on Haswell and newer, see Getting Started With ACPI Guide  for more details.
SSDT-EC 	Fixes the embedded controller, see Getting Started With ACPI Guide  for more details.

Note that you **should not** add your generated `SSDT.aml` here, it is already in your firmware. So if present, remove the entry for it in your `config.plist` and under EFI/OC/ACPI.

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EFI/OC/ACPI folder and **must** be specified in your config under `ACPI` -> `Add` as well.

Delete

This blocks certain ACPI tables from loading, for us we can ignore this.

Patch

This section allows us to dynamically modify parts of the ACPI (DSDT, SSDT, etc.) via OpenCore. For us, our patches are handled by our SSDTs. This is a much cleaner solution as this will allow us to boot Windows and other OSes with OpenCore

Quirks

Settings relating to ACPI, leave everything here as default as we have no use for these quirks.

Booter

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Key	Type	Value	
√ Root	Dictionary	8 key/value pairs	
> ACPI	Dictionary	4 key/value pairs	
√ Booter	Dictionary	3 key/value pairs	
> MmioWhitelist	Array	2 children	
> Patch	Array	1 child	
√ Quirks	Dictionary	20 key/value pairs	
AllowRelocationBlock	Boolean	False	
AvoidRuntimeDefrag	Boolean	True	
DevirtualiseMmio	Boolean	False	
DisableSingleUser	Boolean	False	
DisableVariableWrite	Boolean	False	
DiscardHibernateMap	Boolean	False	
EnableSafeModeSlide	Boolean	True	
EnableWriteUnprotector	Boolean	True	
ForceBooterSignature	Boolean	False	
ForceExitBootServices	Boolean	False	
ProtectMemoryRegions	Boolean	False	
ProtectSecureBoot	Boolean	False	
ProtectUefiServices	Boolean	False	
ProvideCustomSlide	Boolean	True	
ProvideMaxSlide	Number	0	
RebuildAppleMemoryMap	Boolean	False	
ResizeAppleGpuBars	Number	-1	
SetupVirtualMap	Boolean	True	
SignalAppleOS	Boolean	False	
SyncRuntimePermissions	Boolean	False	
> DeviceProperties	Dictionary	2 key/value pairs	
> Kernel	Dictionary	7 key/value pairs	
> Misc	Dictionary	7 key/value pairs	
> NVRAM	Dictionary	5 key/value pairs	
> PlatformInfo	Dictionary	8 key/value pairs	
> UEFI	Dictionary	10 key/value pairs	

This section is dedicated to quirks relating to boot.efi patching with OpenRuntime, the replacement for AptioMemoryFix.efi

MmioWhitelist

This section is allowing spaces to be passthrough to macOS that are generally ignored, useful when paired with

DevirtualiseMmio

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Settings relating to boot.efi patching and firmware fixes, for us, we leave it as default

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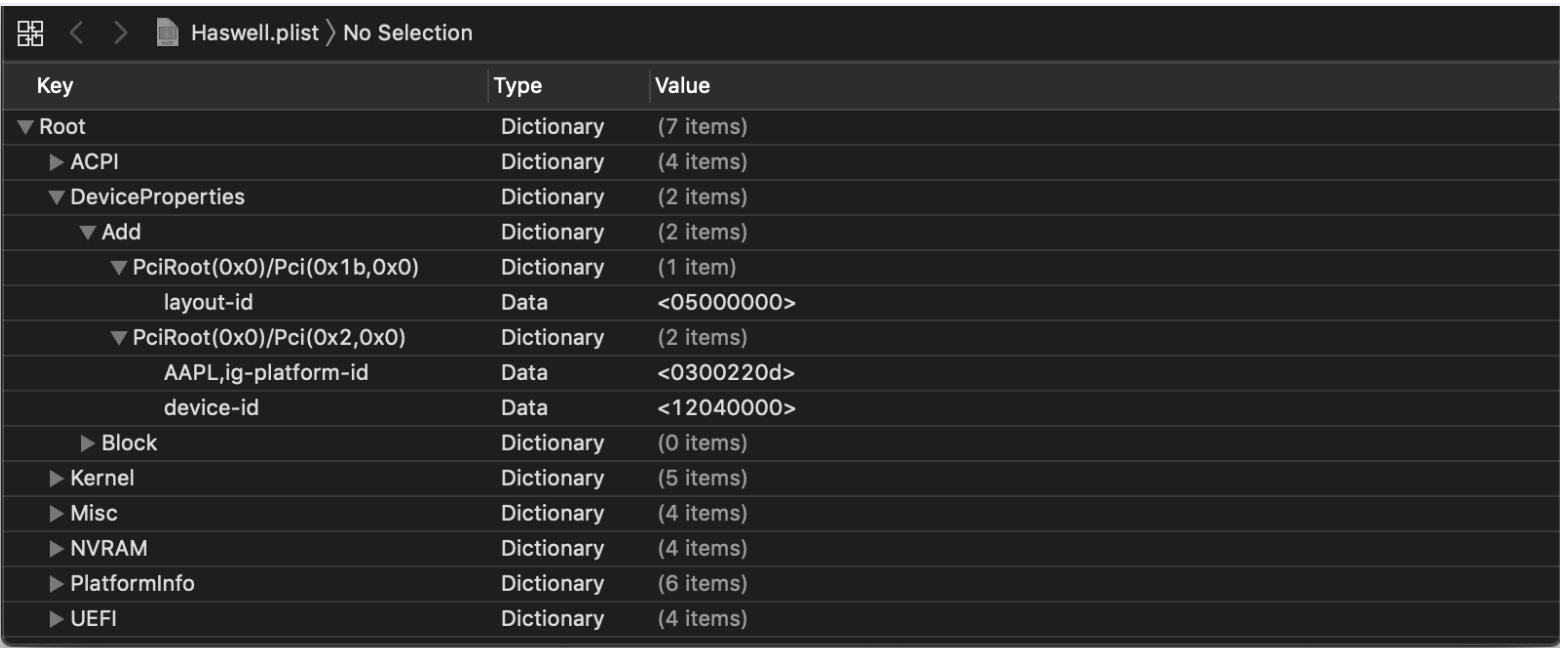
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Sets device properties from a map.

PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x2,0x0)

This section is set up via WhateverGreen's [Framebuffer Patching Guide](#)  and is used for setting important iGPU properties.

The config.plist doesn't already have a section for this so you will have to create it manually.

`AAPL,ig-platform-id` is what macOS uses to determine how the iGPU drivers interact with our system, and the two values choose between are as follows:

AAPL,ig-platform-id	Comment
0300220D	Used when the Desktop Haswell iGPU is used to drive a display
04001204	Used when the Desktop Haswell iGPU is only used for computing tasks and doesn't drive a display
07002216	Used when the Desktop Broadwell iGPU is used to drive a display

I added another portion as well that shows a `device-id` fake in case you have an HD 4400 which is unsupported in macOS.

The device-id fake is set up like so:

- `12040000` - this is the device id for HD 4600 which does have support in macOS

We also add 3 more properties, `framebuffer-patch-enable` , `framebuffer-stolenmem` and `framebuffer-fbmem` . The first enables patching via WhateverGreen.kext, the second sets the min stolen memory to 19MB and third sets the framebuffer memory to 9MB. This is usually unnecessary, as this can be configured in BIOS(64MB recommended) but required when not available.

- Note:** Headless framebuffers(where the dGPU is the display out) do not need `framebuffer-patch-enable` , `framebuffer-stolenmem` and `framebuffer-fbmem`

Key	Type	Value
AAPL,ig-platform-id	Data	0300220D
framebuffer-patch-enable	Data	01000000
framebuffer-stolenmem	Data	00003001
framebuffer-fbmem	Data	00009000
device-id	Data	12040000

(This is an example for a desktop HD 4400 without a dGPU and no BIOS options for iGPU memory)

Key	Type	Value
AAPL,ig-platform-id	Data	07002216
framebuffer-patch-enable	Data	01000000
framebuffer-stolenmem	Data	00003001
framebuffer-fbmem	Data	00009000

(This is an example for a desktop Iris Pro 6200 and no BIOS options for iGPU memory)

PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1b,0x0)

`layout-id`

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- You can delete this property outright as it's unused for us at this time

For us, we'll be using the boot-arg `alcid=xxx` instead to accomplish this. `alcid` will override all other layout-IDs present. More info on this is covered in the [Post-Install Page](#)

Delete

Removes device properties from the map, for us we can ignore this

Kernel

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	Key	Type	Value
√	Root	Dictionary	8 key/value pairs
>	ACPI	Dictionary	4 key/value pairs
>	Booter	Dictionary	3 key/value pairs
>	DeviceProperties	Dictionary	2 key/value pairs
√	Kernel	Dictionary	7 key/value pairs
√	Add	Array	2 children
√	0	Dictionary	8 key/value pairs
	Arch	String	Any
	BundlePath	String	Lilu.kext
	Comment	String	Patch engine
	Enabled	Boolean	True
	ExecutablePath	String	Contents/MacOS/Lilu
	MaxKernel	String	
	MinKernel	String	8.0.0
	PlistPath	String	Contents/Info.plist
>	1	Dictionary	8 key/value pairs
>	Block	Array	1 child
>	Emulate	Dictionary	5 key/value pairs
>	Force	Array	1 child
>	Patch	Array	10 children
√	Quirks	Dictionary	22 key/value pairs
	AppleCpuPmCfgLock	Boolean	False Enable for 10.10 and older
	AppleXcpmCfgLock	Boolean	True
	AppleXcpmExtraMsrs	Boolean	False
	AppleXcpmForceBoost	Boolean	False
	CustomPciSerialDevice	Boolean	False
	CustomSMBIOSGuid	Boolean	False Enable for Dell or VAIO systems
	DisableIoMapper	Boolean	True
	DisableLinkeditJettison	Boolean	True
	DisableRtcChecksum	Boolean	False
	ExtendBTFeatureFlags	Boolean	False
	ExternalDiskIcons	Boolean	False
	ForceAquantiaEthernet	Boolean	False
	ForceSecureBootScheme	Boolean	False
	IncreasePciBarSize	Boolean	False
	LapicKernelPanic	Boolean	False Enable for HP systems
	LegacyCommpage	Boolean	False
	PanicNoKextDump	Boolean	True
	PowerTimeoutKernelPanic	Boolean	True
	ProvideCurrentCpuInfo	Boolean	False
	SetApfsTrimTimeout	Number	-1
	ThirdPartyDrives	Boolean	False
	XhciPortLimit	Boolean	False
>	Scheme	Dictionary	4 key/value pairs
>	Misc	Dictionary	7 key/value pairs
>	NVRAM	Dictionary	5 key/value pairs
>	PlatformInfo	Dictionary	8 key/value pairs
>	UEFI	Dictionary	10 key/value pairs

Add

Here's where we specify which kexts to load, in what specific order to load, and what architectures each kext is meant for. By default we recommend leaving what ProperTree has done, however for 32-bit CPUs please see below:

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Emulate

Needed for spoofing unsupported CPUs like Pentiums and Celerons

- Cpuid1Mask:** Leave this blank
- Cpuid1Data:** Leave this blank

Force

Used for loading kexts off system volume, only relevant for older operating systems where certain kexts are not present in the cache(ie. IONetworkingFamily in 10.6).

For us, we can ignore.

Block

Blocks certain kexts from loading. Not relevant for us.

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Patches both the kernel and kexts.

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Info

Settings relating to the kernel, for us we'll be enabling the following:

Quirk	Enabled	Comment
AppleCpuPmCfgLock	NO	Need if running 10.10 or older and cannot disable <code>CFG-Lock</code> in the BIOS
AppleXcpmCfgLock	YES	Not needed if <code>CFG-Lock</code> is disabled in the BIOS
DisableIoMapper	YES	Not needed if <code>VT-D</code> is disabled in the BIOS
LapicKernelPanic	NO	HP Machines will require this quirk
PanicNoKextDump	YES	
PowerTimeoutKernelPanic	YES	
XhciPortLimit	YES	Disable if running macOS 11.3+

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Scheme

Settings related to legacy booting(ie. 10.4-10.6), for majority you can skip however for those planning to boot legacy OSes you can see below:

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Set SecureBootModel to Disabled if you require NVIDIA's web Driver

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HideAuxiliary	YES	Press space to show macOS recovery and other auxiliary entries
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Debug

Info

Helpful for debugging OpenCore boot issues(We'll be changing everything *but* `DisplayDelay`):

Quirk	Enabled
AppleDebug	YES
ApplePanic	YES
DisableWatchDog	YES
Target	67

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Security

Info

Security is pretty self-explanatory, **do not skip**. We'll be changing the following:

Quirk	Enabled	Comment
AllowSetDefault	YES	
BlacklistAppleUpdate	YES	
ScanPolicy	0	
SecureBootModel	Default	Leave this as <code>Default</code> for OpenCore to automatically set the correct value corresponding to your SMBIOS. The next page goes into more detail about this setting.
Vault	Optional	This is a word, it is not optional to omit this setting. You will regret it if you don't set it to <code>Optional</code> , note that it is case-sensitive

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Serial

Used for serial debugging (Leave everything as default).

Tools

Used for running OC debugging tools like the shell, ProperTree's snapshot function will add these for you.

Entries

Used for specifying irregular boot paths that can't be found naturally with OpenCore.

Won't be covered here, see 8.6 of [Configuration.pdf](#)  for more info

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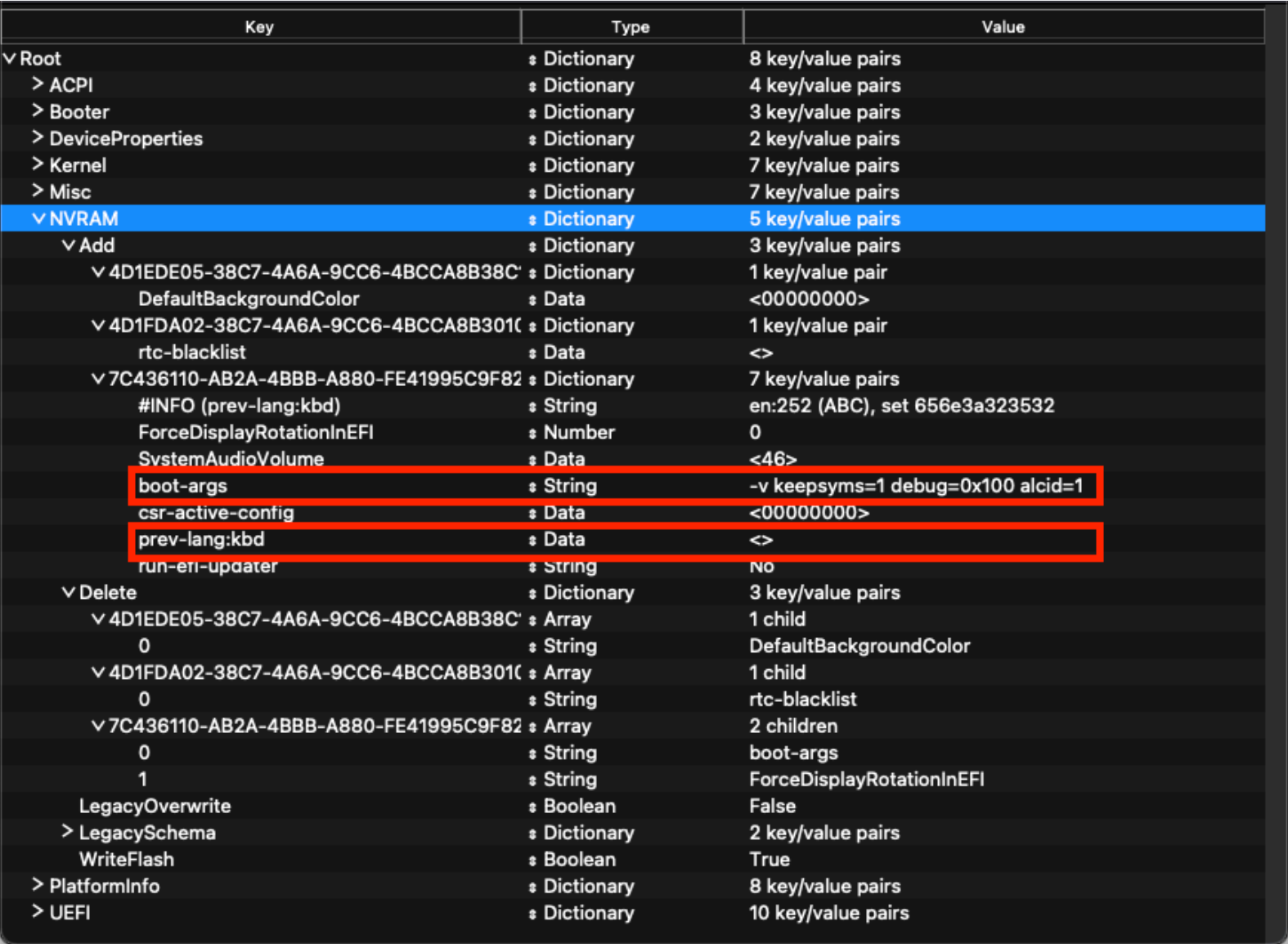
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4D1EDE05-38C7-4A6A-9CC6-4BCCA8B38C14

Used for OpenCore's UI scaling, default will work for us. See in-depth section for more info

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4D1FDA02-38C7-4A6A-9CC6-4BCCA8B30102



OpenCore's NVRAM GUID, mainly relevant for RTCMemoryFixup users

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7C436110-AB2A-4BBB-A880-FE41995C9F82

System Integrity Protection bitmask

- General Purpose boot-args:

boot-args	Description
-v	This enables verbose mode, which shows all the behind-the-scenes text that scrolls by as you're booting instead of the Apple logo and progress bar. It's invaluable to any Hackintosher, as it gives you an inside look at the boot process, and can help you identify issues, problem kexts, etc.
debug=0x100	This disables macOS's watchdog which helps prevents a reboot on a kernel panic. That way you can <i>hopefully</i> glean some useful info and follow the breadcrumbs to get past the issues.
keepsyms=1	This is a companion setting to debug=0x100 that tells the OS to also print the symbols on a kernel panic. That can give some more helpful insight as to what's causing the panic itself.
alcid=1	Used for setting layout-id for AppleALC, see supported codecs  to figure out which layout to use for your specific system. More info on this is covered in the Post-Install Page 

- GPU-Specific boot-args:

boot-args	Description
agdpmod=pikera	Used for disabling board ID checks on some Navi GPUs (RX 5000 & 6000 series), without this you'll get a black screen. Don't use if you don't have Navi (ie. Polaris and Vega cards shouldn't use this)
-radcodec	Used for allowing officially unsupported AMD GPUs (spoofed) to use the Hardware Video Encoder
radpg=15	Used for disabling some power-gating modes, helpful for properly initializing AMD Cape Verde based GPUs
unfairgva=1	Used for fixing hardware DRM support on supported AMD GPUs
nvda_drv_vrl=1	Used for enabling NVIDIA's Web Drivers on Maxwell and Pascal cards in macOS Sierra and High Sierra

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-wegnoegpu	Used for disabling all other GPUs than the integrated Intel iGPU, useful for those wanting to run newer versions of macOS where their dGPU isn't supported
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- **csr-active-config:** `00000000`
 - Settings for 'System Integrity Protection' (SIP). It is generally recommended to change this with `csrutil` via the recovery partition.
 - csr-active-config by default is set to `00000000` which enables System Integrity Protection. You can choose a number of different values but overall we recommend keeping this enabled for best security practices. More info can be found in our troubleshooting page: [Disabling SIP](#)
- **run-efi-updater:** `No`
 - This is used to prevent Apple's firmware update packages from installing and breaking boot order; this is important as these firmware updates (meant for Macs) will not work.
- **prev-lang:kbd:** `<>`
 - Needed for non-latin keyboards in the format of `lang-COUNTRY:keyboard` , recommended to keep blank though you can specify it(**Default in Sample config is Russian**):
 - American: `en-US:0` (`656e2d55533a30` in HEX)
 - Full list can be found in [AppleKeyboardLayouts.txt](#) 
 - Hint: `prev-lang:kbd` can be changed into a String so you can input `en-US:0` directly instead of converting to HEX
 - Hint 2: `prev-lang:kbd` can be set to a blank variable (eg. `<>`) which will force the Language Picker to appear instead at first boot up.

Key	Type	Value
prev-lang:kbd	String	en-US:0

Delete

Info

Forcibly rewrites NVRAM variables, do note that `Add` **will not overwrite** values already present in NVRAM so values like `boot-args` should be left alone. For us, we'll be changing the following:

Quirk	Enabled
WriteFlash	YES

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Automatic	§ Boolean	True
CustomMemory	§ Boolean	False
√ Generic	§ Dictionary	10 key/value pairs
AdviseFeatures	§ Boolean	False
MLB	§ String	C02527401GUG2Y71H
MaxBIOSVersion	§ Boolean	False
ProcessorType	§ Number	0
ROM	§ Data	<04489AAF 044A>
SpoofVendor	§ Boolean	True
SystemMemoryStatus	§ String	Auto
SystemProductName	§ String	iMac15,1
SystemSerialNumber	§ String	C02Q1FYLFY10
SystemUUID	§ String	77DA0D0C-38CA-4AEA-AB10-9AF42A9B43BA
UpdateDataHub	§ Boolean	True
UpdateNVRAM	§ Boolean	True
UpdateSMBIOS	§ Boolean	True
UpdateSMBIOSMode	§ String	Create
UseRawUuidEncoding	§ Boolean	False
> UEFI	§ Dictionary	10 key/value pairs

Info

For setting up the SMBIOS info, we'll use CorpNewt's [GenSMBIOS](#)  application.

For this Haswell example, we chose the iMac15,1 SMBIOS. The typical breakdown is as follows:

SMBIOS	Hardware
iMac14,4	Haswell with only iGPU

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iMac15,1	Haswell with dGPU
iMac16,2	Broadwell

Note: The following SMBIOS are only supported up-to macOS 11, Big Sur. For cases where you must boot Monterey, see below:

► Monterey SMBIOS table

Note 2: All of these SMBIOSes were dropped in macOS Ventura. If running macOS Ventura, [use a Kaby Lake SMBIOS](#).

Run GenSMBIOS, pick option 1 for downloading MacSerial and Option 3 for selecting out SMBIOS. This will give us an output similar to the following:

```
#####
#               iMac15,1  SMBIOS  Info               #
#####

Type:          iMac15,1
Serial:         C02M9SYJFY10
Board Serial:   C02408101J9G2Y7A8
SmUUID:         7B227BEC-660D-405F-8E60-411B3E4EF055
```

The `Type` part gets copied to Generic -> SystemProductName.

The `Serial` part gets copied to Generic -> SystemSerialNumber.

The `Board Serial` part gets copied to Generic -> MLB.

The `SmUUID` part gets copied to Generic -> SystemUUID.

We set Generic -> ROM to either an Apple ROM (dumped from a real Mac), your NIC MAC address, or any random MAC address (could be just 6 random bytes, for this guide we'll use `11223300 0000` . After install follow the [Fixing iServices](#) page on how to find your real MAC Address)

Reminder that you need an invalid serial! When inputting your serial number in [Apple's Check Coverage Page](#) , you should get a message such as "Unable to check coverage for this serial number."

Automatic: YES

- Generates PlatformInfo based on Generic section instead of DataHub, NVRAM, and SMBIOS sections

...

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Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	8 key/value pairs
> ACPI	Dictionary	4 key/value pairs
> Booter	Dictionary	3 key/value pairs
> DeviceProperties	Dictionary	2 key/value pairs
> Kernel	Dictionary	7 key/value pairs
> Misc	Dictionary	7 key/value pairs
> NVRAM	Dictionary	5 key/value pairs
> PlatformInfo	Dictionary	8 key/value pairs
▼ UEFI	Dictionary	10 key/value pairs
> APFS	Dictionary	6 key/value pairs
> AppleInput	Dictionary	10 key/value pairs
> Audio	Dictionary	11 key/value pairs
ConnectDrivers	Boolean	True
▼ Drivers	Array	2 children
▼ 0	Dictionary	5 key/value pairs
Arguments	String	
Comment	String	
Enabled	Boolean	True
LoadEarly	Boolean	False
Path	String	OpenRuntime.efi
▼ 1	Dictionary	5 key/value pairs
Arguments	String	
Comment	String	HFS+ Driver
Enabled	Boolean	True
LoadEarly	Boolean	False
Path	String	HfsPlus.efi
> Input	Dictionary	8 key/value pairs
> Output	Dictionary	15 key/value pairs
> ProtocolOverrides	Dictionary	18 key/value pairs
▼ Quirks	Dictionary	14 key/value pairs
ActivateHpetSupport	Boolean	False
DisableSecurityPolicy	Boolean	False
EnableVectorAcceleration	Boolean	True
EnableVmx	Boolean	False
ExitBootServicesDelay	Number	0
ForceOcWriteFlash	Boolean	False
ForgeUefiSupport	Boolean	False
ReleaseUsbOwnership	Boolean	False
IgnoreInvalidFlexRatio	Boolean	True
ReloadOptionRoms	Boolean	False
RequestBootVarRouting	Boolean	True
ResizeGpuBars	Number	-1
TscSyncTimeout	Number	0
UnblockFsConnect	Boolean	False
> ReservedMemory	Array	2 children

ConnectDrivers: YES

- Forces .efi drivers, change to NO will automatically connect added UEFI drivers. This can make booting slightly faster, but not all drivers connect themselves. E.g. certain file system drivers may not load.

Drivers

Add your .efi drivers here.

Only drivers present here should be:

- HfsPlus.efi
- OpenRuntime.efi

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APFS

By default, OpenCore only loads APFS drivers from macOS Big Sur and newer. If you are booting macOS Catalina or earlier, you may need to set a new minimum version/date. Not setting this can result in OpenCore not finding your macOS partition!

macOS Sierra and earlier use HFS instead of APFS. You can skip this section if booting older versions of macOS.

APFS Versions

Both MinVersion and MinDate need to be set if changing the minimum version.

macOS Version	Min Version	Min Date
High Sierra (10.13.6)	748077008000000	20180621
Mojave (10.14.6)	945275007000000	20190820
Catalina (10.15.4)	1412101001000000	20200306
No restriction	-1	-1

Audio

Related to AudioDxe settings, for us we'll be ignoring(leave as default). This is unrelated to audio support in macOS.

- For further use of AudioDxe and the Audio section, please see the Post Install page: [Add GUI and Boot-chime🔗](#)

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Output

Relating to OpenCore's visual output, leave everything here as default as we have no use for these quirks.

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ProtocolOverrides

Mainly relevant for Virtual machines, legacy macs and FileVault users. See here for more details: [Security and FileVault](#)🔗

Quirks

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Relating to quirks with the UEFI environment, for us we'll be changing the following:

Quirk	Enabled	Comment
IgnoreInvalidFlexRatio	YES	
UnblockFsConnect	NO	Needed mainly by HP motherboards

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ReservedMemory

Used for exempting certain memory regions from OSes to use, mainly relevant for Sandy Bridge iGPUs or systems with faulty memory. Use of this quirk is not covered in this guide

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And now you're ready to save and place it into your EFI under EFI/OC.

For those having booting issues, please make sure to read the [Troubleshooting section](#) first and if your questions are still unanswered we have plenty of resources at your disposal:

- [r/Hackintosh Subreddit](#)🔗
- [r/Hackintosh Discord](#)🔗

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- Note: Most of these options may not be present in your firmware, we recommend matching up as closely as possible but don't be too concerned if many of these options are not available in your BIOS

Disable

- Fast Boot
- Secure Boot
- Serial/COM Port
- Parallel Port
- VT-d (can be enabled if you set `DisableIoMapper` to YES)
- Compatibility Support Module (CSM) (**Must be off in most cases, GPU errors/stalls like `gI0` are common when this option is enabled**)
- Thunderbolt (For initial install, as Thunderbolt can cause issues if not setup correctly)
- Intel SGX
- Intel Platform Trust
- CFG Lock (MSR 0xE2 write protection)(**This must be off, if you can't find the option then enable `AppleXcpmCfgLock` under Kernel -> Quirks. Your hack will not boot with CFG-Lock enabled**)
 - For 10.10 and older, you'll need to enable AppleCpuPmCfgLock as well

Enable

- VT-x
- Above 4G Decoding
- Hyper-Threading
- Execute Disable Bit
- EHCI/XHCI Hand-off
- OS type: Windows 8.1/10 UEFI Mode (some motherboards may require "Other OS" instead)
- DVMT Pre-Allocated(iGPU Memory): 64MB or higher
- SATA Mode: AHCI

Once done here, we need to edit a couple extra values.
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