

# PetaLinux Tools Documentation

# Reference Guide

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# Overview

## Introduction

PetaLinux is an embedded Linux Software Development Kit (SDK) targeting FPGA-based Systemon-Chip designs. This guide helps the reader to familiarize with the tool enabling overall usage of PetaLinux.

You are assumed to have basic Linux knowledge, such as how to run Linux commands. You should be aware of OS and host system features, such as OS version, Linux distribution, security privileges, and basic Yocto concepts.

The PetaLinux tool contains:

- Yocto Extensible SDK (eSDK)
- Minimal downloads
- XSCT and toolchains
- PetaLinux CLI tools

**Note:** Vitis<sup>™</sup> unified software platform is the integrated design environment (IDE) for creating embedded applications on Xilinx microprocessors.

PetaLinux SDK is a Xilinx development tool that contains everything necessary to build, develop, test, and deploy embedded Linux systems.

#### **Yocto Extensible SDK**

The following table details the four extensible SDKs installed.

**Table 1: Extensible SDKs** 

| Path                                                            | Architecture                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| \$PETALINUX/components/yocto/source/aarch64                     | Zynq® UltraScale+™ MPSoC          |
| \$PETALINUX/components/yocto/source/arm                         | Zynq-7000 devices                 |
| <pre>\$PETALINUX/components/yocto/source/ microblaze_full</pre> | MicroBlaze™ platform full designs |



#### Table 1: Extensible SDKs (cont'd)

| Path                                                            | Architecture                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <pre>\$PETALINUX/components/yocto/source/ microblaze_lite</pre> | MicroBlaze platform lite designs |

#### **Minimal Downloads**

BitBake checks PREMIRRORS before looking upstream for any source files. PREMIRRORS are appropriate when you have a shared directory that is not defined by the DL\_DIR variable. All projects of the tool use these PREMIRRORS and fetch the source code from them.

The PREMIRROR in the tool points to: \$PETALINUX/components/yocto/downloads. The downloads directory has tarballs of source code for Linux kernel, U-Boot, and other minimal utilities. For more information, see Downloading Mirrors.

#### XSCT and toolchains

For all embedded software applications, the PetaLinux tool uses XSCT underneath. The Linux toolchain for all three architectures is from Yocto.

#### PetaLinux Command Line Interface (CLI) tools

This contains all the PetaLinux commands that you require.





# Setting Up Your Environment

# **Installation Steps**

# **Installation Requirements**

The PetaLinux Tools Installation requirements are:

- Minimum workstation requirements:
  - 8 GB RAM (recommended minimum for Xilinx® tools)
  - 2 GHz CPU clock or equivalent (minimum of 8 cores)
  - <sub>o</sub> 100 GB free HDD space
  - Supported OS:
    - Red Hat Enterprise Workstation/Server 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 (64-bit)
    - CentOS Workstation/Server 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 (64-bit)
    - Ubuntu Linux Workstation/Server 16.04.5, 16.04.6, 18.04.1,18.04.02 (64-bit)
- You need to have root access to install the required packages mentioned in the following table. The PetaLinux tools need to be installed as a non-root user.
- PetaLinux requires a number of standard development tools and libraries to be installed on your Linux host workstation. Install the libraries and tools listed in the following table on the host Linux. All of the listed Linux Workstation Environments below have the 32-bit libraries needed by the PetaLinux tool. If there are any additional toolchain packages that need 32-bit libraries on the host, install the same before issuing petalinux-build. The table shown below describes the required packages, and how to install them on different Linux workstation environments.
- PetaLinux tools require that your host system /bin/sh is 'bash'. If you are using Ubuntu distribution and your /bin/sh is 'dash', consult your system administrator to change your default system shell /bin/sh with the sudo dpkg-reconfigure dash command.



**Table 2: Packages and Linux Workstation Environments** 

| Tool / Library                                          | CentOS Workstation/<br>Server 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 (64-bit) | Red Hat Enterprise<br>Workstation/Server 7.4,<br>7.5, 7.6 (64-bit) | Ubuntu Linux<br>Workstation/Server<br>16.04.5, 16.04.6, 18.04.1,<br>18.04.02 (64-bit) |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dos2unix                                                | dos2unix                                             | dos2unix                                                           | tofrodos+ds-2.debian.tar.xz                                                           |
| ip                                                      | iproute                                              | iproute                                                            | iproute                                                                               |
| gawk                                                    | gawk                                                 | gawk                                                               | gawk                                                                                  |
| gcc                                                     | gcc                                                  | gcc                                                                | -                                                                                     |
| g++ (gcc-c++)                                           | gcc-c++                                              | gcc-c++                                                            | -                                                                                     |
| make                                                    | make                                                 | make                                                               | make                                                                                  |
| netstat                                                 | net-tools                                            | net-tools                                                          | net-tools                                                                             |
| ncurses                                                 | ncurses                                              | ncurses                                                            | libncurses5                                                                           |
| devel                                                   | -devel                                               | -devel                                                             | -dev                                                                                  |
| tftp server                                             | tftp-server                                          | tftp-server                                                        | tftpd                                                                                 |
| zlib devel (also,<br>install 32-bit of<br>this version) | zlib-devel                                           | zlib-devel                                                         | zlib1g:i386                                                                           |
| openssl                                                 | openssl                                              | openssl                                                            | libssl                                                                                |
| devel                                                   | -devel                                               | -devel 1.0                                                         | -dev                                                                                  |
| flex                                                    | flex                                                 | flex                                                               | flex                                                                                  |
| bison                                                   | bison                                                | bison                                                              | bison                                                                                 |
| libselinux                                              | libselinux                                           | libselinux                                                         | libselinux1                                                                           |
| gnupg                                                   | gnupg                                                | gnupg                                                              | gnupg                                                                                 |
| wget                                                    | wget                                                 | wget                                                               | wget                                                                                  |
| diffstat                                                | diffstat                                             | diffstat                                                           | diffstat                                                                              |
| chrpath                                                 | chrpath                                              | chrpath                                                            | chrpath                                                                               |
| socat                                                   | socat                                                | socat                                                              | socat                                                                                 |
| xterm                                                   | xterm                                                | xterm                                                              | xterm                                                                                 |
| autoconf                                                | autoconf                                             | autoconf                                                           | autoconf                                                                              |
| libtool                                                 | libtool                                              | libtool                                                            | libtool                                                                               |
| tar                                                     | tar                                                  | tar                                                                | tar                                                                                   |
| unzip                                                   | unzip                                                | unzip                                                              | unzip                                                                                 |
| texinfo                                                 | texinfo                                              | texinfo                                                            | texinfo                                                                               |
| zlib1g-dev                                              | -                                                    | -                                                                  | zlib1g-dev                                                                            |
| gcc-multilib                                            | -                                                    | -                                                                  | gcc-multilib                                                                          |
| build-essential                                         | -                                                    | -                                                                  | build-essential                                                                       |
| SDL-devel                                               | SDL-devel                                            | SDL-devel                                                          | -                                                                                     |
| glibc-devel                                             | glibc-devel                                          | glibc-devel                                                        | -                                                                                     |
| 32-bit glibc                                            | glibc                                                | glibc                                                              | -                                                                                     |
| glib2-devel                                             | glib2-devel                                          | glib2-devel                                                        | -                                                                                     |
| automake                                                | automake                                             | automake                                                           | -                                                                                     |
| screen                                                  | screen                                               | screen                                                             | screen                                                                                |



Table 2: Packages and Linux Workstation Environments (cont'd)

| Tool / Library | CentOS Workstation/<br>Server 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 (64-bit) | Red Hat Enterprise<br>Workstation/Server 7.4,<br>7.5, 7.6 (64-bit) | Ubuntu Linux<br>Workstation/Server<br>16.04.5, 16.04.6, 18.04.1,<br>18.04.02 (64-bit) |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pax            | pax                                                  | pax                                                                | pax                                                                                   |
| gzip           | gzip                                                 | gzip                                                               | gzip                                                                                  |
| libstdc++      | libstdc++                                            | libstdc++                                                          | -                                                                                     |
| python         | -                                                    | -                                                                  | python 2.7.5                                                                          |

**Note:** For the exact package versions, refer to the PetaLinux 2019.2 release notes 2019.2 PetaLinux\_Package\_List.xlsx. For Quick installation steps, refer to the first row for each operating system in the same excel sheet.



**CAUTION!** Consult your system administrator if you are not sure about the correct procedures for host system package management.



**IMPORTANT!** PetaLinux 2019.2 works only with hardware designs exported from Vivado<sup>®</sup> Design Suite 2019.2.

## **Prerequisites**

- The PetaLinux tools installation requirements are met. See the Installation Requirements for more information.
- The PetaLinux installer is downloaded. You can download PetaLinux installer from PetaLinux Downloads.
- Vivado® Design Suite, Vitis™ software platform, and PetaLinux versions are in sync.

## **Run PetaLinux Tools Installer**

Without any options, the PetaLinux tools are installed into the current working directory. Alternatively, you can specify an installation path.

For example: To install PetaLinux tools under /opt/pkg/petalinux/2019.2:

```
$ mkdir -p /opt/pkg/petalinux/2019.2
$ ./petalinux-v2019.2-final-installer.run /opt/pkg/petalinux/2019.2
```

Note: Do not change the installer permissions to CHMOD 775 as it might cause BitBake errors.

This installs the PetaLinux Tools into /opt/pkg/petalinux/2019.2 directory.





**IMPORTANT!** Once installed, you cannot move or copy the installed directory. In the above example, you cannot move or copy /opt/pkg/petalinux since the full path will be stored into Yocto e-SDK environment file.

**Note:** You cannot install the tool as root user. Ensure that /opt/pkg/petalinux is writeable. You can change the permissions after installation to make it globally read-execute (0755). It is not mandatory to install tool in /opt/pkg/petalinux directory. You can install at any desired location that has the 755 permissions.

Reading and agreeing to the PetaLinux End User License Agreement (EULA) is a required and integral part of the PetaLinux tools installation process. You can read the license agreement prior to running the installation. If you wish to keep the license for your records, the licenses are available in plain ASCII text in the following files:

- \$PETALINUX/etc/license/petalinux\_EULA.txt: EULA specifies in detail the rights and restrictions that apply to PetaLinux.
- \$PETALINUX/etc/license/Third\_Party\_Software\_End\_User\_License\_Agree ment.txt: This third party license agreement details the licenses of the distributable and non-distributable components in PetaLinux tools.

By default, the WebTalk option is disabled to send tools usage statistics back to Xilinx. You can turn on the WebTalk feature by running the petalinux-util --webtalk command after the installation is complete.



**IMPORTANT!** Before running the PetaLinux command, you need to source PetaLinux settings. For more information, see PetaLinux Working Environment Setup.

\$ petalinux-util --webtalk on

# **Troubleshooting**

This section describes some common issues you may experience while installing the PetaLinux tools. If the PetaLinux tools installation fails, the file <code>\$PETALINUX/post-install.log</code> will be generated in your PetaLinux installation directory.

Table 3: PetaLinux Installation Troubleshooting

| Problem / Error Message                                               | Description and Solution                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| WARNING: You have less than 1 GB free space on the installation drive | Problem Description: This warning message indicates that the installation drive is almost full. You might not have enough free space to develop the hardware project and/or software project after the installation. |
|                                                                       | Solution:                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                                                       | Clean up the installation drive to clear some more free space.<br>Alternatively, move PetaLinux installation to another hard disk drive.                                                                             |



Table 3: PetaLinux Installation Troubleshooting (cont'd)

| Problem / Error Message                                                                                                                                                                        | Description and Solution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| WARNING: No tftp server found                                                                                                                                                                  | Problem Description: This warning message indicates that you do not have a TFTP service running on the workstation. Without a TFTP service, you cannot download Linux system images to the target system using the U-Boot network/TFTP capabilities. This warning can be ignored for other boot modes. |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                | Solution:  Enable the TFTP service on your workstation. If you are unsure how to enable this service, contact your system administrator.                                                                                                                                                               |
| ERROR: GCC is not installed - unable to continue. Please install and retry                                                                                                                     | Problem Description: This error message indicates that you do not have gcc installed on the host workstation. Solution: Install gcc using your Linux workstation package management system. If you are unsure how to do this, contact your system administrator. See Installation Steps.               |
| ERROR: You are missing the following system tools required by PetaLinux: missing-tools-list or  ERROR: You are missing these development libraries required by PetaLinux: missing-library-list | Problem Description: This error message indicates that you do not have the required tools or libraries listed in the "missing-tools-list" or "missing-library-list".  Solution: Install the packages of the missing tools. For more information, see Installation Requirements.                        |
| ./petalinux-v2019.2-final-<br>installer.run: line 52: /proj/<br>petalinux/petalinux-<br>v2019.2_daily_latest/<br>petalinux_installation_log:<br>Permission denied                              | Problem Description: This error message indicates that PetaLinux install directory does not have writable permissions. Solution: Give 755 permissions to the install directory.                                                                                                                        |

# **PetaLinux Working Environment Setup**

After the installation, the remaining setup is completed automatically by sourcing the provided settings scripts.

## **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the PetaLinux tools installation is complete. For more information, see Installation Steps.

# Steps to Set Up PetaLinux Working Environment

- 1. Source the appropriate settings script:
  - For Bash as user login shell:

\$ source <path-to-installed-PetaLinux>/settings.sh



• For C shell as user login shell:

```
$ source <path-to-installed-PetaLinux>/settings.csh
```

Below is an example of the output when sourcing the setup script for the first time:

```
PetaLinux environment set to '/opt/pkg/petalinux'
INFO: Checking free disk space
INFO: Checking installed tools
INFO: Checking installed development libraries
INFO: Checking network and other services
WARNING: No tftp server found - please see "PetaLinux SDK Installation
Guide" for its
impact and solution
```

2. Verify that the working environment has been set:

```
$ echo $PETALINUX
```

Example output: /opt/pkg/petalinux

Environment variable \$PETALINUX should point to the installed PetaLinux path. The output may be different from this example based on the PetaLinux installation path.

# **Troubleshooting**

This section describes some common issues that you may experience while setting up PetaLinux Working Environment.

Table 4: PetaLinux Working Environment Troubleshooting

| Problem / Error Message      | Description and Solution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| WARNING: /bin/sh is not bash | Problem Description: This warning message indicates that your default shell is linked to dash.  Solution: PetaLinux tools require your host system /bin/sh is bash. If you are using Ubuntu distribution and your /bin/sh is dash, consult your system administrator to change your default host system /bin/sh with the sudo dpkg-reconfigure dash command. |



Table 4: PetaLinux Working Environment Troubleshooting (cont'd)

| Problem / Error Message      | Description and Solution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Failed to open PetaLinux lib | Problem Description: This error message indicates that a PetaLinux library failed to load. The possible reasons are:                                                                                                                                           |  |
|                              | The PetaLinux settings . sh has not been loaded.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|                              | The Linux Kernel that is running has SELinux configured. This can cause issues with regards to security context and loading libraries.                                                                                                                         |  |
|                              | Solution:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
|                              | 1. Source the settings.sh script from the top-level PetaLinux directory. For more information, see PetaLinux Working Environment Setup.                                                                                                                        |  |
|                              | 2. If you have SELinux enabled, determine if SELinux is in enforcing mode. If SELinux is configured in enforcing mode, either reconfigure SELinux to permissive mode (see the SELinux manual) or change the security context of the libraries to allow access. |  |
|                              | \$ cd \$PETALINUX/tools/xsct/lib/lnx64.o                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
|                              | <pre>\$ chcon -R -t textrel_shlib_t lib</pre>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |

# **Design Flow Overview**

In general, the PetaLinux tools follow a sequential workflow model. The table below provides an example design workflow, demonstrating the order in which the tasks should be completed and the corresponding tool or workflow for that task.

**Table 5: Design Flow Overview** 

| Design Flow Step                                          | Tool / Workflow                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Hardware platform creation (for custom hardware only)     | Vivado® design tools               |
| Create a PetaLinux project                                | petalinux-create -t project        |
| Initialize a PetaLinux project (for custom hardware only) | petalinux-configget-hw-description |
| Configure system-level options                            | petalinux-config                   |
| Create user components                                    | petalinux-create -t COMPONENT      |
| Configure the Linux kernel                                | petalinux-config -c kernel         |
| Configure the root filesystem                             | petalinux-config -c rootfs         |
| Build the system                                          | petalinux-build                    |
| Package for deploying the system                          | petalinux-package                  |
| Boot the system for testing                               | petalinux-boot                     |





# Creating a Project

## **PetaLinux BSP Installation**

PetaLinux reference board support packages (BSPs) are reference designs on supported boards for you to start working with and customizing your own projects. In addition, these designs can be used as a basis for creating your own projects on supported boards. PetaLinux BSPs are provided in the form of installable BSP files, and include all necessary design and configuration files, pre-built and tested hardware, and software images ready for downloading on your board or for booting in the QEMU system emulation environment. You can download a BSP to any location of your choice.

BSP reference designs are not included in the PetaLinux tools installer and need to be downloaded and installed separately. PetaLinux BSP packages are available on the Xilinx.com Download Center. There is a README in each BSP which explains the details of the BSP.

Note: Download only the BSPs you need.

## **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- PetaLinux BSP is downloaded. You can download PetaLinux BSP from PetaLinux Downloads.
- PetaLinux Working Environment Setup is completed. For more details, see PetaLinux Working Environment Setup.

## Create a Project from a BSP

1. Change to the directory under which you want PetaLinux projects to be created. For example, if you want to create projects under /home/user:

```
$ cd /home/user
```

2. Run petalinux-create command on the command console:

```
petalinux-create -t project -s <path-to-bsp>
```



The board being referenced is based on the BSP installed. You will see the output, similar to the below output:

```
INFO: Create project:
INFO: Projects:
INFO: * xilinx-zcu102-v2019.2
INFO: has been successfully installed to /home/user/
INFO: New project successfully created in /home/user/
```

In the above example, when the command runs, it tells you the projects that are extracted and installed from the BSP. If the specified location is on the Network File System (NFS), it changes the TMPDIR to  $/tmp/<projname_timestamp>$ ; otherwise, it is set to \$PROOT/build/tmp.

If  $/tmp/<projname_timestamp>$  is also on NFS, then it throws an error. You can change TMPDIR anytime through **petalinux-config**  $\rightarrow$  **Yocto-settings**. Do not configure the same location as TMPDIR for two different PetaLinux projects as it can cause build errors.

If you run 1s from /home/user, you will see the installed project(s). For more details on the structure of a PetaLinux project, see Appendix B: PetaLinux Project Structure.



**CAUTION!** Do not create PetaLinux projects in the install area and do not use the install area as a tmp build area.

# **Troubleshooting**

This section describes some common issues you may experience while installing PetaLinux BSP.

Table 6: PetaLinux BSP Installation Troubleshooting

| Problem / Error Message             | Description and Solution                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| petalinux-create: command not found | Problem Description: This message indicates that it is unable to find petalinux-create command and therefore it cannot proceed with BSP installation. |
|                                     | Solution: You have to setup your environment for PetaLinux tools. For more information, see the PetaLinux Working Environment Setup.                  |

# Configuring Hardware Platform with Vivado Design Suite

This section describes how to make a hardware platform ready for PetaLinux.



# **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- Vivado® Design Suite is installed. You can download Vivado Design Suite from Vivado Design Tool Downloads.
- You have set up the Vivado tools working environment. If you have not, source the appropriate settings scripts as follows:

```
$ source <path-to-installed-Xilinx-Vivado>/settings64.sh
```

**Note:** You can have Vivado tools set up pn a different machine; it is not necessary to have PetaLinux and Vivado tools set up on the same machine.

You are familiar with the Vivado Design Suite and the Vitis<sup>™</sup> software development platform.
 For more information, see the Vitis Unified Software Platform Documentation: Embedded Software Development (UG1400).

# **Configure a Hardware Platform for Linux**

You can create your own hardware platform with Vivado® tools. Regardless of how the hardware platform is created and configured, there are a small number of hardware IP and software platform configuration changes required to make the hardware platform Linux ready. These are described below:

### Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC

The following is a list of hardware requirements for a Zynq<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+<sup>™</sup> MPSoC hardware project to boot Linux:

- 1. External memory with at least 64 MB of memory (required)
- 2. UART for serial console (required)
- Non-volatile memory (optional), for example, QSPI Flash and SD/MMC
- Ethernet (optional, essential for network access)



**IMPORTANT!** If soft IP with interrupt or external PHY device with interrupt is used, ensure the interrupt signal is connected.

#### Zynq-7000 Devices

The following is a list of hardware requirements for a Zynq-7000 hardware project to boot Linux:

1. One Triple Timer Counter (TTC) (required)



**IMPORTANT!** If multiple TTCs are enabled, the Zynq-7000 Linux kernel uses the first TTC block from the device tree. Please make sure the TTC is not used by others.



- 2. External memory controller with at least 32 MB of memory (required)
- UART for serial console (required)
- 4. Non-volatile memory (optional), for example, QSPI Flash and SD/MMC
- 5. Ethernet (optional, essential for network access)



**IMPORTANT!** If soft IP is used, ensure the interrupt signal is connected. If soft IP with interrupt or external PHY device with interrupt is used, ensure the interrupt signal is connected.

### MicroBlaze processors (AXI)

The following is a list of requirements for a MicroBlaze<sup>™</sup> hardware project to boot Linux:

- 1. IP core check list:
  - External memory controller with at least 32 MB of memory (required)
  - Dual channel timer with interrupt connected (required)
  - UART with interrupt connected for serial console (required)
  - Non-volatile memory such as Linear Flash or SPI Flash (required)
  - Ethernet with interrupt connected (optional, but required for network access)
- 2. MicroBlaze processor configuration:
  - MicroBlaze processors with MMU support by selecting either Linux with MMU or low-end Linux with MMU configuration template in the MicroBlaze configuration wizard.
    - **Note:** Do not disable any instruction set related options that are enabled by the template, unless you understand the implications of such a change.
  - MicroBlaze processor initial boot loader fs-boot needs minimum 4 KB of BRAM for parallel flash and 8 KB for SPI flash when the system boots from non-volatile memory.

# **Exporting Hardware Platform to PetaLinux Project**

This section describes how to export a hardware platform to a PetaLinux project.

**Note:** HDF will be deprecated in future releases. It will be replaced by the Xilinx Support Archive (XSA), a hardware description format introduced in the Vivado® Design Suite 2019.2. XSA is a super set of HDF and holds additional configurations that can be changed by XSCT/Vitis.



# **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that a hardware platform is created with the Vivado Design Suite. For more information, see Configuring Hardware Platform with Vivado Design Suite.

# **Exporting Hardware Platform**

After you have configured your hardware project, the PetaLinux project requires a hardware description file ( .xsa file) with information about the processing system. You can get the hardware description file by running Export Hardware from the Vivado<sup>®</sup> Design Suite.

During project initialization (or update), PetaLinux generates a device tree source file, U-Boot configuration header files, and enables the Linux kernel drivers based on the hardware description file. These details are discussed in Appendix B: PetaLinux Project Structure.

For Zynq<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+™ MPSoC platform, you need to boot with the Platform management unit (PMU) firmware and ATF. See Appendix C: Generating Boot Components for building PMU firmware and ATF. If you want First stage boot loader (FSBL) built for Cortex™-R5F boot, you will also need to build it with the Vitis™ software platform because the FSBL built with PetaLinux tools is for Cortex-A53 boot. For details on how to build the FSBL for Cortex-R5F with the Vitis software platform, see the Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC: Software Developers Guide (UG1137).

# **Creating a New PetaLinux Project**

This section describes how to create a new PetaLinux project. Projects created from templates must be bound to an actual hardware instance before they can be built.

# **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the PetaLinux working environment setup is complete. For more information, see PetaLinux Working Environment Setup.

# **Create New Project**

The petalinux-create command is used to create a new PetaLinux project:

```
$ petalinux-create --type project --template <PLATFORM> --name
<PROJECT_NAME>
```

The parameters are as follows:

• --template <PLATFORM> - The following platform types are supported:



- zynqMP (for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC)
- zynq (for Zynq-7000 devices)
- microblaze (for MicroBlaze<sup>™</sup> processor)

**Note:** The MicroBlaze option cannot be used along with Zynq-7000 devices or Zynq UltraScale+designs in the Programmable Logic (PL).

• --name <PROJECT\_NAME> - The name of the project you are building.

This command creates a new PetaLinux project folder from a default template. The following steps customize these settings to match the hardware project created previously.

If --template option is used instead of a BSP, you can use the petalinux-config command to choose default board configs that are close to your board design, as shown below:

- 1. petalinux-config --get-hw-description=<PATH-TO-HDF/XSA DIRECTORY>
- 2. Set CONFIG\_SUBSYSTEM\_MACHINE\_NAME as required.
  - The possible values are: ac701-full, ac701-lite, kc705-full, kcu105, zc1275-revb, zcu1285-reva, zc1751-dc1, zc1751-dc2, zc702, zc706, avnet-ultra96-rev1, zcu100-revc, zcu102-rev1.0, zcu104-revc, zcu106-reva, zcu111-reva, zedboard, vcu118- rev2.0, sp701-rev1.0.
  - In petalinux-config, select DTG Settings → (template) MACHINE\_NAME, change the template to any of the above mentioned possible values.



TIP: For details on the PetaLinux project structure, see Appendix B: PetaLinux Project Structure.



**CAUTION!** When a PetaLinux project is created on NFS, petalinux-create automatically changes the TMPDIR to  $/tmp/<projname\_timestamp>$ . If /tmp is also on NFS, it will throw an error. If you want to change the TMPDIR to a local storage use **petalinux-config**  $\rightarrow$  **Yocto-settings**  $\rightarrow$  **TMPDIR**. Do not configure the same location as TMPDIR for two different PetaLinux projects. This may cause build errors. If TMPDIR is at /tmp/..., deleting the project will not clean it. You have to explicitly do this step, or use petalinux-build-xmpproper.





# Configuring and Building

# **Version Control**

This section details about version management/control in PetaLinux project.

# **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have created a new PetaLinux project or have an existing PetaLinux project. See Creating a New PetaLinux Project for more information on creating a PetaLinux project.

### **Version Control**

You can have version control over your PetaLinux project directory <plnx-proj-root>, excluding the following:

- <plnx-proj-root>/.petalinux
- <plnx-proj-root>/!.petalinux/metadata
- <plnx-proj-root>/build/
- <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux
- <plnx-proj-root>/pre-built/linux
- <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-plnx-generated/
- <plnx-proj-root>/components/plnx-workspace/
- <plnx-proj-root>/\*/\*/config.old
- <plnx-proj-root>/\*/\*/rootfs\_config.old
- <plnx-proj-root>/\*.o
- <plnx-proj-root>/\*.log
- <plnx-proj-root>/\*.jou

By default, these files are added into .gitignore while creating the project.



**Note:** A PetaLinux project should be cleaned using petalinux-build -x mrproper before submitting to the source control.



**IMPORTANT!** Version control is currently a work in progress. It is recommended that you share projects with BSP methodology.

**Note:** In concurrent development, TMPDIR in petalinux-config should be unique for each user. Use \$ {PROOT} as reference to specify the relative path of the TMPDIR before checking in the project into version control.

# **Importing Hardware Configuration**

This section explains the process of updating an existing/newly created PetaLinux project with a new hardware configuration. This enables you to make the PetaLinux tools software platform ready for building a Linux system, customized to your new hardware platform.

# **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- You have exported the hardware platform and .xsa/.hdf file is generated. For more information, see Exporting Hardware Platform.
- You have created a new PetaLinux project or have an existing PetaLinux project. For more information on creating a PetaLinux project, see Creating a New PetaLinux Project.

# **Steps to Import Hardware Configuration**

Steps to import hardware configuration are:

1. Change into the directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Import the hardware description with petalinux-config command, by giving the path of the directory containing the .xsa/.hdf file as follows:

```
\ petalinux-config\ --get-hw-description=<path-to-directory-containing-hardware description-file>
```

**Note:** The .xsa file will take precedence over the .hdf file if both files are available in the hardware description directory.

This launches the top system configuration menu when petalinux-config --get-hw-description runs the first time for the PetaLinux project or the tool detects there is a change in the system primary hardware candidates:



Ensure **Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings** is selected, and go into the menu which is similar to the following:

```
Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings
System Processor (psu_cortexa53_0) --->
Memory Settings --->
Serial Settings --->
Ethernet Settings --->
Flash Settings --->
SD/SDIO Settings --->
RTC Settings --->
[*]Advanced bootable images storage Settings --->
```

The **Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings** → menu allows customizing system wide hardware settings.

This step may take a few minutes to complete because the tool will parse the hardware description file for hardware information required to update the device tree, PetaLinux U-Boot configuration files and the kernel config files based on the "Auto Config Settings --->" and "Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings --->" settings.

For example, if ps7\_ethernet\_0 as the **Primary Ethernet** is selected and you enable the auto update for kernel config and U-Boot config, the tool will automatically enable its kernel driver and also updates the U-Boot configuration headers for U-Boot to use the selected Ethernet controller.

**Note:** For more details on Auto Config Settings menu, see the Settings.

The --oldconfig/--silentconfig option allows you to reuse a prior configuration. Old configurations have the file name CONFIG.old within the directory containing the specified component for unattended updates.



Note: --oldconfig option will be obsolete from future releases. Use --silentconfig instead.

# **Build System Image**

# **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux tools software platform ready for building a Linux system that is customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see Importing Hardware Configuration.

# Steps to Build PetaLinux System Image

1. Change into the directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Run petalinux-build to build the system image:

```
$ petalinux-build
```

This step generates a device tree DTB file, a first stage boot loader (if selected), U-Boot, the Linux kernel, and a root file system image. Finally, it generates the necessary boot images.

3. The compilation progress shows on the console. Wait until the compilation finishes.



**TIP:** A detailed compilation log is in <plnx-proj-root>/build/build.log.

When the build finishes, the generated images will be within the <plnx-proj-root>/
images and /tftpboot directories.

The console shows the compilation progress. For example:



# **Default Image**

When you run petalinux-build, it generates FIT images for Zynq® UltraScale+™ MPSoC, Zynq-7000 devices, and MicroBlaze™ platforms. The RAM disk image rootfs.cpio.gz.u-boot will also be generated.

The full compilation log build.log is stored in the build sub-directory of your PetaLinux project. The final image, <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/image.ub, is a FIT image. The kernel image (including RootFS) is Image for Zynq® UltraScale+ $^{\text{TM}}$  MPSoC, zImage for Zynq-7000 devices and image.elf for MicroBlaze processors. The build images are located in the <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux directory. A copy is also placed in the /tftpboot directory if the option is enabled in the system-level configuration for the PetaLinux project.



**IMPORTANT!** By default, besides the kernel, RootFS, and U-Boot, the PetaLinux project is configured to generate and build the first stage boot loader. For more details on the auto generated first stage boot loader, see Appendix C: Generating Boot Components.

# **Troubleshooting**

This section describes some common issues/warnings you may experience while building a PetaLinux image.

### Warnings/Errors:

- WARNING: Skipping recipe linux-xlnx as it doesn't produce a package with the same name.
  You can ignore this warning message. This will come if the provided recipe name does not
  match with the packages provided by it. Ex. linux-xlnx will provide the packages kernel-image,
  kernel-base,kernel-dev and kernel-modules, these does not match with the name linux-xlnx
  which was in workspace directory.
- <package-name> do\_package: Could not copy license file /opt/pkg/petalinux/
  components/yocto/source/<arch>/layers/core/meta/files/commonlicenses/ to /opt/pkg/petalinux/build/tmp/work/<machine-name>-xilinxlinux/image/usr/share/licenses/<package-name>/COPYING.MIT: [Errno 1]
  Operation not permitted:

### **Description:**

When the tool is installed, all license files in /opt/pkg/petalinux/components/yocto/source/<arch>/layers/core/meta/files/common-licenses/ will have 644 permissions. Therefore, they are readable by others but not writable.



#### Solution:

Method 1: Modify permissions of the license files coming from the layers manually

```
$ chmod 666 /opt/pkg/petalinux/components/yocto/source/<arch>/layers/
core/meta/files/common-licenses/*
```

When creating the hard link, you will have write permissions to the source of the link.

Method 2: Disable hard linking protection on the kernel

```
$ sysctl fs.protected_hardlinks=0
```

The kernel will allow the source not to be writable by the current user when creating the hard link.

 Method 3: Set the following Yocto variables in <plnx-proj>/meta-user/conf/ petalinuxbsp.conf

```
LICENSE_CREATE_PACKAGE_forcevariable = "0"
SIGGEN_LOCKEDSIGS_TASKSIG_CHECK = "none"
```

The build system will not try to create the link, but the license will not be on the final image either.

# Generate Boot Image for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC

This section is for Zynq<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+<sup>™</sup> MPSoC only and describes how to generate BOOT. BIN for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC.

## **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have built the PetaLinux system image. For more information, see Build System Image.

# **Generate Boot Image**

Before executing this step, ensure that you have built the hardware bitstream. The boot image can be put into Flash or SD card. When you power on the board, it can boot from the boot image. A boot image usually contains a first stage boot loader image, FPGA bitstream (optional), PMU firmware, ATF, and U-Boot.

Execute the following command to generate the boot image in .BIN format.



```
zynqmp_fsbl.elf --u-boot
INFO: File in BOOT BIN: "/build/ssw_regressions/raghu/2019.2/test/xilinx-zcu102-2019.2/images/linux/zynqmp_fsbl.elf"
INFO: File in BOOT BIN: "/build/ssw_regressions/raghu/2019.2/test/xilinx-zcu102-2019.2/images/linux/pmufw.elf"
INFO: File in BOOT BIN: "/build/ssw_regressions/raghu/2019.2/test/xilinx-zcu102-2019.2/images/linux/bl31.elf"
INFO: File in BOOT BIN: "/build/ssw_regressions/raghu/2019.2/test/xilinx-zcu102-2019.2/images/linux/bl31.elf"
INFO: Generating zynqmp binary package BOOT.BIN...

****** Xilinx Bootgen v2019.2

****** Build date: Oct 19 2019-12:46:51

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INFO: Binary is ready.
WARNING: Unable to access the TFTPBOOT folder /tftpboot!!!
WARNING: Skip file copy to TFTPBOOT folder!!!
```

For detailed usage, see the --help option or PetaLinux Tools Documentation: PetaLinux Command Line Reference (UG1157).

# **Generate Boot Image for Zynq-7000 Devices**

This section is for Zyng®-7000 devices only and describes how to generate BOOT.BIN.

# **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have built the PetaLinux system image. For more information, see Build System Image.

## **Generate Boot Image**

Before executing this step, ensure you have built the hardware bitstream. The boot image can be put into Flash or SD card. When you power on the board, it can boot from the boot image. A boot image usually contains a first stage boot loader image, FPGA bitstream (optional) and U-Boot.

Follow the step below to generate the boot image in . BIN format.

```
$ petalinux-package --boot --fsbl <FSBL image> --fpga <FPGA bitstream> --u-
boot
```

For detailed usage, see the --help option or PetaLinux Tools Documentation: PetaLinux Command Line Reference (UG1157).



# Generate Boot Image for MicroBlaze Processor

This section is for MicroBlaze<sup>™</sup> processor only and describes how to generate an MCS file for MicroBlaze processor.

# **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have built the PetaLinux system image. For more information, see Build System Image.

# **Generate Boot Image**

Execute the following command to generate MCS boot file for MicroBlaze processors.

```
$ petalinux-package --boot --fpga <FPGA bitstream> --u-boot --kernel
```

It generates boot .mcs in your working directory and it will be copied to the <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/ directory. With the above command, the MCS file contains FPGA bitstream, fs-boot, U-Boot, and kernel image image .ub.

Command to generate the MCS file with fs-boot and FPGA bitstream only:

```
$ petalinux-package --boot --fpga <FPGA bitstream>
```

Command to generate the MCS file with FPGA bitstream, fs-boot, and U-Boot:

```
$ petalinux-package --boot --fpga <FPGA bitstream> --u-boot
```

For detailed usage, see the --help option or PetaLinux Tools Documentation: PetaLinux Command Line Reference (UG1157).

# Modify Bitstream File for MicroBlaze Processor

## **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have built the PetaLinux system image and FSBL. For more information, see Build System Image.



# **Modify Bitstream**

Execute the following command to modify the bitstream file for MicroBlaze™ processor.

```
$ petalinux-package --boot --fpga <FPGA bitstream> --fsbl <FSBL_ELF> --
format DOWNLOAD.BIT
```

This generates <code>download.bit</code> in the <code><plnx-proj-root>images/linux/</code> directory. With the above command, it merges the fs-boot into the FPGA bitstream by mapping the ELF data onto the memory map information (MMI) for the block RAMs in the design. For detailed usage, see the <code>--help</code> option or see the <code>PetaLinux Tools Documentation</code>: <code>PetaLinux Command Line Reference</code> (UG1157).

# **Build Optimizations**

This section describes the build optimization techniques with the PetaLinux tools.

### **Opt-out Default Components**

You can opt-out default components if not needed. You can disable the FSBL and PMU firmware for Zynq<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+ $^{\text{TM}}$  MPSoC by deselecting in **petalinux-config**  $\rightarrow$  **Linux Components Selection** 

- FSBL → [] First Stage Boot Loader
- PMUFW → [] PMU Firmware

Deselecting these components will remove these components from the default build flow.

**Note:** If the FSBL and PMU firmware are not built with PetaLinux, they must be built in Vitis™ software platform.

#### **Local Mirror Servers**

You can set internal mirrors on the NFS or web server which can speed up the builds. By default, PetaLinux uses sstate-cache and download mirrors from petalinux.xilinx.com. Use the following steps to work with local, NFS, or the internal webserver copy of sstate in PetaLinux. You can download the sstate from the download area along with PetaLinux.

**Table 7: Local Mirror Servers** 

| Server    | Description                                                                                           |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| downloads | Source of download files are available in http://petalinux.xilinx.com/sswreleases/rel-v2019/downloads |
| aarch64   | sstate mirrors for Zynq®-7000                                                                         |



#### Table 7: Local Mirror Servers (cont'd)

| Server  | Description                                      |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------|
| arm     | sstate mirrors for Zynq-7000                     |
| mb-full | sstate mirrors for MicroBlaze™ processors (full) |
| mb-lite | sstate mirrors for MicroBlaze processors (lite)  |



**CAUTION!** For building Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC PetaLinux BSPs with Video codec, the access to this sstate through petalinux.xilinx.com or local is a must.

#### **Source Mirrors**

You can set source mirrors through petalinux-config  $\rightarrow$  Yocto-settings  $\rightarrow$  Add pre-mirror URL. file:///sstate path>/downloads for all projects. Save the configuration to use the download mirrors and verify the changes in build/conf/plnxtool.conf.

#### **Reduce Build Time**

To reduce the build time by disabling the network sstate feeds, de-select the **petalinux-config**  $\rightarrow$  **Yocto Settings**  $\rightarrow$  **Enable Network sstate feeds**.

#### Sstate Feeds

You can set sstate feeds through petalinux-config.

- sstate feeds on NFS: Go to petalinux-config → Yocto Settings → Local sstate feeds settings
  and enter the full path of the sstate directory. By enabling this option, you can point to your
  own shared state which is available at a NFS/local mount point.
- sstate feeds on webserver: Go to petalinux-config → Yocto Settings → Enable Network sstate feeds → Network sstate feeds URL and enter the URL for sstate feeds.

**Note:** This is set to http://petalinux.xilinx.com/sswreleases/rel-v2019/aarch64/sstate-cache by default.

# **Building Ignoring Dependencies**

Default image configuration has initramfs enabled. This leads to multiple dependencies, such as:

- Kernel needs RootFS to be built for initramfs
- Building RootFS builds FSBL, PMU firmware, and ATF for Zynq® UltraScale+™ MPSoC, FSBL only for Zynq-7000 devices, and fs-boot for MicroBlaze™ processors.
- Device tree needs kernel headers
- U-Boot needs device tree as it compiles with the Linux device tree



You can build components individually by handling dependencies explicitly (petalinux-build -b component). This option has to be handled very carefully as it builds the specified recipe/tasks ignoring its dependencies. Its usage may lead to multiple intermittent errors if dependencies are not resolved explicitly by the user. To clean the project on random error, use petalinux-build -x mrproper.

#### initramfs Mode

The default mode in the PetaLinux BSPs is the initramfs mode. This mode has multiple dependencies, such as:

- Kernel needs RootFS to be built for initramfs
- Building RootFS builds FSBL, PMU firmware, and ATF
- Device tree needs kernel headers
- U-Boot needs device tree as it compiles with the Linux device tree

Hence, building the device tree builds all the components.

#### **Example 1: Build Device tree Only**

The below example shows the steps to generate device-tree from PetaLinux project. The device-tree recipe depends on HDF, native tools (dtc, python-yaml..), and kernel headers.

The setup commands are:

1. Import HDF into work space:

```
petalinux-config --get-hw-description=<PATH-to-HDF/XSA-DIRECTORY>
```

The above command will only copy hardware design from external location into the PetaLinux project proj-root>/project-spec/hw-description/. The external-hdf is a recipe in Yocto which imports HDF from this location into Yocto work space. All the HDF dependent recipes uses hardware design from Yocto workspace. By default, this dependency is handled internal to recipes. You have to run the following command for every update in hardware design if you are building without dependencies.

```
petalinux-build -c external-hdf
```

2. Prepare all the prerequisites (native utilities).

This command has to run only for the first time; re-run is needed only after cleaning

```
petalinux-build -c device-tree -x do_prepare_recipe_sysroot
```

Note: In future release, this feature is deprecated. Using petalinux-build -c <app/package/component> -x <task> for building individual task for a component as part of a petalinux-build command will be deprecated.





3. Build the device tree ignoring dependency tasks using the following command:

```
petalinux-build -b device-tree
```

This command builds device tree ignoring all dependencies and deploys it in the images/linux/ directory. If there is any dependency that is not met, it will error out. The above command can be used for incremental builds as well.

**Note:** The above individual commands need to run with -b option. You can get all above functionality in one run: petalinux-build -c device-tree. It will remove all dependencies automatically which results in building few more dependent components.

### **Example 2: Build U-Boot Only**

The below example demonstrate building U-Boot ignoring dependencies. u-boot-xlnx recipe depends on HDF, device tree, and native tools (mkimage, dtc.)

- 1. You cannot skip the device tree dependency as it is required. Instead, use the above example to build a device tree.
- 2. Setup native tools for U-Boot recipe. To do this, use the following command:

```
petalinux-build -c u-boot-xlnx -x do_prepare_recipe_sysroot
```

The above command needs to run only for the first time or after every clean.

Note: In future release, this feature is deprecated. Using petalinux-build -c <app/package/component> -x <task> for building individual task for a component as part of a petalinux-build command will be deprecated.

3. Build U-Boot ignoring dependency tasks. To do this, use the following command:

```
petalinux-build -b u-boot-xlnx_2019.2
```

The above command builds U-Boot and packages in images/linux.

-b option needs full name/path of recipe; virtual targets will not work.

**Table 8: Paths of Recipes** 

| Recipe                     | Path               |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| kernel, virtual/kernel     | linux-xlnx_2019.2  |
| u-boot, virtual/bootloader | u-boot-xlnx-2019.2 |
| device-tree                | device-tree        |

Use the following command to find the path of a recipe:

```
petalinux-build -c "-e virtual/kernel" | grep "^FILE="
```

Replace virtual/kernel with any virtual target or recipe name.



**Note:** petalinux-build -b needs all prerequisites explicitly done by user. petalinux-build -c takes care of all dependencies automatically; explicit running of individual commands is not needed.

#### **Commands to be Deprecated in Future Releases**

- petalinux-build -c rootfs (petalinux-build will build rootFS)
- petalinux-build -c <package\_group>
- petalinux-build -x distclean(for image)
- petalinux-build -c component -x <task>, where task is fetch, unpack, compile, etc.





# **Booting and Packaging**

# **Packaging Prebuilt Images**

This section describes how to package newly built images into a prebuilt directory.

This step is typically done when you want to distribute your project as a BSP to other users.

# **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- For Zynq<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+<sup>™</sup> MPSoC and Zynq-7000 devices, you have generated the boot image. For more information, see Generate Boot Image for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC.
- For MicroBlaze™ processors, you have generated the system image. For more information, see Build System Image.

# Steps to Package Prebuilt Image

1. Change into the root directory of your project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Use petalinux-package --prebuilt to package the prebuilt images.

```
$ petalinux-package --prebuilt --fpga <FPGA bitstream>
```

For detailed usage, see the --help option or the *PetaLinux Tools Documentation: PetaLinux Command Line Reference* (UG1157).



# Using petalinux-boot Command with Prebuilt Images

You can boot a PetaLinux image using the petalinux-boot command. Use the --qemu option and --jtag on a hardware board to boot the image under software emulation (QEMU). This section describes different boot levels for prebuilt option.

# **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have packaged prebuilt images. For more information, see Packaging Prebuilt Images.

# **Boot Levels for Prebuilt Option**

--prebuilt <BOOT\_LEVEL> boots prebuilt images (override all settings). Supported boot levels are 1 to 3.

- Level 1: Download the prebuilt FPGA bitstream.
  - It boots FSBL and PMU firmware for Zynq® UltraScale+™ MPSoC.
  - It boots FSBL for Zynq-7000 devices.
- Level 2: Download the prebuilt FPGA bitstream and boot the prebuilt U-Boot.
  - For Zynq-7000 devices: It boots FSBL before booting U-Boot.
  - For Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC: It boots PMU firmware, FSBL, and ATF before booting U-Boot.
- Level 3:
  - For MicroBlaze<sup>™</sup> processors: Downloads the prebuilt FPGA bitstream and boots the prebuilt kernel image on target.
  - For Zynq-7000 devices: Downloads the prebuilt FPGA bitstream and FSBL, boots the prebuilt U-Boot, and boots the prebuilt kernel on target.
  - For Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC: Downloads PMU firmware, prebuilt FSBL, prebuilt kernel, prebuilt FPGA bitstream, linux-boot.elf, DTB, and the prebuilt ATF on target.

Example to show the usage of boot level for prebuilt option:

```
$ petalinux-boot --jtag --prebuilt 3
```



## **Booting a PetaLinux Image on QEMU**

This section describes how to boot a PetaLinux image under software emulation (QEMU) environment.

For details on Xilinx® IP Models supported by QEMU, see Appendix E: Xilinx IP Models Supported by QEMU.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- You have a PetaLinux system image by either installing a PetaLinux BSP (see PetaLinux BSP Installation) or by building your own PetaLinux project (see Build System Image).
- If you are going to use --prebuilt option for QEMU boot, you need to have prebuilt images packaged. For more information, see Packaging Prebuilt Images.



**IMPORTANT!** Unless otherwise indicated, the PetaLinux tool command must be run within a project directory ( plnx - proj - root > ).

#### Steps to Boot a PetaLinux Image on QEMU

PetaLinux provides QEMU support to enable testing of PetaLinux software image in a simulated environment without any hardware.

Use the following steps to test the PetaLinux reference design with QEMU:

1. Change to your project directory and boot the prebuilt Linux kernel image:

```
$ petalinux-boot --qemu --prebuilt 3
```

If you do not wish to use prebuilt capability for QEMU boot, see the Additional Options for Booting on QEMU.

The --qemu option tells petalinux-boot to boot QEMU instead of real hardware via JTAG. The --prebuilt 3 boots the Linux kernel with PMUFW running in the background.

- The --prebuilt 1 performs a Level 1 (FPGA bitstream) boot. This option is not valid for QEMU.
- A level 2 boot includes U-Boot.
- A level 3 boot includes a prebuilt Linux image.

To know more about different boot levels for prebuilt option, see Using petalinux-boot Command with Prebuilt Images.



The example of the kernel boot log messages displayed on the console during successful petalinux-kernel, is shown below:

```
32.329684] cpufreq: cpufreq_online: CPU0: Running at unlisted freq: 277750 KHz
    32.333486] cpufreq: cpufreq online: CPU0: Unlisted initial frequency changed to: 299999 KHz
    32.430543] mmc0: SDHCI controller on ff170000.mmc [ff170000.mmc] using ADMA 64-bit
    32.447463] xilinx-dp-snd-card fd4a0000.zynqmp-display:zynqmp_dp_snd_card: ASoC: CPU DAI (null) not registered
    32.464990] xilinx-dp-snd-card fd4a0000.zynqmp-display:zynqmp_dp_snd_card: ASoC: CPU DAI (null) not registered
    32.498628] input: gpio-keys as /devices/platform/gpio-keys/input/input0 32.503654] rtc zynqmp ffa60000.rtc: setting system clock to 2019-10-22 10:39:00 UTC (1571740740)
    32.504157] of_cfs_init
32.504735] of_cfs_init: OK
    32.505587] cfg80211: Loading compiled-in X.509 certificates for regulatory database
    32.509218] xilinx-dp-snd-card fd4a0000.zynqmp-display:zynqmp_dp_snd_card: ASoC: CPU DAI (null) not registered 32.765256] cfg80211: Loaded X.509 cert 'sforshee: 00b28ddf47aef9cea7'
    32.766496] clk: Not disabling unused clocks
    32.767273] ALSA device list:
    32.767461]
                   No soundcards found.
    32.768031] Warning: unable to open an initial console.
    32.855535] Freeing unused kernel memory: 16704K
    32.858975] platform regulatory.0: Direct firmware load for regulatory.db failed with error -2 32.859612] cfg80211: failed to load regulatory.db
    32.871735] Run /init as init process
    33.570519] random: fast init done
    35.120074] udevd[1971]: starting version 3.2.5
    35.128946] random: udevd: uninitialized urandom read (16 bytes read) 35.132914] random: udevd: uninitialized urandom read (16 bytes read)
    35.135254] random: udevd: uninitialized urandom read (16 bytes read)
    35.199316] udevd[1972]: starting eudev-3.2.5
    36.555398] urandom_read: 6 callbacks suppressed
    36.555759] random: udevd: uninitialized urandom read (16 bytes read) 55.486632] IPv6: ADDRCONF(NETDEV_UP): eth0: link is not ready 56.604299] macb ff0e0000.ethernet eth0: link up (100/Full)
    56.605341] IPv6: ADDRCONF(NETDEV_CHANGE): eth0: link becomes ready
haveged: haveged starting up
    62.253274] random: crng init done
PetaLinux 2019.2 xilinx-zcu102-2019_2 /dev/ttyPS0
xilinx-zcu102-2019_2 login: root
root@xilinx-zcu102-2019_2:~#
```

2. Log in to PetaLinux with the default user name root and password root.



**TIP:** To exit QEMU, press **Ctrl+A** together and then press **X**.

#### Additional Options for Booting on QEMU

• To download the newly built <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/u-boot.elf with QEMU:

```
$ petalinux-boot --qemu --u-boot
```

- For Zynq® UltraScale+™ MPSoC, it loads <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/u-boot.elf and boots the ATF image <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/bl31.elf with QEMU. The ATF will then boot the loaded U-Boot image. Build the system image using petalinux-build.
- For MicroBlaze™ CPUs and Zynq-7000 devices, it will boot <plnx-proj-root>/ images/linux/u-boot.elf with QEMU.
- To download the newly built kernel with QEMU:

```
$ petalinux-boot --qemu --kernel
```





- For MicroBlaze processors, it boots <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/image.elf with QEMU.
- For Zynq-7000 devices, it boots <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/zImage with OEMU.
- For Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC, it loads the kernel image <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/Image and boots the ATF image <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/b131.elf with QEMU, and the ATF will then boot the loaded kernel image, with PMU firmware running in the background.

Note: For Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC kernel boot, create a pre-built/linux/images/ folder and copy pmu\_rom\_qemu\_sha3.elf from any Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC BSP project. You can also pass pmu\_rom\_qemu\_sha3.elf using --pmu-qemu-args.

```
cd <project directory>
mkdir -p pre-built/linux/images
cp <zynq UltraScale+ bsp project
directory>/pre-built/linux/images/pmu_rom_qemu_sha3.elf pre-built/linux/
images/
```

or

```
petalinux-boot --qemu --uboot --pmu-qemu-args" -kernel
pmu_rom_qemu_sha3.elf"
```

During start up, the normal Linux boot process ending with a login prompt is displayed as shown below:



Figure 1: Linux boot process ending with a login prompt

```
32.329684] cpufreq: cpufreq_online: CPU0: Running at unlisted freq: 277750 KHz 32.333486] cpufreq: cpufreq_online: CPU0: Unlisted initial frequency changed to: 299999 KHz
    32.430543] mmc0: SDHCI controller on ff170000.mmc [ff170000.mmc] using ADMA 64-bit
    32.447463] xilinx-dp-snd-card fd4a0000.zynqmp-display:zynqmp_dp_snd_card: ASoC: CPU DAI (null) not registered 32.464990] xilinx-dp-snd-card fd4a0000.zynqmp-display:zynqmp_dp_snd_card: ASoC: CPU DAI (null) not registered
    32.498628] input: gpio-keys as /devices/platform/gpio-keys/input/input0
    32.503654] rtc_zynqmp ffa60000.rtc: setting system clock to 2019-10-22 10:39:00 UTC (1571740740)
    32.504157] of_cfs_init
32.504735] of_cfs_init: OK
     32.505587] cfg80211: Loading compiled-in X.509 certificates for regulatory database
    32.509218] xilinx-dp-snd-card fd4a0000.zynqmp-display:zynqmp_dp_snd_card: ASoC: CPU DAI (null) not registered 32.765256] cfg80211: Loaded X.509 cert 'sforshee: 00b28ddf47aef9cea7'
     32.766496] clk: Not disabling unused clocks
    32.767273] ALSA device list:
    32.767461] No soundcards found.
32.768031] Warning: unable to open an initial console.
    32.855535] Freeing unused kernel memory: 16704K
32.858975] platform regulatory.0: Direct firmware load for regulatory.db failed with error -2
     32.859612] cfg80211: failed to load regulatory.db
     32.871735] Run /init as init process
    33.570519] random: fast init done
     35.120074] udevd[1971]: starting version 3.2.5
    35.128946] random: udevd: uninitialized urandom read (16 bytes read)
     35.132914] random: udevd: uninitialized urandom read (16 bytes read)
     35.135254] random: udevd: uninitialized urandom read (16 bytes read)
     35.199316] udevd[1972]: starting eudev-3.2.5
    36.555398] urandom_read: 6 callbacks suppressed
    36.555759] random: udevd: uninitialized urandom read (16 bytes read) 55.486632] IPv6: ADDRCONF(NETDEV_UP): eth0: link is not ready 56.604299] macb ff0e0000.ethernet eth0: link up (100/Full)
     56.605341] IPv6: ADDRCONF(NETDEV CHANGE): eth0: link becomes ready
haveged: haveged starting up
    62.253274] random: crng init done
PetaLinux 2019.2 xilinx-zcu102-2019 2 /dev/ttvPS0
xilinx-zcu102-2019 2 login: root
Password:
root@xilinx-zcu102-2019_2:~#
```

You may see slightly different output from the above example depending on the Linux image you test and its configuration.

Login to the virtual system when you see the login prompt on the emulator console with the login root and password root. Try Linux commands such as ls, ifconfig, cat/proc/cpuinfo and so on. They behave the same as on real hardware. To exit the emulator when you are finished, press Ctrl + A, release, and then press X.

Boot a specific Linux image:

The petalinux-boot tool can also boot a specific Linux image using the image option (-i or --image):

```
$ petalinux-boot --qemu --image <path-to-Linux-image-file>
```

#### For example:

```
$ petalinux-boot --qemu --image ./images/linux/zImage
```

Direct Boot a Linux Image with Specific DTB:



Device Trees (DTB files) are used to describe the hardware architecture and address map to the Linux kernel. The PetaLinux system emulator also uses DTB files to dynamically configure the emulation environment to match your hardware platform.

If no DTB file option is provided, petalinux-boot extracts the DTB file from the given image.elf for MicroBlaze processors and from <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/system.dtb for Zynq-7000 devices and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC. Alternatively, you can use the --dtb option as follows:

```
\ petalinux-boot --qemu --image ./images/linux/zImage --dtb ./images/linux/system.dtb
```

**Note:** QEMU version has been upgraded to 2.6. The old options are deprecated in the new version but remain functionally operational. Since PetaLinux tools still use the old options, warning messages are displayed. You can ignore them.

# Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with an SD Card

This section describes how to boot a PetaLinux image on hardware with an SD Card.

This section is for Zynq<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+<sup>™</sup> MPSoC and Zynq-7000 devices only because they allow vou to boot from SD cards.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- You have installed PetaLinux Tools on the Linux workstation. If you have not installed, see the Installation Steps.
- You have installed PetaLinux BSP on the Linux workstation. If you have not installed, see the PetaLinux BSP Installation.
- A serial communication program such as minicom/kermit/gtkterm has been installed; the baud rate of the serial communication program has been set to 115200 bps.

## Steps to Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with SD Card

- 1. Mount the SD card on your host machine.
- 2. Copy the following files from <plnx-proj-root>/pre-built/linux/images/ into the root directory of the first partition which is in FAT32 format in the SD card:



- BOOT.BIN
- image.ub
- 3. Connect the serial port on the board to your workstation.
- 4. Open a console on the workstation and start the preferred serial communication program (For example: kermit, minicom, gtkterm) with the baud rate set to 115200 on that console.
- 5. Power off the board.
- 6. Set the boot mode of the board to SD boot. Refer to the board documentation for details.
- 7. Plug the SD card into the board.
- 8. Power on the board.
- 9. Watch the serial console, you will see the boot messages similar to the following:

```
5.546354] clk: Not disabling unused clocks
     5.550616] ALSA device list:
     5.553528] #0: DisplayPort monitor
     5.576326] sd 1:0:0:0: [sda] 312581808 512-byte logical blocks: (160
GB/149 GiB)
     5.583894] sd 1:0:0:0: [sda] Write Protect is off
     5.588699] sd 1:0:0:0: [sda] Write cache: enabled, read cache:
enabled, doesn't
support DPO or FUA
     5.630942]
               sda:
     5.633210] sd 1:0:0:0: [sda] Attached SCSI disk
     5.637897] Freeing unused kernel memory: 512K (ffffffc000c20000 -
ffffffc000ca0000)
INIT: version 2.88 booting
Starting udev
     5.746538] udevd[1772]: starting version 3.2
     5.754868] udevd[1773]: starting eudev-3.2
Populating dev cache
Starting internet superserver: inetd.
Running postinst /etc/rpm-postinsts/100-sysvinit-inittab...
Running postinst /etc/rpm-postinsts/libglib-2.0-0...
update-rc.d: /etc/init.d/run-postinsts exists during rc.d purge
(continuing)
INIT: Entering runlevel: 5
Configuring network interfaces... [ 6.607236] IPv6:
ADDRCONF(NETDEV_UP): eth0:
link is not ready
udhcpc (v1.24.1) started
Sending discover...
     7.628323] macb ff0e0000.ethernet eth0: link up (1000/Full)
     7.633980] IPv6: ADDRCONF(NETDEV_CHANGE): eth0: link becomes ready
Sending discover...
Sending select for 10.10.70.1...
Lease of 10.10.70.1 obtained, lease time 600
/etc/udhcpc.d/50default: Adding DNS 172.19.128.1
/etc/udhcpc.d/50default: Adding DNS 172.19.129.1
Starting Dropbear SSH server: Generating key, this may take a while...
Public key portion is:
ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQCxGtijKDWcJgnDxRCGiUPJJIMapFc0tcsCkMGyjJEDs
9LRugWzgaa
8XA+pGy4aTvZqHvGnFTvkMw4gZE/O
+BBgO8mMK9dFei2BvENbljm8M4NotG5LXRCFDaw6bXBCtg4ekCKWNU
```



```
61UQU+PPdpmj9X+JgnTHnHnNB3jP6MrymCuS5wfFbyHfKdrwWXwfLmCycZr7DjRumee7T/3SrBU3oRJoLcC
Vj2lf5Z7673+rOT1GM3QFzO2HWCCzyz/
3IUcEh9mhKpjzgs4iNEKmxwyi29rl37x7PD7zRsQbaW8uUtheCa
in3M1mjKfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFMK4PYJ1GPL+h root@xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-
rev1_0-2019.2
Fingerprint: md5 f2:ce:ld:f2:50:e6:e2:55:5a:96:6f:bc:98:8f:82:99
dropbear.
Starting syslogd/klogd: done
Starting domain watchdog daemon: xenwatchdogd startup
PetaLinux 2019.2 xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-rev1_0-2019.2 /dev/ttyPS0
xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-rev1_0-2019.2 login: root
Password:
root@xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-rev1_0-2019:~#
```



**TIP:** If you wish to stop auto-boot, hit any key when you see the messages similar to the following on the console: *Hit any key to stop autoboot:* 

10. Type user name root and password root on the serial console to log into the PetaLinux system.

#### **Troubleshooting**

This section describes some common issues you may experience while booting a PetaLinux image on hardware with SD card.

Table 9: PetaLinux Image on Hardware Troubleshooting

| Problem / Error Message                                             | Description and Solution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wrong Image Format for boot command. ERROR: Can't get kernel image! | Problem Description: This error message indicates that the U-Boot boot loader is unable to find kernel image. This is likely because bootemd environment variable is not set properly.  Solution: To see the default boot device, print bootemd environment variable using the following command in U-Boot console. U-Boot-PetaLinux> print bootemd  If it is not run using sdboot flow, there are a few options as follows:  Without rebuild PetaLinux, set bootemd to boot from your desired media, use setenv command. For SD card boot, set the environment variable as follows. U-Boot-PetaLinux> setenv bootemd 'run sdboot'; saveenv  Run petalinux-config to set to load kernel image from SD card. For more information, see the Boot Images Storage Configuration. Rebuild PetaLinux and regenerate BOOT. BIN with the rebuilt U-Boot, and then use the new |
|                                                                     | BOOT.BIN to boot the board. See Generate Boot Image for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC on how to generate BOOT.BIN.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



**TIP:** To know more about U-Boot options, use the command: \$\mathscr{U}\$-Boot-PetaLinux> printenv.



# Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with JTAG

This section describes how to boot a PetaLinux image on hardware with JTAG.

JTAG boot communicates with XSDB which in turn communicates with hw\_server. The TCP port used is 3121; ensure that the firewall is disabled for this port.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- You have a PetaLinux system image by either installing a PetaLinux BSP (see PetaLinux BSP Installation) or by building your own PetaLinux project (see Build System Image).
- This is optional and only needed if you wish to make use of prebuilt capability for JTAG boot. You have packaged prebuilt images (see Packaging Prebuilt Images).
- A serial communication program such as minicom/kermit/gtkterm has been installed; the baud rate of the serial communication program has been set to 115200 bps.
- Appropriate JTAG cable drivers have been installed.

## Steps to Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with JTAG

- 1. Power off the board.
- 2. Connect the JTAG port on the board with the JTAG cable to your workstation.
- 3. Connect the serial port on the board to your workstation.
- 4. If your system has Ethernet, also connect the Ethernet port on the board to your local network.
- 5. For Zynq-7000 device boards, ensure that the mode switches are set to JTAG mode. Refer to the board documentation for details.
- 6. Power on the board.
- 7. Open a console on your workstation and start with preferred serial communication program (For example, kermit, minicom) with the baud rate set to 115200 on that console.
- 8. Run the petalinux-boot command as follows on your workstation:

```
$ petalinux-boot --jtag --prebuilt 3
```

**Note:** If you wish not to use prebuilt capability for JTAG boot, refer to Additional Options for Booting with JTAG.



The --jtag option tells petalinux-boot to boot on hardware via JTAG, and the --prebuilt 3 option boots the Linux kernel. Wait for the appearance of the shell prompt on the command console to indicate completion of the command.

**Note:** To know more about different boot levels for prebuilt option, see Using petalinux-boot Command with Prebuilt Images.

The example of the message on the workstation command console for successful petalinux-boot is:

```
INIT: Entering runlevel: 5
Configuring network interfaces... [
                                                                                                  6.607236] IPv6:
ADDRCONF(NETDEV_UP): eth0:
link is not ready
udhcpc (v1.24.1) started
Sending discover...
             7.628323] macb ff0e0000.ethernet eth0: link up (1000/Full)
             7.633980] IPv6: ADDRCONF(NETDEV_CHANGE): eth0: link becomes ready
Sending discover...
Sending select for 10.10.70.1...
Lease of 10.10.70.1 obtained, lease time 600
/etc/udhcpc.d/50default: Adding DNS 172.19.128.1
/etc/udhcpc.d/50default: Adding DNS 172.19.129.1
Done.
Starting Dropbear SSH server: Generating key, this may take a while...
Public key portion is:
ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQCxGtijKDWcJgnDxRCGiUPJJIMapFc0tcsCkMGyjJEDs
9LRugWzgaa
8XA+pGy4aTvZqHvGnFTvkMw4gZE/O
+BBgO8mMK9dFei2BvENbljm8M4NotG5LXRCFDaw6bXBCtg4ekCKWNU
61UQU+PPdpmj9X+JgnTHnHnNB3jP6MrymCuS5wfFbyHfKdrwWXwfLmCycZr7DjRumee7T/
3SrBU3oRJoLcC
Vj21f5Z7673+rOT1GM3QFzO2HWCCzyz/
3IUcEh9mhKpjzgs4iNEKmxwyi29r137x7PD7zRsQbaW8uUtheCa
\verb|in3M1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFMK4PYJ1GPL+h root@xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-lin3M1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFMK4PYJ1GPL-h root@xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-lin3M1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFMK4PYJ1GPL-h root@xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-lin3M1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFMK4PYJ1GPL-h root@xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-lin3M1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFMK4PYJ1GPL-h root@xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-lin3M1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFMK4PYJ1GPL-h root@xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-lin3M1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFMK4PYJ1GPL-h root@xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-lin3M1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFMM1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFMM1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFMM1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFMM1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFM1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFM1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6IFsAT3FFM1m|| KfPnnygopdVh6Tm|| K
rev1_0-2019.2
Fingerprint: md5 f2:ce:1d:f2:50:e6:e2:55:5a:96:6f:bc:98:8f:82:99
dropbear.
Starting syslogd/klogd: done
Starting domain watchdog daemon: xenwatchdogd startup
PetaLinux 2019.2 xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-rev1_0-2019.2 /dev/ttyPS0
xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-rev1_0-2019.2 login: root
Password:
root@xilinx-zcu102-zu9-es2-rev1_0-2019:~
```

By default, network settings for PetaLinux reference designs are configured using DHCP. The output you see may be slightly different from the above example, depending on the PetaLinux reference design being tested.

- 9. Type user name root and password root on the serial console to log into the PetaLinux system.
- 10. Determine the IP address of the PetaLinux by running if config on the system console.





#### **Additional Options for Booting with JTAG**

To download a bitstream to target board:

```
$ petalinux-boot --jtag --fpga --bitstream <BITSTREAM>
```

• To download newly built <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/u-boot.elf to target board:

```
$ petalinux-boot --jtag --u-boot
```

To download newly built kernel to target board:

```
$ petalinux-boot --jtag --kernel
```

- For MicroBlaze™ processors, this will boot <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/
  image.elf on target board.
- For Zynq® UltraScale+™ MPSoC, this will boot <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/ Image on target board.
- For Zynq-7000 devices, this will boot <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/zImage on target board.
- To download a image with a bitstream with --fpga --bitstream <BITSTREAM> option:

```
$ petalinux-boot --jtag --u-boot --fpga --bitstream <BITSTREAM>
```

The above command downloads the bitstream and then download the U-Boot image.

• To see the verbose output of JTAG boot with -v option:

```
$ petalinux-boot --jtag --u-boot -v
```

#### Logging Tcl/XSDB for JTAG Boot

Use the following command to take log of XSDB commands used during JTAG boot. It dumps Tcl script (which in turn invokes the XSDB commands) data to test.txt.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
$ petalinux-boot --jtag --prebuilt 3 --tcl test.txt
```

#### **Troubleshooting**

This section describes some common issues you may experience while booting a PetaLinux image on hardware with JTAG.



Table 10: PetaLinux Image on Hardware with JTAG Troubleshooting

| Problem / Error Message                                                                        | Description and Solution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| ERROR: This tool requires 'xsdb' and it is missing. Please source Xilinx Tools settings first. | Problem Description:  This error message indicates that PetaLinux tools can not find the xsdb tool that is a part of the Xilinx Vivado® Design Suite or Vitis™ software development platform.  Solution:  You have to setup Vivado Tools Working Environment. For more information, see PetaLinux Working Environment Setup. |  |
| Cannot see any console output when                                                             | Problem Description:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| trying to boot U-Boot or kernel on hardware but boots correctly on QEMU.                       | This problem is usually caused by one or more of the following:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
|                                                                                                | The serial communication terminal application is set with the wrong baud rate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|                                                                                                | Mismatch between hardware and software platforms.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
|                                                                                                | Solution:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
|                                                                                                | Ensure your terminal application baud rate is correct and matches your hardware configuration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|                                                                                                | Ensure the PetaLinux project is built with the right hardware platform.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
|                                                                                                | Import hardware configuration properly (see the Importing Hardware Configuration).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
|                                                                                                | Check the "Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings → " submenu to<br>ensure that it matches the hardware platform.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
|                                                                                                | Check the "Serial settings →" submenu under "Subsystem AUTO<br>Hardware Settings →" to ensure stdout, stdin are set to the correct<br>UART IP core.                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
|                                                                                                | Rebuild system images (see Build System Image).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |

# Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with TFTP

This section describes how to boot a PetaLinux image using Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP).

TFTP boot saves a lot of time because it is much faster than booting through JTAG and you do not have to flash the image for every change in kernel source.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- Host environment with TFTP server is setup and PetaLinux Image is built for TFTP boot. For more information, see Configure TFTP Boot.
- You have packaged prebuilt images. For more information, see Packaging Prebuilt Images.
- A serial communication program such as minicom/kermit/gtkterm has been installed; the baud rate of the serial communication program has been set to 115200 bps.



- Ethernet connection is setup properly between Host and Linux Target.
- Appropriate JTAG cable drivers have been installed.

## Steps to Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with TFTP

- 1. Power off the board.
- 2. Connect the JTAG port on the board to the workstation using a JTAG cable.
- 3. Connect the serial port on the board to your workstation.
- 4. Connect the Ethernet port on the board to the local network via a network switch.
- 5. For Zynq®-7000 devices and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC device boards, ensure that the mode switches are set to JTAG mode. Refer to the board documentation for details.
- 6. Power on the board.
- 7. Open a console on your workstation and start with preferred serial communication program (for example, kermit, minicom) with the baud rate set to 115200 on that console.
- 8. Run the petalinux-boot command as follows on your workstation

```
$ petalinux-boot --jtag --prebuilt 2
```

The --jtag option tells petalinux-boot to boot on hardware via JTAG, and the --prebuilt 2 option downloads the prebuilt bitstream (FSBL for Zynq-7000 devices) to target board, and then boot prebuilt U-Boot on target board.

9. When autoboot starts, hit any key to stop it.

The example of a workstation console output for successful U-Boot download is:

```
U-Boot 2019.01-07106-gec1e403dd6 (Apr 29 2019 - 09:12:44 +0000)
Board: Xilinx ZynqMP
I2C:
      ready
DRAM: 4 GiB
EL Level: EL2
Chip ID: xczuunkn
     Card did not respond to voltage select!
sdhci@ff170000 - probe failed: -95
Card did not respond to voltage select!
zynqmp_qspi_ofdata_to_platdata: CLK 104156250
SF: Detected n25q512a with page size 512 Bytes, erase size 128 KiB,
total 128 MiB
*** Warning - bad CRC, using default environment
In:
      serial
Out: serial
Err: serial
Bootmode: JTAG_MODE
Net: ZYNQ GEM: ff0e0000, phyaddr c, interface rgmii-id
```



```
Warning: ethernet@ff0e0000 MAC addresses don't match:
Address in SROM is ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
Address in environment is 00:0a:35:00:22:01
eth0: ethernet@ff0e0000
U-BOOT for xilinx-zcu102-2019_1

BOOTP broadcast 1
DHCP client bound to address 10.0.2.15 (2 ms)
Hit any key to stop autoboot: 0
ZynqMP>
```

10. Check whether the TFTP server IP address is set to the IP Address of the host where the image resides. This can be done using the following command:

```
ZynqMP> print serverip
```

11. Set the server IP address to the host IP address using the following commands:

```
ZynqMP> set serverip <HOST IP ADDRESS>; saveenv
```

12. Boot the kernel using the following command:

```
ZynqMP> run netboot
```

#### **Troubleshooting**

Table 11: PetaLinux Image on Hardware with TFTP

| Problem / Error Message        | Description and Solution                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Error: "serverip" not defined. | Problem Description:                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                | This error message indicates that <code>U-Boot</code> environment variable <code>serverip</code> is not set. You have to set it to IP Address of the host where the image resides. |
|                                | Solution:                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                | Use the following command to set the serverip:                                                                                                                                     |
|                                | ZynqMP> set serverip <host address="" ip="">;saveenv</host>                                                                                                                        |

## **BSP Packaging**

BSPs are useful for distribution between teams and customers. Customized PetaLinux project can be shipped to next level teams or external customers through BSPs. This section explains, with an example, how to package a BSP with PetaLinux project.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux Tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see Importing Hardware Configuration.



#### **Steps for BSP Packaging**

Steps on how to package a project for submission to WTS for debug are as follows:

- 1. You can go outside the PetaLinux project directory to run petalinux-package command.
- 2. Use the following commands to package the BSP.

```
$ petalinux-package --bsp -p <plnx-proj-root> --output MY.BSP
```

This generates MY . BSP, including the following elements from the specified project:

- <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/
- <plnx-proj-root>/config.project
- <plnx-proj-root>/.petalinux/
- <plnx-proj-root>/pre-built/
- <plnx-proj-root>/.gitignore
- <plnx-proj-root>/components

#### **Additional BSP Packaging Options**

1. BSP packaging with hardware source.

```
$ petalinux-package --bsp -p <plnx-proj-root> --hwsource <hw-project-
root> --output MY.BSP
```

It will not modify the specified PetaLinux project <plnx-proj-root>. It will put the specified hardware project source to <plnx-proj-root>/hardware/ inside MY . BSP archive.

2. Exclude workspace changes

The default petalinux-package --bsp command checks for sources in components/plnx-workspace/sources directory and applies those changes to the meta-user layer. To skip this, use --exclude-workspace as shown in the following code snippet:

```
$ petalinux-packge --bsp -p <plnx-proj-root> --exclude-workspace
```

Alternatively, you can clean the project before executing the petalinux-package --bsp command as shown below.

```
$ petalinux-build -x mrproper -f
```

This removes the sources and appends directories from components/plnx-workspace.

3. BSP packaging with external sources.



The support for search path is obsolete. It is your responsibility to copy the external sources under components/ext\_sources. For more information, see Using External Kernel and U-Boot with PetaLinux. The BSP has to be packaged.





## Upgrading the Workspace

PetaLinux tool has system software components (embedded software, ATF, Linux, U-Boot, OpenAMP, and Yocto framework) and host tool components (Vivado® Design Suite and Vitis™ software development platform). To upgrade to the latest system software components, you must install the corresponding host tools (Vivado). For example, if you have the 4.18 kernel that ships with the 2019.1 release but you want to upgrade to the 4.19 kernel that will ship with the 2019.2 release, you must install the 2019.2 PetaLinux tool and the 2019.2 Vivado hardware project.

The petalinux-upgrade command resolves this issue by upgrading the system software components without changing the host tool components. The system software components are upgraded in two steps: first, by upgrading the installed PetaLinux tool, and then by upgrading individual PetaLinux projects. This allows you to upgrade without having to install the latest version of the Vivado hardware project or Vitis software platform.

**Note:** petalinux-upgrade is a new command introduced in 2019.1.



**IMPORTANT!** This upgrade command will work for minor upgrades only. This means that while you are able to upgrade from 2019.1 to 2019.2 using <code>petalinux-upgrade</code>, you cannot upgrade from 2019.1 to 2020.1 using this command.

## petalinux-upgrade Options

Table 12: petalinux-upgrade Options

| Options      | Functional description                                   | Value Range                                                                                           | Default Range |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| -hhelp       | Displays usage information.                              | None                                                                                                  | None          |
| -ffile       | Local path to target system software components.         | User-specified. Directory structure should be:  • <file esdks=""> • <file downloads=""></file></file> | None          |
| -uurl        | URL to target system software components.                | User-specified. URL should be:  • <url esdks=""> • <url downloads=""></url></url>                     | None          |
| -w,wget-args | Passes additional ${\tt wget}$ arguments to the command. | Additional wget options                                                                               | None          |



## **Upgrade PetaLinux Tool**

#### **Upgrade from Local File**

Download the target system software components content from the server URL http://petalinux.xilinx.com/sswreleases/rel-v2019/.

petalinux-upgrade command would expect the downloaded path as input.

1. Install the tool if you do not have it installed.

Note: Ensure the install area is writable.

- 2. Change into the directory of your installed PetaLinux tool using cd <plnx-tool>.
- 3. Type: source settings.sh.
- 4. Enter command: petalinux-upgrade -f <downloaded sdkupdate path>.

#### Example:

```
petalinux-upgrade -f "/scratch/ws/upgrade-workspace/sdkupdate"
```

Note: This option is for offline upgrade.

#### **Upgrade from Remote Server**

Follow these steps to upgrade the installed tool target system software components from the remote server.

1. Install the tool if you do not have it installed.

Note: The tool should have R/W permissions.

- 2. Go to installed tool.
- 3. Type: source settings.sh.
- 4. Enter command: petalinux-upgrade -u <url>.

#### Example:

```
petalinux-upgrade -u "http://petalinux.xilinx.com/sswreleases/rel-v2019/
sdkupdate/"
```



**IMPORTANT!** The current release supports minor version upgrades only.



## **Upgrade PetaLinux Project**

#### Upgrade an Existing Project with the Upgraded Tool

Use the following steps to upgrade existing project with upgraded tool.

- 1. Run petalinux-build -x mrproper in the existing project before upgrading the tool.
- 2. Upgrade the tool. To upgrade from local file, see Upgrade from Local File. To upgrade from remote server, see Upgrade from Remote Server.
- 3. Go to the PetaLinux project you want to upgrade.
- 4. Enter command: petalinux-build to upgrade the project with all new system components.

#### Create a New Project with the Upgraded Tool

Use the following steps to create a new project with the upgraded tool.



**CAUTION!** It is recommended that you use the latest Vivado<sup>®</sup> Design Suite and PetaLinux tool for creating a new project. Use the following option only if you require the latest ssw components but an earlier version of the Vivado hardware project.

- 1. Upgrade the tool. To upgrade from local file, see Upgrade from Local File. To upgrade from remote server, see Upgrade from Remote Server.
- 2. Create a PetaLinux project.
- 3. Use petalinux-build command to build a project with all new system components.



## Customizing the Project

## **Firmware Version Configuration**

This section explains how to do firmware version configuration using petalinux-config command.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux Tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see the Importing Hardware Configuration.

#### **Steps for Firmware Version Configuration**

1. Change into the root directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Launch the top level system configuration menu.

```
$ petalinux-config
```

- 3. Select Firmware Version Configuration.
- 4. Select Host Name, Product Name, Firmware Version as per the requirement to edit them.
- 5. Exit the menu and select < Yes> when asked: Do you wish to save your new configuration?
- 6. Once the target is booted, verify the host name in cat /etc/hostname, product name in cat /etc/petalinux/product, and the firmware version in cat /etc/petalinux/version.

## **Root File System Type Configuration**

This section details configuration of RootFS type using petalinux-config command.



#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux Tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see the Importing Hardware Configuration.

#### **Steps for Root File System Type Configuration**

1. Change into the root directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Launch the top level system configuration menu.

```
$ petalinux-config
```

- 3. Select Image Packaging Configuration → Root File System Type.
- 4. Select INITRAMFS/INITRD/JFFS2/NFS/EXT (SD/eMMC/QSPI/SATA/USB) as per the requirement.

**Note:** SD boot functionality expects the RootFS to be mounted on ext4 partition and all other boot images in FAT32 partition.

5. Save Configuration settings.

## **Boot Images Storage Configuration**

This section provides details about configuration of the Boot Device, for example, Flash and SD/MMC using petalinux-config command.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux Tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see the Importing Hardware Configuration.

#### Steps for Boot Images Storage Configuration

1. Change into the root directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Launch the top level system configuration menu.

```
$ petalinux-config
```



- 3. Select Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings → Advanced Bootable Images Storage Settings.
- 4. In the Advanced Bootable Images Storage Settings submenu, you have the following options:
  - )Boot image settings (BOOT.BIN which includes FSBL, PMU, and ATF for Zynq<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+™ MPSoC.

Select boot device as per requirement

- To set flash as the boot device, select **primary flash**.
- To make SD card as the boot device, select primary sd.
- U-Boot env partition settings
- Kernel image settings (image.ub Linux kernel, DTB, and RootFS)
- Image storage media

Select storage device as per the requirement.

- To set flash as the boot device, select **primary flash**.
- To make SD card as the boot device, select **primary sd**.
- Image name

The default kernel image is fitimage (image.ub)

You can change the kernel image (Image) using this menuconfig option.

- jffs2 RootFS image settings
- DTB settings

#### **Troubleshooting**

This section describes some common issues you may experience while working with boot device configuration.

Table 13: Boot Images Storage Troubleshooting

| Problem / Error Message               | Description and Solution                                                                                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| ERROR: Failed to config linux/kernel! | Problem Description:                                                                                                           |  |
|                                       | This error message indicates that it is unable to configure the linux-kernel component with menuconfig.                        |  |
|                                       | Solution:                                                                                                                      |  |
|                                       | Check whether all required libraries/packages are installed properly. For more information, see the Installation Requirements. |  |



## **Primary Flash Partition Configuration**

This sections provides details on how to configure flash partition with PetaLinux menuconfig.

1. Change into the root directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Launch the top level system configuration menu.

```
$ petalinux-config
```

- 3. Select Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings → Flash Settings.
- 4. Select a flash device as the Primary Flash.
- 5. Set the name and the size of each partition.

**Note:** PetaLinux tools use 'boot', 'bootenv', 'kernel.' 'boot' stores 'BOOT.BIN'. 'bootenv' stores u-boot env vars. 'kernel' stores 'image.ub'.

The PetaLinux tools uses the start address for parallel flash or start offset for SPI flash and the size of the above partitions to generate the following U-Boot commands:

- update\_boot if the boot image, which is a U-Boot image for MicroBlaze™ processors and a BOOT.BIN image for Zynq®-7000 devices, is selected to be stored in the primary flash.
- update\_kernel and load\_kernel if the kernel image, which is the FIT image image.ub, is selected to be stored in the flash.

## **Managing Image Size**

In an embedded environment, it is important to reduce the size of the kernel image stored in flash and the static size of kernel image in RAM. This section describes impact of config item on kernel size and RAM usage.

FIT image is the default bootable image format. By default, the FIT image is composed of kernel image, DTB, and RootFS image.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux Tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see the Importing Hardware Configuration.



#### **Steps for Managing Image Size**

FIT Image size can be reduced using the following methods:

1. Launch the RootFS configuration menu using the following command:

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
$ petalinux-config -c rootfs
```

#### 2. Select File System Packages.

Under this submenu, you can find the list of options corresponding to RootFS packages. If your requirement does not need some of these packages, you can shrink the size of RootFS image by disabling them.

3. Launch the kernel configuration menu using the following command:

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
$ petalinux-config -c kernel
```

#### Select General Setup.

Under this sub-menu, you can find options to set the <code>config</code> items. Any item that is not mandatory to have in the system can be disabled to reduce the kernel image size. For example, <code>CONFIG\_SHMEM</code>, <code>CONFIG\_AIO</code>, <code>CONFIG\_SWAP</code>, <code>CONFIG\_SYSVIPC</code>. For more details, see the Linux kernel documentation.

**Note:** Note that disabling of some config items may lead to unsuccessful boot. It is expected that you have the knowledge of config items before disabling them.

Inclusion of extra config items and file system packages lead to increase in the kernel image size and RootFS size respectively.

If kernel or RootFS size increases and is greater than 128 MB, you need to do the following:

a. Mention the Bootm length in <plnx\_proj>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/u-boot/files/platform-top.h.

```
#define CONFIG_SYS_BOOTM_LEN <value greater than image size>
```

b. Undef CONFIG\_SYS\_BOOTMAPSZ in <plnx\_proj>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/u-boot/files/platform-top.h.

## **Configuring INITRD BOOT**

Initial RAM disk (INITRD) provides the capability to load a RAM disk by the boot loader during the PetaLinux startup process. The Linux kernel mounts it as RootFS and starts the initialization process. This section describes the procedure to configure the INITRD boot.



#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have created a new PetaLinux project (see Creating a New PetaLinux Project) and imported the hardware platform (see Importing Hardware Configuration).

#### **Steps to Configure INITRD Boot**

- 1. Set the RootFS type to INITRD. For more information, see Root File System Type Configuration.
- Set RAMDISK loadaddr. Ensure loadaddr does not overlap with kernel or DTB address and that it is a valid DDR address.
- 3. Build the system image. For more information, see Build System Image.
- 4. Use one of the following methods to boot the system image:
  - a. Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with SD Card, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with an SD Card.
  - b. Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with JTAG, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with JTAG.
    - Make sure you have configured TFTP server in host.
    - Set the server IP address to the host IP address using the following command at U-Boot prompt:

```
ZynqMP> set serverip <HOST IP ADDRESS>; saveenv
```

• Read the images using following command:

```
ZynqMP> tftpb <dtb load address> system.dtb;tftpb <kernel load address> Image; tftpb <rootfs load address> rootfs.cpio.gz.u-boot.
```

Boot images using following command:

ZynqMP> booti <kernel load address> <rootfs loadaddress> <device tree load address>



**IMPORTANT!** The default RootFS for PetaLinux is INITRAMFS. In INITRD mode, RootFSs is not included in kernel images.

## **Configuring INITRAMFS Boot**

Initial RAM file system (INITRAMFS) is the successor of INITRD. It is a cpio archive of the initial file system that gets loaded into memory during the PetaLinux startup process. The Linux kernel mounts it as RootFS and starts the initialization process.

This section describes the procedure to configure INITRAMFS boot.



#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have created a new PetaLinux project (see Creating a New PetaLinux Project) and imported the hardware platform (see Importing Hardware Configuration).

#### **Steps to Configure INITRAMFS Boot**

- 1. Set the RootFS type to INITRAMFS. For more information, see Root File System Type Configuration.
- 2. Build the system image. For more information, see Build System Image.
- 3. Use one of the following methods to boot the system image.
  - a. Boot a PetaLinux Image on QEMU, see Booting a PetaLinux Image on QEMU.
  - b. Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with SD Card, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with an SD Card.
  - c. Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with JTAG, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with JTAG.



**IMPORTANT!** The default RootFS for PetaLinux is INITRAMFS.

In INITRAMFS mode, RootFS is included in the kernel image.

- Image → Image (kernel) + rootfs.cpio (for Zynq® UltraScale+™ MPSoC)
- zlmage → zlmage (kernel) + rootfs.cpio (for Zyng-7000 devices)
- image.elf → simpleImage.mb (kernel) + rootfs.cpio (for MicroBlaze<sup>™</sup> processors)

As you select the RootFS components, its size increases proportionally.

## **Configure TFTP Boot**

This section describes how to configure the host and the PetaLinux image for the TFTP boot.

TFTP boot saves a lot of time because it is much faster than booting through JTAG and you do not have to flash the image for every change in kernel source.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

• You have created a new PetaLinux project (see Creating a New PetaLinux Project) and imported the hardware platform (see Importing Hardware Configuration).



• You have TFTP server running on your host.

#### **PetaLinux Configuration and Build System Image**

Steps to configure PetaLinux for TFTP boot and build the system image are:

1. Change to root directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Launch the top level system configuration menu.

```
$ petalinux-config
```

- 3. Select Image Packaging Configuration.
- 4. Select **Copy final images to tftpboot** and set tftpboot directory. By default, the TFTP directory ID is /tftpboot. Ensure this matches your host's TFTP server setup.
- 5. Save configuration settings and build system image as explained in Build System Image.

## **Configuring NFS Boot**

One of the most important components of a Linux system is the root file system. A well-developed root file system can provide you with useful tools to work on PetaLinux projects. Because a root file system can become big in size, it is hard to store it in flash memory.

The most convenient thing is to mount the entire root file system from the network allowing the host system and the target to share the same files. The root file system can be modified quickly and also on the fly (meaning that the file system can be modified while the system is running). The most common way to setup a system like the one described is through NFS.

In case of NFS, no manual refresh is needed for new files.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- You have created a new PetaLinux project (see Creating a New PetaLinux Project) and imported the hardware platform (see Importing Hardware Configuration).
- You have Linux file and directory permissions.
- You have an NFS server setup on your host. Assuming it is set up as /home/NFSshare in this example.



#### **PetaLinux Configuration and Build System Image**

Steps to configure the PetaLinux for NFS boot and build the system image are as follows:

1. Change to root directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Launch the top level system configuration menu.

```
$ petalinux-config
```

- 3. Select Image Packaging Configuration → Root File System Type.
- 4. Select **NFS** as the RootFS type.
- 5. Select Location of NFS root directory and set it to /home/NFSshare.
- 6. Exit menuconfig and save configuration settings. The boot arguments in the auto generated DTSI will be automatically updated. You can check <plnx-proj-root>/components/plnx\_workspace/device-tree/device-tr ee/plnx\_aarch64-system.dts.
- 7. Launch Kernel configuration menu.

```
$petalinux-config -c kernel
```

- 8. Select Networking support → IP: kernel level configuration.
  - IP:DHCP support
  - IP:BOOTP support
  - IP:RARP support
- 9. Select File systems → Network file systems → Root file systems on NFS.
- 10. Build the system image.

Note: For more information, see Build System Image.

11. You can see the updated boot arguments only after building.

#### **Booting with NFS**

In case of NFS Boot, RootFS is mounted through the NFS but bootloader (FSBL, bitstream, U-Boot), and kernel can be downloaded using various methods as mentioned below.

1. JTAG: In this case, bootloader and kernel will be downloaded on to the target through JTAG. For more information, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with JTAG.



**TIP:** If you want to make use of prebuilt capability to boot with JTAG, package images into prebuilt directory. For more information, see Packaging Prebuilt Images.



- 1. tftpboot: In this case, bootloader will be downloaded through JTAG and kernel will be downloaded on to the target through tftpboot. For more information, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with TFTP.
- 2. SD card: In this case, bootloader (BOOT.BIN) and kernel image (image.ub) will be copied to SD card and will be downloaded from SD card. For more information, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with an SD Card.

## **Configuring JFFS2 Boot**

Journaling flash file system version 2 or JFFS2 is a log-structured file system for use with flash memory devices. This section describes the procedure to configure JFFS2 boot.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have created a new PetaLinux project (see Creating a New PetaLinux Project) and imported the hardware platform (see Importing Hardware Configuration).

#### Steps to Configure JFFS2 Boot

- 1. Set the RootFS type to JFFS2. For more information, see Root File System Type Configuration.
- 2. Set Primary Flash as boot device and boot images storage. For more information, see Boot Images Storage Configuration and Primary Flash Partition Configuration.
- 3. Build the system image. For more information, see Build System Image.
- 4. Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with JTAG, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with an SD Card.
- 5. Make sure you have configured TFTP server in host.
- 6. Set the server IP address to the host IP address using the following command at U-Boot prompt.

ZynqMP> set serverip <HOST IP ADDRESS>; saveenv

a. Detect Flash Memory.

ZynqMP> sf probe 0 0 0

b. Erase Flash Memory.

ZyngMP> sf erase 0 0x5000000



- c. Read images onto Memory and write into Flash.
  - Read BOOT.BIN.

```
ZynqMP> tftpboot 0x80000 BOOT.BIN
```

• Write BOOT.BIN.

```
ZynqMP> sf write 0x80000 0 <size of boot.bin>
```

**Example:** sf write 0x80000 0 0x10EF48

• Read image.ub.

```
ZynqMP> tftpboot 0x80000 image.ub
```

• Write image.ub.

```
ZynqMP>sf write 0x80000 <loading address of kernel> <size of image.ub>
```

Example: sf write 0x80000 0x580000 0x6cb0e4

• Read rootfs.jffs2.

```
ZynqMP> tftpboot 0x80000 rootfs.jffs2
```

• Write rootfs.jffs2.

```
ZynqMP> sf write 0x80000 <loading address of rootfs.jffs2> <size of rootfs.jffs2>
```

Example: sf write 0x80000 0x1980000 0x7d4000

Note: Check loading addresses for kernel and RootFS inside system.dts.

- 7. Enable QSPI flash boot mode on board.
- 8. Reset the board (booting will start from flash).

## **Configuring SD Card ext File System Boot**

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- You have created a new PetaLinux project (see Creating a New PetaLinux Project) and imported the hardware platform (see Importing Hardware Configuration).
- An SD memory card with at least 4 GB of storage space. It is recommended to use a card with speed-grade 6 or higher to achieve optimal file transfer performance.



#### **Preparing the SD Card**

Steps to prepare the SD card for PetaLinux SD card ext file system boot:

- 1. The SD card is formatted with two partitions using a partition editor such as gparted.
- 2. The first partition should be at least 500 MB in size and formatted as a FAT32 file system. Ensure that there is 4 MB of free space preceding the partition. The first partition will contain the boot loader, device tree, and kernel images. Label this partition as BOOT.
- 3. The second partition should be formatted as an ext4 files system and can take up the remaining space on the SD card. This partition will store the system root file system. Label this partition as RootFS.

For optimal performance ensure that the SD card partitions are 4 MB aligned.

#### **PetaLinux Configuration and Build System Image**

Steps to configure PetaLinux for SD card ext filesystem boot and build the system image are as follows:

1. Change to root directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Launch top level system configuration menu.

```
$ petalinux-config
```

- Select Image Packaging Configuration → Root filesystem type.
- 4. Select EXT (SD/eMMC/QSPI/SATA/USB) as the RootFS type.

**Note:** Choose this setting to configure your PetaLinux build for EXT Root. By default, it adds the SD/eMMC device name in bootargs. For other devices (SATA/USB/QSPI), you must change the ext4 device name, as shown in the following examples:

- eMMC or SD root = /dev/mmcblkYpX
- SATA or USB root= /dev/sdX
- QSPI root = /dev/mtdx
- 5. Exit menuconfig and save configuration settings.

Note: The boot arguments will be automatically updated in the  $<plnx-proj-root>/components/plnx_workspace/device-tree/device-tree/system-conf.dtsi. These changes will be reflected only after the build.$ 

- 6. Build PetaLinux images. For more information, see Build System Image.
- 7. Generate boot image. For more information, see Generate Boot Image for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC.



8. The generated rootfs.tar.gz file will be present in images/linux directory. To extract, use tar xvf rootfs.tar.gz.

#### **Copying Image Files**

This section explains how to copy image files to SD card partitions. Assuming the two partitions get mounted at /media/BOOT and /media/rootfs.

1. Change to root directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Copy BOOT.BIN and image.ub to BOOT partition of SD card. The image.ub file will have device tree and kernel image files.

```
$ cp images/linux/BOOT.BIN /media/BOOT/
$ cp images/linux/image.ub /media/BOOT/
$ cp images/linux/boot.scr /media/BOOT/
```

3. Copy rootfs.tar.gz file to RootFS partition of SD card and extract the file system.

```
$ sudo tar xvf rootfs.tar.gz -C /media/rootfs
```

In order to boot this SD card ext image, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with an SD Card.

#### **Troubleshooting**

Table 14: Configuring SD Card ext Filesystem Boot

| Problem / Error Message                                                                                                         | Description and Solution                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| EXT4-fs (mmcblk0p2): mounted filesystem with ordered data mode. Opts: (null) Kernel panic - not syncing: No working init found. | Problem Description: This message indicates that the Linux kernel is unable to mount EXT4 File System and unable to find working init. Solution: Extract RootFS in RootFS partition of SD card. For more information, see the Copying Image Files. |  |



## Customizing the Rootfs

## **Including Prebuilt Libraries**

This section explains how to include pre-compiled libraries to PetaLinux root file system.

If a library is developed outside PetaLinux, you may just want to add the library in the PetaLinux root file system. In this case, an application template is created to allow copying of the existing content to target file system.

If the application, library, or module name has '\_', see Recipe Name Having '\_ '.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux Tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see Importing Hardware Configuration.

#### **Steps to Include Prebuilt Applications**

If your prebuilt application name is mylib.so, including this into PetaLinux root file system is explained in following steps.

- 1. Ensure that the pre-compiled code has been compiled for your PetaLinux target architecture, for example, MicroBlaze™ processors, Arm® cores, etc.
- 2. Create an application with the following command.

```
$ petalinux-create -t apps --template install --name mylib --enable
```

3. Change to the newly created application directory.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/mylib/files/
```

4. Remove existing mylib file, and copy the prebuilt mylib.so into mylib/files directory.

```
$ rm mylib
$ cp <path-to-prebuilt-mylib.so> ./
```



5. Edit <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/mylib/mylib.bb.

The file should look like the following.

```
# This file is the libs recipe.
#

SUMMARY = "Simple libs application"
SECTION = "PETALINUX/apps"
LICENSE = "MIT"
LIC_FILES_CHKSUM = "file://${COMMON_LICENSE_DIR}/
MIT;md5=0835ade698e0bcf8506ecda2f7b4f302"

SRC_URI = "file://mylib.so \
"

S = "${WORKDIR}"

TARGET_CC_ARCH += "${LDFLAGS}"

do_install() {
    install -d ${D}${libdir}
    install -m 0655 ${S}/mylib.so ${D}${libdir}}
}

FILES_${PN} += "${libdir}"
FILES_SOLIBSDEV = ""
```

6. Run petalinux-build -c rootfs.

**Note:** In future releases, using petalinux-build -c rootfs to build RootFS is deprecated. Use petalinux-build instead.



**IMPORTANT!** You need to ensure that the binary data being installed into the target file system by an install template application is compatible with the underlying hardware implementation of your system.

## **Including Prebuilt Applications**

If an application is developed outside PetaLinux (for example, through the Vitis™ software development platform), you may just want to add the application binary in the PetaLinux root file system. In this case, an application template is created to allow copying of the existing content to target file system.

This section explains how to include pre-compiled applications to PetaLinux root file system.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized for your hardware platform. For more information, see Importing Hardware Configuration.



#### **Steps to Include Prebuilt Applications**

If your prebuilt application name is myapp, including this into PetaLinux root file system is explained in following steps.

- 1. Ensure that the pre-compiled code has been compiled for your PetaLinux target architecture, for example, MicroBlaze™ processors, Arm® cores etc.
- 2. Create an application with the following command.

```
$ petalinux-create -t apps --template install --name myapp --enable
```

3. Change to the newly created application directory.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/myapp/files/
```

4. Remove existing myapp app and copy the prebuilt myapp into myapp/files directory.

```
$ rm myapp
$ cp <path-to-prebuilt-app> ./
```



**IMPORTANT!** You need to ensure that the binary data being installed into the target file system by an install template application is compatible with the underlying hardware implementation of your system.

## **Creating and Adding Custom Libraries**

This section explains how to add custom Libraries to PetaLinux root file system.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux Tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see Importing Hardware Configuration.

#### Steps to Add Custom Libraries

The basic steps are as follows:

1. Create a user application by running petalinux-create -t apps from inside a PetaLinux project on your workstation:

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
$ petalinux-create -t apps --template c --name <user-library-name> --
enable
```



#### For example:

```
$ petalinux-create -t apps --template c --name libsample --enable
```

**Note:** If the application name has '\_', see Recipe Name Having '\_ '.

The new application sources can be found in the <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/libsample directory.

2. Change to the newly created application directory.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/libsample
```

3. Edit the file project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/libsample/libsample.bb.

The file should look like the following.

```
# This file is the libsample recipe.
   SUMMARY = "Simple libsample application"
   SECTION = "libs"
   LICENSE = "MIT"
   LIC_FILES_CHKSUM =
file://${COMMON_LICENSE_DIR}/MIT;md5=0835ade698e0bcf8506ecda2f7b4f302"
   SRC_URI = "file://libsample.c \
              file://libsample.h \
              file://Makefile \
  S = "${WORKDIR}"
  PACKAGE_ARCH = "${MACHINE_ARCH}"
  PROVIDES = "sample"
  TARGET_CC_ARCH += "${LDFLAGS}"
  do_install() {
      install -d ${D}${libdir}
      install -d ${D}${includedir}
      oe_libinstall -so libsample ${D}${libdir}
      install -d -m 0655 ${D}${includedir}/SAMPLE
      install -m 0644 \ S(S)/*.h \ S(D)\ included ir \/SAMPLE/
  }
  FILES_${PN} = "${libdir}/*.so.* ${includedir}/*"
  FILES_{\{PN\}-dev} = "\{\{libdir\}/*.so"\}
```

4. Edit the file project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/libsample/files/libsample.c. The file should look like the following:

```
#include <stdio.h>
    #include "libsample.h"

int function()
{
    printf("Hello World!\n");
    return 0;
}
```



```
void samplelib()
{
    printf("Hello, Welcome to PetaLinux -- samplelib !\n");
}
```

5. Create a new file project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/libsample/files/libsample.h and add below line.

```
void samplelib();
```

6. Edit the file project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/libsample/files/Makefile. The file should look like the following.

```
APP = sample
LIBSOURCES = * .c
OUTS = *.o
NAME := sample
MAJOR = 1.0
MINOR = 1
VERSION = $(MAJOR).$(MINOR)
all: lib$(NAME).so
lib$(NAME).so.$(VERSION): $(OUTS)
    $(CC) $(LDFLAGS) $(OUTS) -shared -W1,-soname,lib$(NAME).so.$(MAJOR) -
o lib $(NAME).so.$(VERSION)
lib$(NAME).so: lib$(NAME).so.$(VERSION))
    rm -f lib$(NAME).so.$(MAJOR) lib$(NAME).so
    ln -s lib$(NAME).so.$(VERSION) lib$(NAME).so.$(MAJOR)
    ln -s lib$(NAME).so.$(MAJOR) lib$(NAME).so
%.o: %.c
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c -fPIC $(LIBSOURCES)
clean:
    rm -rf *.o *.so *.so.*
```



**WARNING!** Check the Makefile indentation and fix to avoid the build failures.

7. Build recipe.

```
petalinux-build -c libsample
```

## **Testing User Libraries**

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have built and installed pre-compiled/custom user applications.



### **Steps to Test User Libraries**

1. Create an application using following command.

```
petalinux-create -t apps --template c -n sampleapp --enable
```

2. Modify the file <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/sampleapp/sampleapp.bb as below:

```
# This file is the sampleapp recipe.
SUMMARY = "Simple sampleapp application"
SECTION = "PETALINUX/apps"
LICENSE = "MIT"
LIC_FILES_CHKSUM =
"file://${COMMON_LICENSE_DIR}/MIT;md5=0835ade698e0bcf8506ecda2f7b4f302"
SRC_URI = "file://sampleapp.c \
S = "${WORKDIR}"
DEPENDS = " sample"
do_compile() {
        ${CC} ${CFLAGS} ${LDFLAGS} -o testsamplelib testsamplelib.c -
1sample
}
do_install() {
             install -d ${D}${bindir}
             install -m 0755 sampleapp ${D}${bindir}
FILES_${PN} += "sampleapp"
```

3. Edit the file project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/sampleapp/files/sampleapp.c.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <SAMPLE/libsample.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    printf("Hello World!\n");
    samplelib();
    return 0;
}
```

4. Build the application using the following command:

```
petalinux-build -c sampleapp
```

- 5. Boot the newly created system image.
- 6. Run your user application on the target system console. For example, to run user application sampleapp:

```
# sampleapp
```





7. Confirm that the result of the application is as expected.

# **Creating and Adding Custom Applications**

This section explains how to add custom applications to PetaLinux root file system.

### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see Importing Hardware Configuration.

## **Steps to Add Custom Applications**

The basic steps are as follows:

1. Create a user application by running petalinux-create -t apps from inside a PetaLinux project on your workstation:

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
$ petalinux-create -t apps [--template TYPE] --name <user-application-
name> --enable
```

For example, to create a user application called myapp in C (the default):

```
$ petalinux-create -t apps --name myapp --enable

or:
```

To create a C++ application template, pass the --template c++ option, as follows:

```
$ petalinux-create -t apps --template c++ --name myapp --enable
```

To create an autoconf application template, pass the --template autoconf option, as follows:

```
$ petalinux-create -t apps --template autoconf --name myapp --enable
```

The new application sources can be found in the <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/myapp directory.

2. Change to the newly created application directory.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/myapp
```

You will see the following PetaLinux template-generated files:





#### **Table 15: Adding Custom Applications Files**

| Template                                                                                     | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <pre><plnx-proj-root>/project- spec/meta-user/ conf/user-rootfsconfig</plnx-proj-root></pre> | Configuration file template - This file controls the integration of your application into the PetaLinux RootFS menu configuration. It also allows you select or de-select the app and its dev, dbg packages into the target root file system |
| Makefile                                                                                     | Compilation file template - This is a basic Makefile containing targets to build and install your application into the root file system. This file needs to be modified when you add additional source code files to your project.           |
| README                                                                                       | A file to introduce how to build the user application.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| myapp.cpfor C++                                                                              | Simple application program in either C or C++, depending upon your choice.                                                                                                                                                                   |

**Note:** If you want to use the build artifacts for debugging with the third party utilities, add the following line in <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf:

RM\_WORK\_EXCLUDE += "myapp"

**Note:** You can find all build artifacts under \${TMPDIR}/work/aarch64-xilinx-linux/myapp/1.0-r0/.



**TIP:** Mapping of Make file clean with do\_clean in recipe is not recommended. This is because Yocto maintains its own do\_clean.

3. myapp.c/myapp.cpp file can be edited or replaced with the real source code for your application. If you want to modify your custom user application later, this file should be edited.



**CAUTION!** You can delete the app directory if it is no longer required. You must also remove the line:  $CONFIG\_myapp$  from <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/conf/user-rootfsconfig. Deleting the directory by keeping the mentioned line will throw an error.

# **Creating and Adding Custom Modules**

This section explains how to add custom kernel modules to PetaLinux root file system.

### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux Tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see Importing Hardware Configuration for more information.



### **Steps to Add Custom Modules**

1. Create a user module by running petalinux-create -t modules from inside a PetaLinux project on your workstation:

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
$ petalinux-create -t modules --name <user-module-name> --enable
```

For example, to create a user module called mymodule in C (the default):

```
$ petalinux-create -t modules --name mymodule --enable
```

You can use -h or --help to see the usage of the petalinux-create -t modules. The new module recipe you created can be found in the <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-modules/mymodule directory.

**Note:** If the module name has '\_', see Recipe Name Having '\_'.

2. Change to the newly created module directory.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-modules/
mymodule
```

You will see the following PetaLinux template-generated files:

**Table 16: Adding Custom Module Files** 

| Template                                                                                     | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Makefile                                                                                     | Compilation file template - This is a basic Makefile containing targets to build and install your module into the root file system. This file needs to be modified when you add additional source code files to your project. Click here to customize the make file. |
| README                                                                                       | A file to introduce how to build the user module.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| mymodule.c                                                                                   | Simple kernel module in C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <pre><plnx-proj-root>/project- spec/meta-user/ conf/user-rootfsconfig</plnx-proj-root></pre> | Configuration file template - This file controls the integration of your application/modules/libs into the PetaLinux RooFS menu configuration system. It also allows you to select or de-select the app and its dev, dbg packages into the target root file system.  |

3. mymodule.c file can be edited or replaced with the real source code for your module. Later if you want to modify your custom user module, you are required to edit this file.

**Note:** If you want to use the build artifacts for debugging with the third party utilities, add the following line in project-spec/meta-user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf:

```
RM_WORK_EXCLUDE += "mymodule"
```

**Note:** You can find all build artifacts under \${TMPDIR}/work/aarch64-xilinx-linux/mymodule/1.0-r0/.





**CAUTION!** You can delete the module directory if it is no longer required. Apart from deleting the module directory, you have to remove the line:  $CONFIG\_mymodule$  from <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/conf/user-rootfsconfig. Deleting the directory by keeping the mentioned line in user-rootfsconfig throws an error.

# **Building User Applications**

This section explains how to build and install pre-compiled/custom user applications to PetaLinux root file system.

## **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have included or added custom applications to PetaLinux root file system (see Creating and Adding Custom Applications).

### **Steps to Build User Applications**

Running petalinux-build in the project directory <plnx-proj-root> will rebuild the system image including the selected user application myapp. (The output directory for this build process is <TMPDIR>/work/aarch64-xilinx-linux/myapp/1.0-r0/.)

```
$ petalinux-build
```

To build myapp into an existing system image:

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
$ petalinux-build -c rootfs
$ petalinux-build -x package
```

**Note:** In future releases, using petalinux-build -c rootfs to build RootFS is deprecated. Use petalinux-build instead.

Other petalinux-build options are explained with --help. Some of the build options are:

• To clean the selected user application:

```
$ petalinux-build -c myapp -x do_clean
```

• To rebuild the selected user application:

```
$ petalinux-build -c myapp
```

This will just compile the application, the compiled executable files will be in \${TMPDIR}/work/aarch64-xilinx-linux/myapp/1.0-r0/directory.



If you want to use the build artifacts for debugging with the third party utilities, add the line: RM\_WORK\_EXCLUDE += "myapp" in <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf. Without this line, the BitBake will remove all the build artifacts after building successfully.

To see all list of tasks for myapp:

```
petalinux-build -c myapp -x listtasks
```

• To install the selected user application:

```
$ petalinux-build -c myapp -x do_install
```

**Note:** In future releases, petalinux-build -c <app/package/component> -x <task> is deprecated. Individual tasks for a component as part of a petalinux-build command is deprecated.

This will install the application into the target RootFS host copy: <TMPDIR>/work/
<MACHINE\_NAME>-xilinx-linux/petalinux-user-image/1.0-r0/rootfs/.

TMPDIR can be found in **petalinux-config**  $\rightarrow$  **Yocto-settings**  $\rightarrow$  **TMPDIR**. If the project is on local storage, TMPDIR is < plnx-proj-root>/build/tmp/.

If you want to use the build artifacts for debugging with third party utilities, add the following line in project-spec/meta-user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf:

```
RM_WORK_EXCLUDE += "myapp"
```

# **Testing User Applications**

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have built and installed pre-compiled/custom user applications. For more information, see Building User Applications.

#### **Steps to Test User Application**

- 1. Boot the newly created system image on target or QEMU.
- 2. Confirm that your user application is present on the PetaLinux system, by running the following command on the target system login console:

```
# 1s /usr/bin
```

Unless you have changed the location of user application through its Makefile, the user application will be put in to /usr/bin directory.





3. Run your user application on the target system console. For example, to run user application myapp:

```
# myapp
```

4. Confirm that the result of the application is as expected.

If the new application is missing from the target file system, ensure that you have completed the petalinux-build -x package step as described in the previous section. This ensures that your application binary is copied into the root file system staging area, and that the target system image is updated with this new file system.

# **Building User Modules**

This section explains how to build and install custom user kernel modules to PetaLinux root file system.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have included or added custom modules to PetaLinux root file system (see Creating and Adding Custom Modules).

### **Steps to Build User Modules**

Running petalinux-build in the project directory "<plnx-proj-root>" will rebuild the system image including the selected user module mymodule. (The output directory for this build process is <TMPDIR>/work/<MANCHINE\_NAME>-xilinx-linux/mymodule/1.0-r0/)

```
$ petalinux-build
```

To build mymodule into an existing system image:

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
$ petalinux-build -c rootfs
$ petalinux-build -x package
```

**Note:** In future releases, using petalinux-build -c rootfs to build RootFS is deprecated. Use petalinux-build instead.

Other petalinux-build options are explained with --help. Some of the build options are:

• To clean the selected user module:

```
$ petalinux-build -c mymodule -x do_cleansstate
```



To rebuild the selected user module:

```
$ petalinux-build -c mymodule
```

This will just compile the module, the compiled executable files will be in <TMPDIR>/work/ <MANCHINE\_NAME>-xilinx-linux/mymodule/1.0-r0/ directory.

• To see all list of tasks for this module:

```
$ petalinux-build -c mymodule -x listtasks
```

• To install the selected user module:

```
$ petalinux-build -c mymodule -x do_install
```

**Note:** In future releases, petalinux-build -c <app/package/component> -x <task> is deprecated. Individual tasks for a component as part of a petalinux-build command is deprecated.

This will install the module into the target RootFS host copy: <TMPDIR>/work/
<MACHINE\_NAME>-xilinx-linux/petalinux-user-image/1.0-r0/rootfs/.

TMPDIR can be found in **petalinux-config**  $\rightarrow$  **Yocto-settings**  $\rightarrow$  **TMPDIR**. If the project is on local storage, TMPDIR is < {PROOT}>/build/tmp/.

If you want to use the build artifacts for debugging with third party utilities, add the following line in project-spec/meta-user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf:

```
RM_WORK_EXCLUDE += "mymodule"
```

# **PetaLinux Auto Login**

This section explains how to login directly from boot without having to enter login credentials.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see Importing Hardware Configuration.

#### Steps for PetaLinux Auto Login

Follow the below steps for PetaLinux Auto Login:

1. Change to the root directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Run petalinux-config.



- 3. Select Yocto-settings → Enable debug-tweaks.
- 4. Save the configuration and exit.
- 5. Run petalinux-build.

# **Application Auto Run at Startup**

This section explains how to add applications that run automatically at system startup.

### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have already added and built the PetaLinux application. For more information, see Creating and Adding Custom Applications and Building User Applications.

### **Steps for Application Auto Run at Startup**

If you have a prebuilt or newly created custom user application myapp located in your PetaLinux project at <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/, you may want to execute it at system startup. The steps to enable that are:

If you have prebuilt application and you have not included in PetaLinux Root file system, see Including Prebuilt Applications. If you want to create custom application and install it in PetaLinux Root file system, see Creating and Adding Custom Applications. If your auto run application is a blocking application which will never exit, launch this application as a daemon.

1. Create and install a new application named myapp-init

```
cd <plnx-proj-proot>/petalinux-create -t apps --template install -n
myapp-init --enable
```

2. Edit the file project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/myapp-init/myapp-init.bb. The file should look like the following:

```
#
# This file is the myapp-init recipe.
#
SUMMARY = "Simple myapp-init application"
SECTION = "PETALINUX/apps"
LICENSE = "MIT"
LIC_FILES_CHKSUM =
"file://${COMMON_LICENSE_DIR}/MIT;md5=0835ade698e0bcf8506ecda2f7b4f302"

SRC_URI = "file://myapp-init \
"
S = "${WORKDIR}"

FILESEXTRAPATHS_prepend := "${THISDIR}/files:"
inherit update-rc.d
```



```
INITSCRIPT_NAME = "myapp-init"
INITSCRIPT_PARAMS = "start 99 S ."

do_install() {
        install -d ${D}${sysconfdir}/init.d
        install -m 0755 ${S}/myapp-init ${D}${sysconfdir}/init.d/myapp-init
}
FILES_${PN} += "${sysconfdir}/*"
```

 To run myapp as daemon, edit the file project-spec/meta-user/recipes-apps/ myapp-init/files/myapp-init.

The file should look like below:

```
#!/bin/sh
DAEMON=/usr/bin/myapp
start ()
        echo " Starting myapp"
        start-stop-daemon -S -o --background -x $DAEMON
}
stop ()
        echo " Stoping myapp"
        start-stop-daemon -K -x $DAEMON
}
restart()
{
        stop
        start
[ -e $DAEMON ] || exit 1
        case "$1" in
                start)
                         start; ;;
                 stop)
                         stop; ;;
                 restart)
                         restart; ;;
                 * )
                         echo "Usage: $0 {start|stop|restart}"
                         exit 1
        esac
exit $?
```

4. Run petalinux-build.

# **Adding Layers**

You can add layers into the PetaLinux project. The upstream layers for THUD version can be found here.

The following steps demonstrate adding the meta-my layer into the PetaLinux project.



- Copy or create a layer in op
- Run petalinux-config → Yocto Settings → User Layers.
- 3. Enter the following command:

```
${proot}/project-spec/meta-mylayer
```

- 4. Save and exit.
- 5. Verify by viewing the file in proj\_root/build/conf/bblayers.conf.

**Note:** 2019.2 PetaLinux is on THUD base line. The layers/recipes should be chosen from the THUD branch only. Some of the layers/recipes might not be compatible with our architectures. You are responsible for all additional layers/recipes.

**Note:** You can also add a layer that is outside your project, such layers can be shared across projects.



**IMPORTANT!** If you want to change the layer priority, you can update  $fprootfproject-spec/meta-mylayer/conf/local.conf to set BBFILE_PRIORITY_meta-mylayer = 6 (0 to 10, higher value will have more priority).$ 

# **Adding an Existing Recipe into RootFS**

Most of the RootFS menu config is static. These are the utilities that are supported by Xilinx. You can add your own layers in a project or add existing additional recipes from the existing layers in PetaLinux. Layers in PetaLinux can be found in /opt/pkg/petalinux/components/yocto/source/aarch64/ (for Zyng® UltraScale+™ MPSoC).

By default, iperf3 is not in the RootFS menuconfig. The following example demonstrates adding the iperf3 into the RootFS menuconfig.

- The location of the recipe is /opt/pkg/petalinux/components/yocto/source/ aarch64/layers/meta-openembedded/meta-oe/recipes-benchmark/iperf3/ iperf3\_3.2.bb.
- Add the following line in <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/conf/user-rootfsconfig.

```
CONFIG_iperf3
```

- 3. Run petalinux-config -c rootfs.
- 4. Select user packages → iperf3. Enable it, save and exit.
- 5. Run petalinux-build.

**Note:** It is your responsibility to add the recipes in the layers available in PetaLinux tools, apart from PetaLinux default RootFS menuconfig.



**Note:** The above procedure is applicable only to the recipes from the user layers.



IMPORTANT! All recipes which are in petalinux-image-full have sstate locked. To unlock you have to
add SIGGEN\_UNLOCKED\_RECIPES += "my-recipe" in project-spec/meta-user/conf/
petalinuxbsp.conf.

For example, you have changes to be made in mtd-utils package, so you have created a .bbappend for the same without SIGGEN\_UNLOCKED\_RECIPES += "mtd-utils" in project-spec/meta-user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf. During project build, you will get the following warning and your changes for the package will not be included in the build.

```
"The mtd-utils:do_fetch sig is computed to be 92c59aa3a7c524ea790282e817080d0a, but the sig is locked to 9a10549c7af85144d164d9728e8fe23f in SIGGEN_LOCKEDSIGS_t"
```

# Adding a Package Group

One of the best approaches for customizing images is to create a custom package group that will be used to build the images. Some of the package group recipes are shipped with the PetaLinux tools.

For example:

```
$PETALINUX/components/yocto/source/aarch64/layers/meta-petalinux/recipes-
core/packagegroups/packagegroup-petalinux-self-hosted.bb
```

The name of the package group should be unique and should not conflict with the existing recipe names.

We can create custom package group, for example, an ALSA package group would look like:

```
DESCRIPTION = "PetaLinux ALSA supported Packages"
inherit packagegroup

ALSA_PACKAGES = " \
    alsa-lib \
    alsa-plugins \
    alsa-tools \
    alsa-tutils \
    alsa-utils -scripts \
    pulseaudio \
    "

RDEPENDS_${PN}_append += " \
    ${ALSA_PACKAGES} \
    "
```

This can be added to <plnx-proj-root>/meta-user/recipes-core/packagegroups/packagegroup-petalinux-alsa.bb.



To add this package group in RootFS menuconfig, add CONFIG\_packagegroup-petalinux-alsa in <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/conf/user-rootfsconfig to reflect in menuconfig.

Then launch petalinux-config -c rootfs, select user packages  $\rightarrow$  packagegrouppetalinux-alsa, save and exit. Then run petalinux-build.



# Debugging

# **Debugging the Linux Kernel in QEMU**

This section describes how to debug the Linux Kernel inside QEMU using the GNU debugger (GDB). Note that this function is only tested with Zynq®-7000 devices. For more information, see Vitis Unified Software Platform Documentation: Embedded Software Development (UG1400).

### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have built PetaLinux system image. For more information, see Build System Image.

#### Steps to Debug the Linux Kernel in QEMU

Launch QEMU with the currently built Linux by running the following command:

```
$ petalinux-boot --qemu --kernel
```

- 2. Watch the QEMU console. You should see the details of the QEMU command. Get the GDB TCP port from -gdb tcp:<TCP\_PORT>.
- 3. Open another command console (ensuring the PetaLinux settings script has been sourced), and change to the Linux directory:

```
$ cd "<plnx-proj-root>/images/linux"
```

4. Start GDB on the vmlinux kernel image in command mode:

```
$ petalinux-util --gdb vmlinux
```

#### You should see the GDB prompt. For example:

```
GNU gdb (Linaro GDB 2019.2) 7.12.1.20170130-git
Copyright (C) 2019 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <a href="http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html">http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html</a>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law. Type "show copying"
and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "--host=x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu
```



```
--target=aarch64-linux-gnu".

Type "show configuration" for configuration details.

For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.

Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.

For help, type "help".

Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...

Reading symbols from vmlinux...done.
```

5. Attach to the QEMU target in GDB by running the following GDB command:

```
(gdb) target remote :9000
```

6. To let QEMU continue execution:

```
(gdb) continue
```

- 7. You can use Ctrl+C to interrupt the kernel and get back the GDB prompt.
- 8. You can set break points and run other GDB commands to debug the kernel.



**CAUTION!** If another process is using port 9000, petalinux-boot will attempt to use a different port. See the output of petalinux-boot to determine what port was used. In the following example, port 9001 is used: INFO: qemu-system-arm ... -gdb tcp::9001 ...



**TIP:** It may be helpful to enable kernel debugging in the kernel configuration menu (**petalinux-config --kernel**  $\rightarrow$  **Kernel hacking**  $\rightarrow$  **Kernel debugging**), so that kernel debug symbols are present in the image.

#### Troubleshooting

This section describes some common issues you may experience while debugging the Linux kernel in QEMU.

Table 17: Debugging the Linux Kernel in QEMU Troubleshooting

| Problem / Error Message                                       | Description and Solution                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (gdb) target remote W.X.Y.Z:9000:9000:<br>Connection refused. | <b>Problem Description:</b> GDB failed to attach the QEMU target. This is most likely because the port 9000 is not the one QEMU is using |
|                                                               | Solution:                                                                                                                                |
|                                                               | Check your QEMU console to ensure QEMU is running.                                                                                       |
|                                                               | Watch the Linux host command line console. It will show the full QEMU commands, you should be able to see which port is used by QEMU.    |



# **Debugging Applications with TCF Agent**

This section describes debugging user applications with the Eclipse Target Communication Framework (TCF) Agent. The procedure for debugging applications with TCF agent remains the same for Zynq<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+™ MPSoC, and Zynq-7000 devices. This section describes the basic debugging procedure for Zynq platform user application myapp.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- Working knowledge of the Vitis<sup>™</sup> software platform. For more information, see Vitis Unified Software Platform Documentation: Embedded Software Development (UG1400).
- The PetaLinux Working Environment is properly set. For more information, see PetaLinux Working Environment Setup.
- You have created a user application and built the system image including the selected user application. For more information, see Building User Applications.

### Preparing the Build System for Debugging

1. Change to the project directory:

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Run petalinux-config -c rootfs on the command console:

```
$ petalinux-config -c rootfs
```

3. Scroll down the Linux/RootFS configuration menu to file system packages.

```
admin --->
audio --->
base --->
baseutils --->
benchmark --->
bootloader --->
console --->
devel --->
fonts --->
kernel --->
libs --->
       - - ->
misc
multimedia
net --->
network --->
optional --->
power management --->
utils --->
x11 --->
```



4. Select **misc** submenu:

```
admin --->
audio --->
base --->
baseutils --->
benchmark --->
bootloader --->
console --->
devel --->
fonts --->
kernel --->
libs --->
misc --->
multimedia --->
net --->
network --->
optional --->
power management --->
utils --->
x11 --->
```

5. Packages are in alphabetical order. Navigate to the letter 't', as shown below:

```
serf --->
sysfsutils --->
sysvinit-inittab --->
tbb --->
tcf-agent --->
texi2html --->
tiff --->
trace-cmd --->
util-macros --->
v41-utils --->
```

6. Ensure that tcf-agent is enabled.

```
[*] tcf-agent
[ ] tcf-agent-dev
[ ] tcf-agent-dbg
```

Select console/network submenu, and then click into dropbear submenu. Ensure "dropbearopenssh-sftp-server" is enabled.

```
[*] dropbear
```

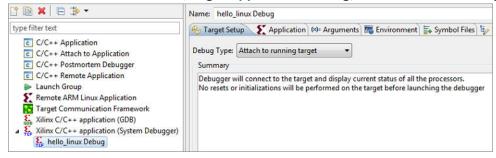
- 8. Select console/network → openssh. Ensure that "openssh-sftp-server" is enabled.
- 9. Exit the menu.
- 10. Rebuild the target system image including myapp. For more information, see Build System Image.

### **Performing a Debug Session**

- 1. Launch the Vitis software platform.
- 2. Create a Linux application.



- 3. Select the application you want to debug.
- Select Run → Debug Configurations.
- 5. Click Launch on Hardware (Single Application Debug) to create a new configuration.



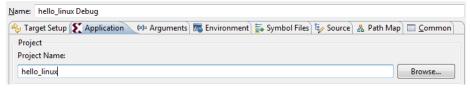
- 6. In the Debug Configuration window:
  - a. Click the **Target Setup** tab.
  - b. From the Debug Type drop-down list, select Linux Application Debug.



c. Provide the Linux host name or IP address in the Host Name field.

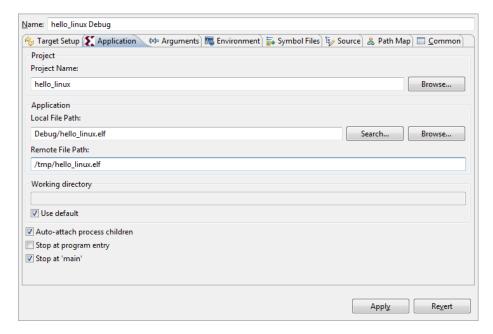


- d. By default, tcf-agent runs on the 1534 port on the Linux. If you are running tcf-agent on a different port, update the **Port** field with the correct port number.
- e. In the Application Tab, click **Browse** and select the project name. The Vitis software platform automatically fills the information in the application.

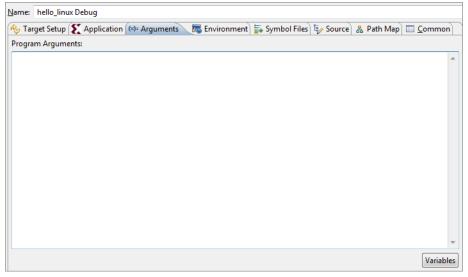


f. In the Remote File Path field, specify the path where you want to download the application in Linux.



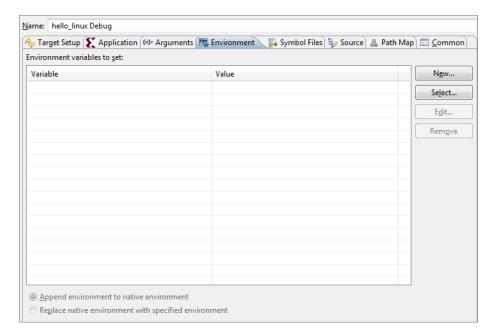


g. If your application is expecting some arguments, specify them in the Arguments tab.

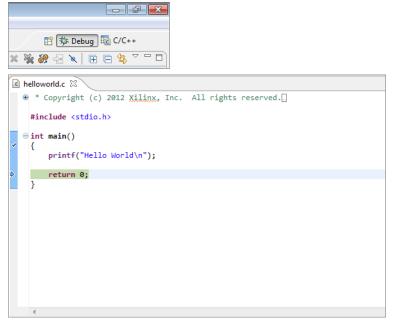


h. If your application is expecting to set some environment variables, specify them in the Environments tab.





Click the **Debug** button. A separate console automatically opens for process standard I/O operations.



- j. Click the **Terminate** button to terminate the application.
- 7. Enter the Local File Path to your compiled application in the project directory. For example, <TMPDIR>/work/aarch64-xilinx-linux/hello\_linux/1.0-r0/image/usr/bin/.

Note: While creating the application, you need to add RM\_WORK\_EXCLUDE += "hello\_linux" in project-spec/meta-user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf, otherwise the images will not be available for debugging.



- 8. The Remote File Path on the target file system should be the location where the application can be found. For example, /usr/bin/hello\_linux.
- 9. Select **Debug** to Apply the configuration and begin the Debug session. (If asked to switch to Debug Perspective, accept).

# Debugging Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC Applications with GDB

PetaLinux supports debugging Zynq<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+™ MPSoC user applications with GDB. This section describes the basic debugging procedure. For more information, refer to *Vitis Unified Software Platform Documentation: Embedded Software Development* (UG1400).

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- The PetaLinux Working Environment is properly set. For more information, see PetaLinux Working Environment Setup.
- You have created a user application and built the system image including the selected user application. For more information, see Building User Applications.

## Preparing the Build System for Debugging

1. Change to the project directory:

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Add the following lines in <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/conf/ user-rootfsconfig:

```
CONFIG_myapp-dev
CONFIG_myapp-dbg
```

3. Run petalinux-config -c rootfs on the command console:

```
$ petalinux-config -c rootfs
```

4. Scroll down the user packages Configuration menu to Debugging:

```
Filesystem Packages --->
PetaLinux Package Groups --->
apps --->
user packages --->
PetaLinux RootFS Settings --->
```

5. Select user packages.



- [X] myapp-dbg
- [] myapp-dev
- 6. Select myapp-dbg. Exit the myapp sub-menu.
- 7. Exit the user packages sub-menu, and select Filesystem Packages  $\rightarrow$  misc  $\rightarrow$  gdb.
- 8. Select **gdb**, and ensure that the GDB server is enabled:
  - [] gdb
  - [] gdb-dev
  - [X] gdbserver
  - [] gdb-dbg
- 9. Exit the menu and select **Yes>** to save the configuration.
- 10. Rebuild the target system image. Add the below line in <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf.

```
RM_WORK_EXCLUDE += "myapp"
```

For more information, see Build System Image.

### **Performing a Debug Session**

- 1. Boot your board (or QEMU) with the new image created above.
- 2. Run gdbserver with the user application on the target system console (set to listening on port 1534):

```
root@plnx_aarch64:~# gdbserver host:1534 /usr/bin/myapp
Process /bin/myapp created; pid = 73
Listening on port 1534
```

1534 is the gdbserver port - it can be any unused port number

3. On the workstation, navigate to the compiled user application's directory:

```
$ cd <<TMPDIR>/work/aarch64-xilinx-linux/myapp1/1.0-r0/image/usr/bin/
myapp
```

4. Run GDB client.

```
$ petalinux-util --gdb myapp
```

5. The GDB console will start:

```
...
GNU gdb (crosstool-NG 1.18.0) 7.6.0.20130721-cvs
...
(gdb)
```





- 6. In the GDB console, connect to the target machine using the command:
  - Use the IP address of the target system, for example: 192.168.0.10. If you are not sure about the IP address, run ifconfig on the target console to check.
  - Use the port 1534. If you select a different GDB server port number in the earlier step, use that value instead.



**IMPORTANT!** If debugging on QEMU, refer to the QEMU Virtual Networking Modes for information regarding IP and port redirection when testing in non-root (default) or root mode. For example, if testing in non-root mode, you will need to use localhost as the target IP in the subsequent steps.

```
(gdb) target remote 192.168.0.10:1534
```

The GDB console will attach to the remote target. The GDB server on the target console will display the following confirmation, where the host IP is displayed:

```
Remote Debugging from host 192.168.0.9
```

7. Before starting the execution of the program, create some breakpoints. Using the GDB console you can create breakpoints throughout your code using function names and line numbers. For example, create a breakpoint for the main function:

```
(gdb) break main
Breakpoint 1 at 0x10000444: file myapp.c, line 10.
```

8. Run the program by executing the continue command in the GDB console. GDB will begin the execution of the program.

```
(gdb) continue
Continuing.
Breakpoint 1, main (argc=1, argv=0xbffffe64) at myapp.c:10
10 printf("Hello, PetaLinux World!\n");
```

9. To print a list of the code at current program location, use the list command.

```
(gdb) list
5 */
6 #include <stdio.h>
7
8 int main(int argc, char *argv[])
9 {
10 printf("Hello, PetaLinux World!\n");
11 printf("cmdline args:\n");
12 while(argc--)
13 printf("%s\n",*argv++);
14
```

10. Try the step, next and continue commands. Breakpoints can be set and removed using the break command. More information on the commands can be obtained using the GDB console help command.



11. When the program finishes, the GDB server application on the target system will exit. Here is an example of messages shown on the console:

```
Hello, PetaLinux World!
cmdline args:
/usr/bin/myapp
Child exited with status 0
GDBserver exiting
root@plnx_aarch64:~#
```



**TIP:** A . gdbinit file will be automatically created to setup paths to libraries. You may add your own GDB initialization commands at the end of this file.

### Going Further with GDB

Visit www.gnu.org for more information. For information on general usage of GDB, refer to the GDB project documentation.

### **Troubleshooting**

This section describes some common issues you may experience while debugging applications with GDB.

Table 18: Debugging Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC Applications with GDB Troubleshooting

| Problem / Error Message                                                                                                                          | Description and Solution                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GDB error message: <ip address="">:<port>: Connection refused. GDB cannot connect to the target board using <ip>: <port></port></ip></port></ip> | <b>Problem Description:</b> This error message indicates that the GDB client failed to connect to the GDB server.                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                  | Solution:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                  | Check whether the gdbserver is running on the target system.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                  | Check whether there is another GDB client already connected to the GDB server. This can be done by looking at the target console. If you can see Remote Debugging from host <ip>, it means there is another GDB client connecting to the server.</ip> |
|                                                                                                                                                  | Check whether the IP address and the port are correctly set.                                                                                                                                                                                          |

# **Debugging Individual PetaLinux Components**

#### **PMU Firmware**

https://xilinx-wiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/A/pages/18841724/PMU+Firmware#PMUFirmware-DebuggingPMUFWusingSDK



#### **FSBL**

https://xilinx-wiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/A/pages/18842019/FSBL#FSBL-WhatarevariouslevelsofdebugprintsinFSBL

#### **U-Boot**

https://xilinx-wiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/A/pages/18842557/Debug+U-boot

#### Linux

 $https://xilinx-wiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/A/pages/123011167/Linux+Debug+infrastructure \\ + KProbe+UProbe+LTTng$ 

 $https://xilinx-wiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/A/pages/123011146/Linux+Debug+infrastructure \\ + Kernel+debugging+using+KGDB$ 





# **Advanced Configurations**

# Menuconfig Usage

To select a menu/submenu which was deselected before, press the down arrow key to scroll down the menu or the up arrow key to scroll up the menu. Once the cursor is on the menu, then press  $\mathbf{y}$ . To deselect a menu/submenu, follow the same process and press  $\mathbf{n}$  at the end.

# **PetaLinux Menuconfig System**

In this release, the Linux system components available in the sub-menu are shown as follows:

- First stage boot loader
- PMU firmware, for Zyng<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+™ MPSoC only
- U-Boot
- Kernel
- ATF, for Zyng UltraScale+ MPSoC only

For ATF, U-Boot, and kernel there are 3 options available:

1. Default

The default component is shipped through PetaLinux tool.

2. External source

When you have a component downloaded at any specified location, you can feed your component instead of the default one through this config option.

**Note:** The external source folder is required to be unique to a project and its user, but the content can be modified. If the external source is a git repository, its checked out state should be appropriate for building this project.

3. Remote

If you want to build a component which was on a custom git repo, this config option has to be used.



### **Settings**

When a component is selected to enable automatic configuration (autoconfig) in the system-level menuconfig, its configuration files are automatically updated when the petalinux-config is run.

**Table 19: Components and their Configuration Files** 

| Component in the Menu | Files Impacted when the Autoconfig is enabled                                                                               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Device tree           | The following files are in <plnx-proj-root>/components/plnx_workspace/device-tree/device-tree/</plnx-proj-root>             |
|                       | • skeleton.dtsi(Zynq-7000 devices only)                                                                                     |
|                       | • zynq-7000.dtsi (Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only)                                                                              |
|                       | • zynqmp-clk-ccf.dtsi (Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only)                                                                         |
|                       | • pcw.dtsi (Zynq-7000 devices and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC)                                                                   |
|                       | • pl.dtsi                                                                                                                   |
|                       | • system-conf.dtsi                                                                                                          |
|                       | • system-top.dts                                                                                                            |
|                       | • <board>.dtsi</board>                                                                                                      |
| kernel                | The following files are in <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-plnx-generated/recipes-kernel/linux/configs/</plnx-proj-root> |
|                       | plnx_kernel.cfg                                                                                                             |
|                       | bsp.cfg                                                                                                                     |
| U-Boot                | The following files are in <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-plnx-generated/recipes-bsp/u-boot/configs/</plnx-proj-root>   |
|                       | config.cfg                                                                                                                  |
|                       | config.mk (MicroBlaze™ only)                                                                                                |
|                       | platform-auto.h                                                                                                             |

### **Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings**

The Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings menu allows you to customize how the Linux system interacts with the underlying hardware platform.

#### **System Processor**

The System Processor menu specifies the CPU processor on which the system runs.

#### **Memory Settings**

The Memory Settings menu allows you to:

• Select which memory IP is the primary system memory



- Set the system memory base address
- Set the size of the system memory
- Set the U-Boot text base address offset to a memory high address

The configuration in this menu impacts the memory settings in the device tree and U-Boot automatic configuration (autoconfig) files.

If manual is selected as the primary memory, you are responsible for ensuring proper memory settings for the system.

#### **Serial Settings**

The Serial Settings sub-menu allows you to select which serial device is the system's primary STDIN/STDOUT interface. If manual is selected as the primary serial, you are responsible for ensuring proper serial interface settings for the system.

#### **Ethernet Settings**

The Ethernet Settings sub-menu allows you to:

- Select which Ethernet is the systems' primary Ethernet
- Select to randomize MAC address
- Set the MAC address of the primary Ethernet

If MAC address is programmed into EEPROM, keep this empty here. Refer to the U-Boot documentation for commands to program EEPROM and to configure for the same.

• Set whether to use DHCP or static IP on the primary Ethernet

If manual is selected as the primary Ethernet, you are responsible for ensuring proper Ethernet settings for the system.

#### Flash Settings

The Flash Settings sub-menu allows you to:

- Select which flash is the system's primary flash
- Set the flash partition table

If manual is selected as the primary flash, you are responsible for the flash settings for the system.

#### **SD/SDIO Settings**

The SD/SDIO Settings sub-menu is for Zynq-7000 devices and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only. It allows you to select which SD controller is the system's primary SD card interface.



If manual is selected as the primary flash, you are responsible for the flash settings for the system.

#### **Timer Settings**

The Timer Settings sub-menu is for MicroBlaze processors and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC. It allows you to select which timer is the primary timer.



**IMPORTANT!** A Primary timer is required for a MicroBlaze system.

#### Reset GPIO Settings

The Reset GPIO Settings sub-menu is for MicroBlaze processors only. It allows you to select which GPIO is the system reset GPIO.



**TIP:** MicroBlaze systems use GPIO as a reset input. If a reset GPIO is selected, you can reboot the system from Linux.

#### RTC Settings

Select an RTC instance that is used as a primary timer for the Linux kernel. If your preferred RTC is not on the list, select **manual** to enable the proper kernel driver for your RTC.

#### **Advanced Bootable Images Storage Settings**

The advanced bootable images storage settings sub-menu allows you to specify where the bootable images are located. The settings in this sub-menu are used by PetaLinux to configure U-Boot.

If this sub-menu is disabled, PetaLinux uses the flash partition table specified in the Flash Settings sub-menu to define the location of the bootable images.

**Table 20: Flash Partition Table** 

| Bootable Image/U-Boot<br>Environment Partition | Default<br>Partition<br>Name | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Boot Image                                     | boot                         | BOOT.BIN for Zynq-7000 devices and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC Relocatable U-Boot BIN file (u-boot-s.bin) for MicroBlaze processors                                                                                                                                 |
| U-Boot Environment Partition                   | bootenv                      | U-Boot environment variable partition. When <b>primary sd</b> is selected, U-Boot environment is stored in the first partition. When <b>primary flash</b> is selected, U-Boot environment is stored in the partition mentioned in flash partition name option. |
| Kernel Image                                   | kernel                       | Kernel image image.ub (FIT format)                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| DTB Image                                      | dtb                          | If "Advanced bootable images storage Settings" is disabled and a DTB partition is found in the flash partition table settings, PetaLinux configures U-Boot to load the DTB from the partition table. Else, it assumes a DTB is contained in the kernel image.  |



#### **Kernel Bootargs**

The Kernel Bootargs sub-menu allows you to let PetaLinux automatically generate the kernel boot command-line settings in DTS, or pass PetaLinux user defined kernel boot command-line settings. The following are the default bootargs.

```
Microblaze-full -- console=ttyS0,115200 earlyprintk
Microblaze-lite -- console=ttyUL0,115200 earlyprintk
zynq -- console=ttyPS0,115200 earlyprintk
zynqmp -- earlycon clk_ignore_unused root=/dev/ram rw
```

Note: In Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC, if you want to see kernel panic prints on console, add earlycon console=<device>,<baud rate> clk\_ignore\_unused root=/dev/ram rw. Example: earlycon console=/dev/ttyPSO,115200 clk\_ignore\_unused root=/dev/ram rw in system\_user.dtsi.

For more information, see kernel documentation.

#### **ATF Compilation Configuration**

The ATF Compilation Configuration appears only for the Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC platform. This sub-menu allows you to set:

- Extra ATF compilation settings
- Change the base address of bl31 binary
- Change the size of bl31 binary

#### **Power Management Kernel Configuration**

The Power Management Kernel Configuration option allows PetaLinux to add power related kernel configs.

Select this to enable/disable power management related kernel configs through plnx - kernel.cfg. These configs are later applied over kernel defconfig (xilinx\_zynqmp\_defconfig). If this is not selected, the kernel configs will not be enabled/disabled by PetaLinux explicitly.

The default configuration from Linux defconfig is retained in your PetaLinux project.

#### **U-Boot Configuration**

The U-Boot configuration sub-menu allows you to select a U-Boot automatic configuration (autoconfig) by PetaLinux or a U-Boot board configuration target.

#### **Image Packaging Configuration**

The Image Packaging Configuration sub-menu allows you to set the following image packaging configurations:



- Root file system type.
- File name of the generated bootable kernel image.
- Linux kernel image hash function.
- DTB padding size.
- Whether to copy the bootable images to host TFTP server directory.



**TIP:** The petalinux-build tool always generates a FIT image as the kernel image.

#### **Firmware Version Configuration**

The Firmware Version Configuration sub-menu allows you to set the firmware version information:

**Table 21: Firmware Version Options** 

| Firmware Version Option | File in the Target RootFS |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Host name               | /etc/hostname             |
| Product name            | /etc/petalinux/product    |
| Firmware Version        | /etc/petalinux/version    |



**TIP:** The host name does not get updated. Please see Xilinx Answer 69122 for more details.

### FPGA Manager Configuration and Usage for Zynq-7000 Devices and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC

FPGA manager provides an interface to the Linux for configuring the programmable logic (PL). It will pack bitstreams and dtbos to the /lib/firmware directory in RootFS.

After creating a PetaLinux project for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC, follow the following steps to build FPGA manager support:

- 1. Go to cd cot directory>.
- 2. In the petalinux-config command, select FPGA Manager  $\rightarrow$  [\*] Fpga Manager.

Note: PetaLinux FPGA manager configuration when selected:

- 1. Will generate pl.dtsi nodes as a dt overlay (dtbo).
- 2. Will pack bitstreams in .bin form and dtbos to the /lib/firmware/base directory in RootFS.
- 3. BOOT.BIN generated using petalinux-package command will not have bitstream.
- 3. Specify extra hw files in **FPGA Manager** → **Specify hw directory path**.



**Note:** This step is optional. It is required only if multiple bitstreams for same PS and corresponding dtbos, need to be packed into the RootFS. It will generate and pack bitstream in .bin form and its dtbo in the RootFS at /lib/firmware/<XSA/HDF name>. Ensure that PS design is same for XSA/HDF at hw directory path and <PROOT>/project-spec/hw-description/system<.hdf/.xsa>.

4. Run petalinux-build.

#### Example loading full bitstream on target:

```
root@xilinx-zcu102-2019_1:~# fpgautil -o /lib/firmware/base/pl.dtbo -b /lib/firmware/base/design_1_wrapper.bit.bin

Time taken to load DTBO is 239.000000 milli seconds. DTBO loaded through ZynqMP FPGA manager successfully.
```

Refer to petalinux-package command for generating BOOT.BIN.

Loading a full bitstream through sysfs - loading bitstream only:

```
root@xilinx-zcu102-2019_1:~# fpgautil -b /mnt/design_1_wrapper.bit.bin

Time taken to load BIN is 213.000000 milli seconds. BIN FILE loaded through zynqMP FPGA manager successfully.
```

See help section for more option: root@xilinx-zcu102-2019\_1:~# fpgautil -h

For more information, see http://www.wiki.xilinx.com/Solution+ZynqMP+PL+Programming.

# Device Tree Overlay Configuration for Zynq-7000 Devices and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC

Select this option to separate pl from base DTB and build the pl.dtsi to generate pl.dtbo.

After creating a PetaLinux project follow the below steps to add overlay support:

- 1. Go to cd <proj root directory>.
- 2. In the petalinux-config command, select DTG Settings → Device tree overlay.
- 3. Run petalinux-build.
- 4. It will generate the pl.dtbo in images/linux directory.

FPGA manager overrides all the options. This come into play only when FPGA manager is not selected.



#### Converting Bitstream from .bit to .bin

1. Create a bif file with the following content:

```
all:
{
     [destination_device = pl] <bitstream in .bit> ( Ex:
systemdesign_1_wrapper.bit )
}
```

2. Run following command:

```
bootgen -image bitstream.bif -arch zynqmp -process_bitstream bin
```

**Note:** The bit/bin file name should be same as the firmware name specified in pl.dtsi (design\_1\_wrapper.bit.bin).

## **Configuring Remove PL Device tree**

Select this configuration option to skip PL nodes if the user does not depend on the PL IPs. Also, if any PL IP in DTG generates an error then you can simply enable this flag and the DTG will not generate any PL nodes.

- 1. Go to cd <proj root directory>.
- 2. In the petalinux-config command, select DTG Settings  $\rightarrow$  Remove PL from device tree.
- 3. Run petalinux-build.

**Note:** FPGA manager overrides all these options. This come into play only when FPGA manager is not selected.

**Note:** If you select both device tree overlay and remove PL from device tree, then base DTB has entry for overlay support but there will not be any PL DTBO generated.

#### **Yocto Settings**

Yocto settings allows you to configure various Yocto features available in a project.

*Table 22:* **Yocto Settings** 

| Parameter                   | Description                                                         |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TMPDIR Location             | This directory is used by BitBake to store logs and build artifacts |
| YOCTO_MACHINE_NAME          | Specifies the Yocto machine name for the project                    |
| Parallel thread execution   | To limit the number of threads of BitBake instances                 |
| Add pre-mirror url          | Adds mirror sites for downloading source code of components         |
| Local sstate feeds settings | To use local sstate cache at a specific location                    |
| Enable Debug Tweaks         | Login into target without password                                  |
| Enable Network sstate feeds | Enabled NW sstate feeds                                             |



#### Table 22: Yocto Settings (cont'd)

| Parameter     | Description                                                    |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| User layers   | Adds user layers into projects                                 |
| BB_NO_NETWORK | When enabled, internet access is disabled on the build machine |

# **Configuring Out-of-tree Build**

PetaLinux has the ability to automatically download up-to-date kernel/U-Boot source code from a git repository. This section describes how this features works and how it can be used in system-level menu config. It describes two ways of doing the out-of-tree builds.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- You have PetaLinux Tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see Importing Hardware Configuration.
- Internet connection with git access is available.

## Steps to Configure Out-of-tree Build

Use the following steps to configure <code>UBOOT/Kernel</code> out-of-tree build.

1. Change into the root directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Launch the top level system configuration menu.

```
$ petalinux-config
```

- 3. Select Linux Components Selection sub-menu.
  - For kernel, select linux-kernel () → remote.
    - () linux-xlnx
    - (X) remote
    - () ext-local-src
  - For U-Boot, select u-boot () → remote.
    - () u-boot-xlnx
    - (X) remote



- () ext-local-src
- 4. For kernel, select **Remote linux-kernel settings** → **Remote linux-kernel git URL**, and enter git URL for Linux kernel.

For example: To use https://github.com/Xilinx/linux-xlnx, enter:

```
git://github.com/Xilinx/linux-xlnx.git;protocol=https
```

For U-Boot, select **Remote U-Boot settings** → **Remote u-boot git URL** and enter git URL for U-Boot. For example:

```
git://github.com/Xilinx/u-boot-xlnx.git;protocol=https
```

Once a remote git link is provided, you must provide any of the following values for "git TAG/ Commit ID" selection, otherwise an error message is expected.

You have to set any of the following values to this setting, otherwise an error message appears.

• To point to HEAD of repository of the currently checked out branch:

s\${AUTOREV}

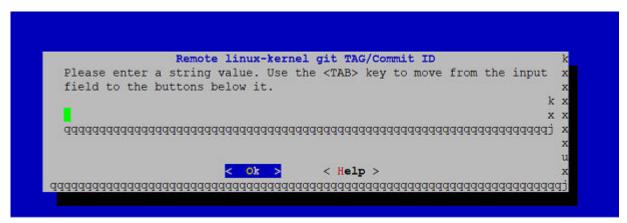
• To point to any tag:

tag/mytag

• To point to any commit id:

```
commit id sha key
```

Once you select git Tag/Commit ID, you can see a prompt to enter a string value as shown in the following figure. Enter any of the above set values.



5. Exit the menu, and save your settings.



# **Using External Kernel and U-Boot with PetaLinux**

PetaLinux includes kernel source and U-Boot source. However, you can build your own kernel and U-Boot with PetaLinux.

PetaLinux supports local sources for kernel, U-Boot and ATF.

For external sources create a directory <plnx-proj-root>/components/ext\_sources/.

1. Copy the kernel source directory:

```
<plnx-proj-root>/components/ext_sources/<MY-KERNEL>
```

2. Copy the U-Boot source directory:

```
<plnx-proj-root>/components/ext_sources/<MY-U-BOOT>
```

- 3. Run petalinux-config, and go into Linux Components Selection sub-menu.
  - For kernel, select linux-kernel () ---> and then select ext-local-src.
    - () linux-xlnx
    - () remote
    - (X) ext-local-src
  - For U-Boot, select u-boot () ---> and then select ext-local-src.
    - () u-boot-xlnx
    - () remote
    - (X) ext-local-src
- 4. Add external source path.
  - For kernel, select **External linux-kernel local source settings --->**. Enter the path:

```
${TOPDIR}/../components/ext_sources/<MY-KERNEL>
```

• For U-Boot, select External u-boot local source settings --->. Enter the path:

```
${TOPDIR}/../components/ext_sources/<MY-U-BOOT>
```

TOPDIR is a Yocto variable pointing to plnx-proj-root>/build directory. You can also specify an absolute path of the source. The sources can be placed outside the project as well.

**Note:** When creating a BSP with external sources in project, it is your responsibility to copy the sources into the project and do the packing. For more information, see BSP Packaging.



**IMPORTANT!** It is not mandatory to have external sources under <code>components/</code>. You can specify any location outside the project as well. However, while packaging the BSP, you are responsible for copying the external sources into <code>components/</code> and setting relative path.



**Note:** If the external source is a git repo, its checked out state must be appropriate for the project that is being built.

## **Troubleshooting**

This section describes some common issues you may experience while configuring out-of-tree build.

Table 23: Configuring Out-of-Tree Build Troubleshooting

| Problem / Error Message                                                      |                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| fatal: The remote end hung up unexpectedly ERROR: Failed to get linux-kernel | Problem Description: This error message indicates that system is unable to download the source code (Kernel/UBOOT) using remote |
|                                                                              | git URL and hence can not proceed with petalinux-build.  Solution:                                                              |
|                                                                              | Check whether entered remote git URL is proper or not.                                                                          |
|                                                                              | If above solution does not solve the problem, cleanup the build with the following command:                                     |
|                                                                              | \$ petalinux-build -x mrproper                                                                                                  |
|                                                                              | Above command will remove following directories.                                                                                |
|                                                                              | < plnx-proj-root>/images/                                                                                                       |
|                                                                              | <plnx-proj-root>/build/</plnx-proj-root>                                                                                        |
|                                                                              | Re-build the system image. For more information, see the Build System Image.                                                    |

# **Configuring Project Components**

If you want to perform advanced PetaLinux project configuration such as enabling Linux kernel options or modifying flash partitions, use the petalinux-config tool with the appropriate -c COMPONENT option.



**IMPORTANT!** Only Xilinx® drivers or optimizations in the Linux kernel configuration are supported by Xilinx technical support. For more information on Xilinx drivers for Linux, see <a href="https://xilinx-wiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/A/pages/18841873/Linux+Drivers">https://xilinx-wiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/A/pages/18841873/Linux+Drivers</a>.

The examples below demonstrate how to use petalinux-config to review or modify your PetaLinux project configuration.

1. Change into the root directory of your PetaLinux project.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
```

2. Launch the top level system configuration menu and configure it to meet your requirements:

```
$ petalinux-config
```



3. Launch the Linux kernel configuration menu and configure it to meet your requirements:

```
$ petalinux-config -c kernel
```

4. Launch the root file system configuration menu and configure it to meet your requirements:

```
$ petalinux-config -c rootfs
```

5. Use '--silentconfig/--oldconfig' for the components

```
$ petalinux-config -c <COMPONENT> --silentconfig
```

Use this option when you do not have Kconfig/Menuconfig support (or) to skip the launching of configuration menu.

Note: petalinux-config -c <COMPONENT> command creates the workspace directory <plnx-proj-root>/components/plnx-workspace/sources/<COMPONENT> by fetching the source. For example, running petalinux-config -c u-boot will fetch the U-Boot source and create the workspace in <plnx-proj-root>/components/plnx-workspace/sources/u-boot-xlnx. You can use this in your development.

Warning message for petalinux-config or petalinux-build commands:

The following warning message appears when you run the petalinux-config or petalinux-build for components (Ex: petalinux-build -c u-boot) and this can be ignored.

WARNING: SRC\_URI is conditionally overridden in this recipe, thus several devtool-override-\* branches have been created, one for each override that makes changes to SRC\_URI. It is recommended that you make changes to the devtool branch first, then checkout and rebase each devtool-override-\* branch and update any unique patches there (duplicates on those branches will be ignored by devtool finish/update-recipe).



**TIP:** Set U-Boot target in <code>petalinux-config</code> menuconfig as required, for your custom board. Set \$\petalinux-config\$ Set <code>MACHINE\_NAME</code> as required. Possible values are ac701-full, ac701-lite, kc705-full, kc705-lite, kcu105, zc1254-reva, zc1275-reva, zc1275-revb, zc1751-dc1, zc1751-dc2, zc702, zc706, avnet-ultra96-rev1, zcu100-reva, zcu100-revb, zcu100-revc, zcu102-rev1.0, zcu102-reva, zcu102-revb, zcu104-reva, zcu104-revc, zcu106-reva, zcu111-reva, zedboard, sp701-rev1.0, vcu118-rev2.0, zcu1285-reva.

**Note:** Please make sure board and user specific dtsi entries are added to project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/device-tree/files/system-user.dtsi.

Using template flow, for zcu102 and zcu106 boards, add the following line to  $<plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/fsbl/fsbl_%.bba ppend for FSBL initializations.$ 

```
YAML_COMPILER_FLAGS_append = " -DXPS_BOARD_ZCU102" #for zcu102
YAML_COMPILER_FLAGS_append = " -DXPS_BOARD_ZCU106" # for zcu106
```



#### **Device Tree Configuration**

This section describes which files are safe to modify for the device tree configuration and how to add new information into the device tree.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see Importing Hardware Configuration. Knowledge of DTS syntax is required to customize the default DTS.

#### **Configuring Device Tree**

User-modifiable PetaLinux device tree configuration is associated with following config files, that are located at <plnx-projroot>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/device-tree/files/:

- multi-arch/
- system-user.dtsi
- xen.dtsi
- zynqmp-qemu-arm.dts
- openamp.dtsi
- xen-qemu.dtsi

The generated files will be in the <plnx-projroot>/components/plnx\_workspace/device-tree/device-tree/directory.



**CAUTION!** All the above mentioned dtsi files are generated by the tool. Editing any of these files is not recommended.

For more details on device tree files, see Appendix B: PetaLinux Project Structure.



**CAUTION!** DTSI files listed above \*. dtsi are automatically generated; you are not supposed to edit these files.

If you wish to add information, like the Ethernet PHY information, this should be included in the <code>system-user.dtsi</code> file. In this case, device tree should include the information relevant for your specific platform as information (here, Ethernet PHY information) is board level and board specific. The system-user.dtsi is automatically created when you configure your PetaLinux project. Once created, the tools do not update it automatically.

The system-user.dtsi is automatically created when you configure your PetaLinux project. Once created, the tools do not update it automatically.



**Note:** The need for this manual interaction is because some information is "board level" and the tools do not have a way of predicting what should be here. Refer to the Linux kernel Device Tree bindings documents (Documentation/devicetree/bindings from the root of the kernel source) for the details of bindings of each device.

An example of a well-formed device tree node for the system-user.dtsi is shown below:



**IMPORTANT!** Ensure that the device tree node name, MDIO address, and compatible strings correspond to the naming conventions used in your specific system.

The following example demonstrates adding the sample-user-1.dtsi file:

1. Add /include/ "system-user-1.dtsi in project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/device-tree/files/system-user.dtsi. The file should look like the following:

```
/include/ "system-conf.dtsi"
/include/ "system-user-1.dtsi"
/ {
};
```

2. Add file://system-user-1.dtsi to project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/device-tree/device-tree.bbappend. The file should look like this:

```
FILESEXTRAPATHS_prepend := "${THISDIR}/files:"

SRC_URI += "file://system-user.dtsi"
SRC_URI += "file://system-user-1.dtsi"
```

It is not recommended to change anything in <plnx-proj-root>/components/
plnx\_workspace/device-tree/device-tree/.

It is recommended to use system user DTSIs for adding, modifying and deleting nodes or values. System user DTSIs are added at the end, which makes the values in it at higher priority.

You can overwrite any existing value in other DTSIs by defining in system user DTSIs.



#### **U-Boot Configuration**

This section describes which files are safe to modify for the U-Boot configuration and discusses about the U-Boot CONFIG\_ options/settings.

#### **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that you have PetaLinux tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. Refer to section Importing Hardware Configuration for more information.

#### Configuring U-Boot

Universal boot loader (U-Boot) Configuration is usually done using C pre-processor defines:

• Configuration \_OPTIONS\_:

You will be able to select the configuration options. They have names beginning with "CONFIG\_".

• Configuration \_SETTINGS\_:

These depend on the hardware etc. They have names beginning with "CONFIG\_SYS\_".



**TIP:** Detailed explanation on *CONFIG\_* options/settings documentation and README on U-Boot can be found at Denx U-Boot Guide.

PetaLinux U-Boot configuration is associated with config.cfg and platform-auto.h configuration files which are located at <plnxproj\_root>/project-spec/ meta-plnx-generated/recipes-bsp/u-boot/configs and platform-top.h located at <plnxproj\_root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/u-boot/files/.

For setting U-Boot environment variables, edit CONFIG\_EXTRA\_ENV\_SETTINGS variable in platform-auto.h. Note that platform-auto.h is regenerated each time petalinux-config is run.



**CAUTION!** config. cfg and platform-auto. h files are automatically generated; edit them with caution.

PetaLinux does not currently automate U-Boot configuration with respect to CONFIG\_ options/settings. You can add these CONFIG\_ options/settings into platform-top.h file.

Steps to add CONFIG\_ option (For example, CONFIG\_CMD\_MEMTEST) to platform-top.h:

• Change into the root directory of your PetaLinux project.

\$ cd <plnx-proj-root>



• Open the file platform-top.h

```
$ vi project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/u-boot/files/platform-top.h
```

 If you want to add CONFIG\_CMD\_MEMTEST option, add the following line to the file. Save the changes.

#define CONFIG\_CMD\_MEMTEST



**TIP:** Defining CONFIG\_CMD\_MEMTEST enables the Monitor Command "mtest", which is used for simple RAM test.

• Build the U-Boot image.

```
$ petalinux-build -c u-boot
```

• Generate BOOT.BIN using the following command.

```
$ petalinux-package --boot --fsbl <FSBL image> --fpga <FPGA bitstream> --
u-boot
```

- Boot the image either on hardware or QEMU and stop at U-Boot stage.
- Enter the mtest command in the U-Boot console as follows:

ZynqMP mtest

• Output on the U-Boot console should be similar to the following:

```
Testing 00000000 ... 00001000:

Pattern 00000000 Writing... Reading...Iteration:
20369
```



**IMPORTANT!** If CONFIG\_CMD\_MEMTEST is not defined, output on U-Boot console will be as follows:

```
U-Boot-PetaLinux> mtest Unknown command 'mtest' - try 'help'
```

For more information on U-Boot, see https://xilinx-wiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/A/pages/18842223/U-boot.



# Yocto Features

# SDK Generation (Target Sysroot Generation)

The OpenEmbedded build system uses BitBake to generate the Software Development Kit (SDK) installer script standard SDKs. PetaLinux builds and installs SDK. The installed SDK can be used as sysroot for the application development.

#### **Building SDK**

The following command builds SDK and copies it at cproj\_root>/images/linux/sdk.sh.

```
petalinux-build --sdk
```

The following is the equivalent BitBake command.

```
bitbake petalinux-user-image -c do_populate_sdk
```

#### **Installing SDK**

The generated SDK has to be installed/extracted to a directory. The following command extracts the SDK to a specified directory. The default SDK is cproj\_proot/images/linux/sdk.sh
and default installation directory is cproj\_proot/images/linux/sdk/.

```
petalinux-package --sysroot -s|--sdk <custom sdk path> -d|--dir <custom directory path>
```

#### **Examples**

1. Adding a cross compiling qt toolchain

To build SDK with qt toolchain:

- a. Create the <proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-core/images/petalinux-user-image.bbappend file.
- b. Add inherit populate\_sdk\_qt5 in the newly created file.
- c. Run petalinux-config -c rootfs and select packagegroup-petalinux-qt.



- d. Run petalinux-build -s.
- e. Run petalinux-package --sysroot.

#### To verify:

- a. Open a new terminal.
- b. Go to <plnx-proj>/image/linux/sdk.
- c. Run source environment-setup-aarch64-xilinx-linux.
- d. Run which gmake. This confirms that the gmake is coming from the SDK.
- 2. Building OpenCV applications
  - a. Create a PetaLinux project.
  - b. Add packagegroup-petalinux-opency in the RootFS menu config.
  - c. Build SDK

```
petalinux-build --sdk
```

This command builds SDK and deploys it at command builds SDK and deploys it at proj\_root/images/linux/sdk.sh.

d. Install SDK.

```
petalinux-package --sysroot
```

This command installs SDK at ot>/images/linux/sdk.

e. Use the images/linux/sdk directory as sysroot for building the OpenCV applications.

## **Accessing BitBake in a Project**

BitBake is available only in the bash shell.

# Steps to Get the BitBake Utility for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC

- 1. Run petalinux-config or petalinux-config --oldconfig or petalinux-config --silentconfig at least once after creating the project, so that the required environment is setup.
- 2. Source the PetaLinux tools script:

source /opt/pkg/petalinux/settings.sh



3. Source the Yocto e-SDK:

source /opt/pkg/petalinux/components/yocto/source/aarch64/env ironment-setup -aarch64-xilinx-linux

4. Source the environment setup script:

source /opt/pkg/petalinux/components/yocto/source/aarch64/layers/core/
oe-init-build-env

After the above step, you will be redirected to the build directory. Stay in the build directory to run BitBake.

5. Export XSCT:

export PATH=/opt/pkg/petalinux/tools/hsm/bin:\$PATH

6. Parse the PetaLinux variable to recipes:

export BB\_ENV\_EXTRAWHITE="\$BB\_ENV\_EXTRAWHITE PETALINUX"

7. To test if the BitBake is available, run:

bitbake strace

The generated images will be placed in the deploy directory. You have to copy the generated images into <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux directory to work with the other commands.

#### Shared sstate-cache

Yocto e-SDK contains minimal shared sstate cache. Xilinx® hosts the full petalinux-image sstate-cache at http://petalinux.xilinx.com/sswreleases/rel-v2019/.

During petalinux-build, BitBake searches for the sstate-cache in the PetaLinux tool. This is the minimal set. If the sstate-cache is not found in this location, BitBake then searches for the same in http://petalinux.xilinx.com/sswreleases/rel-v2019/. If it fails to find the sstate-cache, BitBake will build it from scratch. sstate is signature locked.

For a .bbappend file which you create for any RootFS component, you must add SIGGEN\_UNLOCKED\_RECIPES += "<component>" in <plnx proj root>/project-spec/meta\_user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf.



# **Downloading Mirrors**

Xilinx® hosts all source download tar files for each release at https://www.xilinx.com/support/download/index.html/content/xilinx/en/downloadNav/embedded-design-tools.html. By default, this URL is added to the Yocto SOURCE Mirror in petalinux-config.

If any component is rebuilt from the scratch, BitBake first searches for its source in pre-mirrors, that is, in downloads of the tool, and then searches in petalinux.xilinx.com downloads mirror URL. Later, it searches in SRC\_URI of recipes for downloading the source of that component.

You can add more mirrors by adding SOURCE\_MIRROR\_URL += file:///home/you/your-download-dir/in fin conf/project-spec/meta-user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf.

# **Machine Support**

The Yocto Machine specifies the target device for which the image is built. The variable corresponds to a machine configuration file of the same name, through which machine-specific configurations are set. Currently, PetaLinux supports the user machine configuration file.

You can add your own machine configuration file under project-spec/
meta-user/conf/machine/ or you can add your machine configuration file in any additional layers and add it into project through petalinux-config.

Follow these steps to specify the user machine configuration file name in the PetaLinux project:

- 1. Go into the PetaLinux project.
- 2. Select petalinux-config  $\rightarrow$  Yocto settings  $\rightarrow$  () MACHINE NAME.
- 3. Specify your machine configuration file name.

The BSPs are now updated with the meta-xilinx machines.

Table 24: Machine Name Change for Templates

| Template   | Machine           |
|------------|-------------------|
| zynq       | plnx-zynq7        |
| zynqmp     | plnx-zynqmp       |
| microblaze | plnx-microblazeel |



Table 25: Machine Name Change for BSPs

| BSP                    | Machine           |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| zc702                  | zc702-zynq7       |
| zc706                  | zc706-zynq7       |
| zcu102 (All variants ) | zcu102-zynqmp     |
| zcu106                 | zcu106-zynqmp     |
| zcu104                 | zcu104-zynqmp     |
| kc705                  | plnx-microblazeel |
| ac701                  | plnx-microblazeel |
| kcu105                 | plnx-microblazeel |
| zcu111                 | zcu111-zynqmp     |
| zcu1285                | zcu1285-reva      |
| zc1275                 | zc1275-revb       |
| sp701                  | sp701-rev1.0      |
| vcu118                 | vcu118-rev2.0     |

# **SoC Variant Support**

Xilinx® delivers multiple devices for each SoC product. Zynq® UltraScale+™ MPSoC is shipped in three device variants. For more information see here. Zynq-7000 devices are shipped in two variants. For more information, see here.

SOC\_VARIANT extends overrides with \${SOC\_FAMILY}\${SOC\_VARIANT}. It further extends overrides with components on the SoC (for example, mali, vcu). This makes reusing the component overrides depending on the SoC. This feature is mainly used to switch to hardware acceleration automatically if the hardware design has the corresponding IP (VCU or USP). Xilinx distributes SoC's with multiple variants as shown below.

- 1. Zynq-7000 devices are distributed under Zynq7000zs and Zynq7000z. The available SOC\_VARIANTs are:
  - "7zs" Zynq-7000 Single A9 Core
    - "7z" Zyng-7000 Dual A9 Core
  - Default SOC\_VARIANT for Zynq-7000 devices is "7z". For 7000zs devices, add the SOC\_VARIANT = "7zs" in petalinuxbsp.conf

There are no additional overrides for Zynq-7000 devices.

- 2. Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC is shipped in three device variants. The available SOC\_VARIANTs are:
  - "cg" Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC CG Devices



- "eg" Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC EG Devices
- "ev" Zyng UltraScale+ MPSoC EV Devices
- "dr" RFSoC devices

The default value is "eg". PetaLinux automatically assigns "ev" and "dr" based on the presence of IP in the HDF.

**Note:** You have to explicitly set SOC\_VARIANT = "cg" in petalinuxbsp.conf for "CG" devices.

## **Image Features**

The contents of images generated by the OpenEmbedded build system can be controlled by the IMAGE\_FEATURES and EXTRA\_IMAGE\_FEATURES variables that you typically configure in your image recipes. Through these variables, you can add several different predefined packages such as development utilities or packages with debug information needed to investigate application problems or profile applications.

To remove any default feature, add the following code in the petalinuxbsp.conf:

```
IMAGE_FEATURES_remove = "ssh-server-dropbear"
```

To add any new feature, add the following command in the petalinuxbsp.conf:

```
IMAGE_FEATURES_append = " myfeature"
```

# Filtering RootFS Packages Based on License

The INCOMPATBLE\_LICENSE flag is used to control which packages are included in the final root file system configuration based on the license.

If you want exclude packages based on license, you can edit the <plnx-proj>/project-spec/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf file. For example, set INCOMPATBLE\_LICENSE = "GPLv3", then run the petalinux-build command.



# Creating and Adding Patches For Software Components within a PetaLinux Project

To create and add patches for software components within a PetaLinux project, follow these steps:

- Select devtool as the build tool: petalinux-config → Yocto settings → Build tool (devtool)
- 2. Get the source code from git url specified in meta-layers: petalinux-build -c <recipe-name> -x modify

**Note:** petalinux-build -c <recipe-name> or petalinux-config -c <recipe-name> will automatically fetch the source to the workspace directory.

The above command will fetch the sources for the recipe and unpack them to a components/plnx\_workspace/sources/<recipename> directory and initialize it as a git repository if it isn't already one.

- 3. Make the changes you want to make to the source.
- 4. Run a build to test your changes. You can just petalinux-build -c <recipename> or even build an entire image using petalinux-build incorporating the changes assuming a package produced by the recipe is part of an image. There is no need to force anything; the build system will detect changes to the source and recompile as necessary.
- 5. Optional: Test your changes on the target.
- 6. Place your changes in the form of a patch to the PetaLinux project. To commit your changes, use the following commands.

```
git commit -s
git add <filename>
```

petalinux-build -c <recipe-name> -x finish will create a patch for the committed changes in recipe sources directory and removes the source from workspace.

petalinux-build -c <recipe-name> -x update-recipe will create a patch for the committed changes in recipe sources directory.

7. Once you have finished working on the recipe, run devtool reset <recipe-name>. It will remove the source directory for the recipe from workspace.





# Technical FAQs

## **Troubleshooting**

This section details the common errors that appear, while working with the PetaLinux commands, and also lists their recovery steps in detail.

For Yocto related information, please see https://xilinx-wiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/A/pages/18842475/PetaLinux+Yocto+Tips.

#### TMPDIR on NFS

The error displayed is:

"ERROR: OE-core's config sanity checker detected a potential misconfiguration". Either fix the cause of this error or disable the checker at your own risk (see sanity.conf). For the list of potential problems or advisories.

The TMPDIR: /home/user/xilinx-kc705-axi-full-2019.2/build/tmp cannot be located on NFS.

When TMPDIR is on NFS, BitBake throws an error at the time of parsing. You have to change it from petalinux-config and then provide any local storage. To do this, select **Yocto-settings TMPDIR**.

Do not configure the same TMPDIR for two different PetaLinux projects. This can cause build errors.

### Recipe Name Having '\_'

If the app name is  $plnx_myapp$ , BitBake throws an error. A version number has to be entered after ' '.

For example,  $myapp_1$  is an accurate app/module name.



To recover, you have to sstateclean the app created and then delete it. Also, delete the line in conf/user-rootfsconfig.

```
CONFIG_plnx_myapp
```

### **Recover from Corrupted Terminal**

When PetaLinux is exited forcefully by pressing Ctrl+C twice, the following error appears:

```
NOTE: Sending SIGTERM to remaining 1 tasks
Error in atexit._run_exitfuncs:
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File
   "/opt/pkg/petalinux/components/yocto/source/aarch64/layers/core/
bitbake/lib/bb/ui/k
notty.py", line 313, in finish
   self.termios.tcsetattr(fd, self.termios.TCSADRAIN, self.stdinbackup)
termios.error: (5, 'Input/output error')
```

After this error, the console is broken and you cannot see the text that you typed. To restore the console, enter stty sane and press Ctrl+J twice.

### **Python Language Settings**

The following errors appear when the language settings are missing:

- 1. You will see the error "Could not find the /log/cooker/plnx\_microblaze in the /tmp directory" during petalinux-config.
- 2. Please use a locale setting which supports UTF-8 (such as LANG=en\_US.UTF-8). Python cannot change the file system locale after loading, therefore, we need a UTF-8 when Python starts, else it will not work.

```
ERROR: Failed to build project
```

To resolve the above errors, set the following:

```
export LC_ALL=en_US.UTF-8
export LANG=en_US.UTF-8
export LANGUAGE=en_US.UTF-8
```

#### Menuconfig Hang for Kernel and U-Boot

For petalinux-config -c, sometimes when the kernel and U-Boot BitBake try to open a new terminal inside, they fail. The following are the possible error messages:

```
1. ERROR: Unable to spawn new terminal
```

2. ERROR: Continuing the execution without opening the terminal





#### The solutions can be:

- 1. Use ssh -X <hostname>.
- 2. Uncomment the OE\_TERMINAL line in <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf. You can set any terminal which suits you. For more details, see Chapter 11: Yocto Features. You have to change the OE\_TERMINAL as it is not able to get through default. Uncomment the OE\_TERMINAL in <plnx-proj-root>/ project-spec/meta-user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf and set it to xterm or screen. For this, you are required to have the corresponding utility installed in your PC.

#### Menuconfig Not Seen for Kernel and U-Boot

set SHELL=/bin/bash before issuing petalinux-config -c kernel/ petalinuxconfig -c u-boot

#### **External Source Configurations**

The cfg or scc files will not be applied with external source in the Yocto flow (upstream behavior). PetaLinux needs to handle external source with configurations applied. Therefore, it is always recommended to use cfgs instead of sccs.

Xen and openamp are handled through distro features. Adding distro features will not enable their corresponding configurations in kernel as they are handled in scc file. The solution is to edit  $<plnx-project-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-xlnx_%.bbappend.$ 

#### Add the following lines:

```
SRC_URI += "file://xilinx-kmeta/bsp/xilinx/xen.cfg"
```

To work with the scc files, replace their respective cfg files using external source methodology.

### do\_image\_cpio: Function Failed

CPIO format does not support sizes greater than 2 GB. Therefore, you cannot use INITRAMFS for larger sizes. The following steps describes the process for larger image sizes (greater than 2 GB).

1. Change the RootFS type to EXT (SD/eMMC/QSPI/SATA/USB)...

```
$ petalinux-config
```

Select Image Packaging Configuration  $\rightarrow$  Root filesystem type  $\rightarrow$  EXT (SD/eMMC/QSPI/SATA/USB)..





 Add the following lines in the <proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/conf/ petalinuxbsp.conf.

```
IMAGE_FSTYPES_remove = "cpio cpio.gz cpio.bz2 cpio.xz cpio.lzma cpio.lz4
cpio.gz.u-boot"
IMAGE_FSTYPES_DEBUGFS_remove = "cpio cpio.gz cpio.bz2 cpio.xz cpio.lzma
cpio.lz4
cpio.gz.u-boot"
```

3. Build the project.

```
$ petalinux-build
```

**Note:** Unlike earlier, currently PetaLinux does not generate the global DTS file. Use the following command to generate the global DTS file:

```
dtc -I dtb -O dts -o system.dts system.dtb
```



**CAUTION!** Do not use the symlinked path to the project directories for any build operations, including simply "cd"ing into the directory.

#### **Package Management**

PetaLinux supports package management system for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC. Use the following steps to configure and use the package management system:

- 1. Enable DNF through petalinux-config -c rootfs. Enable the following configs to use DNF.
  - Image Features --> [\*] package management
  - Set the package feed url from Image Features --> http://petalinux.xilinx.com/sswreleases/rel-v2019/feeds/ultra96-zynqmp) Package feed url.

Check the available package feeds in http://petalinux.xilinx.com/sswreleases/rel-v2019/feeds.

2. Build the project.

```
#petalinux-build
```

- Boot Linux in SD or in JTAG boot mode.
- 4. Check for .repo file on target in /etc/yum.repos.d/ as shown below.

```
[oe-remote-repo-sswreleases-rel-v2019-feeds-ultra96-zynqmp]
name=OE Remote Repo: sswreleases rel-v2019 feeds ultra96-zynqmp
baseurl=http://petalinux.xilinx.com/sswreleases/rel-v2019/feeds/ultra96-
zynqmp
gpgcheck=0
```

5. List all available packages.

```
#dnf repoquery
```



6. Install a specific package.

#dnf install <pkg name>

Example: #dnf install packagegroup-petalinux-matchbox

Once the matchbox package is installed, reboot the target and you should get the desktop environment.

# Linux Boot Hang with Large INITRAMFS Image in Zynq-7000 Devices and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC

When petalinux-boot command is issued, the following warning message is displayed:

"Linux image size is large (\${imgsize}). It can cause boot issues. Please refer to Technical FAQs. Storage based RootFilesystem is recommended for large images."

If your INITRAMFS image size is large, use storage based boot.





# Migration

This section describes the migration details of the current release versus the previous release.

## **Tool Directory Structure**

Following is the tool directory structure:

- <path-to-installed-petalinux>/tools/linux-i386/petalinux has been moved to <path-to-installed-petalinux>/tools/xsct/petalinux.
- Since the PetaLinux tool is not using the available toolchain, <path-to-installed-petalinux>/tools/linux-i386, it has been removed.
- <path-to-installed-petalinux>/tools/xsct/SDK/2018.3 has been moved to <path-to-installed-petalinux>/tools/xsct.

# **DT Overlay Support**

- The bitstream filename in <plnx-proj>/images/linux/ is system.bit but if you enable DT Overlay Support, it will be with design name.
- DT Overlay Support has been added for Zyng®-7000 devices.

# **Build Changes**

petalinux-build will generate ulmage for Zynq®-7000 devices and MicroBlaze™ processors. ulmage support for Zynq® UltraScale+™ MPSoC has been removed.



# **Menuconfig Changes**

In this release, Image Packaging Configuration  $\rightarrow$  Root Filesytem type  $\rightarrow$  SD card has changed to Image Packaging Configuration  $\rightarrow$  Root Filesytem type  $\rightarrow$  EXT (SD/eMMC/QSPI/SATA/USB).

# **Appending Rootfs Packages**

In earlier releases, to add new packages to rootfs, you had to edit the <plnx-proj-root>/
project-spec/meta-user/recipes-core/images/petalinux-imagefull.bbappend file. For example:

IMAGE\_INSTALL\_APPEND = "opency"

From 2019.2 release onwards, you have to use the <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/conf/user\_rootfsconfig file to append new rootfs packages to PetaLinux images. For example:

CONFIG\_opencv





# PetaLinux Project Structure

This section provides a brief introduction to the file and directory structure of a PetaLinux project. A PetaLinux project supports development of a single Linux system development at a time. A built Linux system is composed of the following components:

- Device tree
- First stage boot loader (optional)
- U-Boot
- Linux kernel
- RootFS is composed of the following components:
  - Prebuilt packages
  - Linux user applications (optional)
  - User modules (optional)

A PetaLinux project directory contains configuration files of the project, the Linux subsystem, and the components of the subsystem. The petalinux-build command builds the project with those configuration files. You can run petalinux-config to modify them. Here is an example of a PetaLinux project:

```
project-spec
  meta-plnx-generated
  hw-description
   configs
  meta-user
pre-built
   linux
      implementation
      images
hardware
  xilinx-zcu104-2019.2
components
  plnx_workspace
      device-tree
config.project
README
README.hw
```



**Table 26: PetaLinux Project Description** 

| File / Directory in a PetaLinux Project                          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| /.petalinux/                                                     | Directory to hold tools usage and WebTalk data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| /config.project/                                                 | Project configuration file.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| /project-spec                                                    | Project specification.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| /project-spec/hw-description                                     | Hardware description imported from Vivado® design tools.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| /project-spec/configs                                            | Configuration files of top level config and RootFS config.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| /project-spec/configs/config                                     | Configuration file used to store user settings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| /project-spec/configs/rootfs_config                              | Configuration file used for root file system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <pre>/components/plnx_workspace/device-tree/device- tree/</pre>  | Device tree files used to build device tree. The following files are auto generated by petalinux-config:  • skeleton.dtsi(Zynq-7000 devices only)  • zynq-7000.dtsi(Zynq-7000 devices only)  • zynqmp.dtsi(Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only)                                                                                               |  |
|                                                                  | pcw.dtsi (Zynq-7000 devices and Zynq UltraScale+<br>MPSoC only)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
|                                                                  | • pl.dtsi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
|                                                                  | • system-conf.dtsi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
|                                                                  | • system-top.dts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
|                                                                  | • <bsp name="">.dtsi</bsp>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
|                                                                  | It is not recommended to edit these files, as these files are regenerated by the tools.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| /project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/device-<br>tree/files/       | system-user.dtsi is not modified by any PetaLinux tools. This file is safe to use with revision control systems. In addition, you can add your own DTSI files to this directory. You have to edit the <plnx-proj-root>/project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/device-tree/device-tree.bbappend by adding your DTSI file.</plnx-proj-root> |  |
| /project-spec/meta-plnx-generated/recipes-<br>bsp/u-boot/configs | U-Boot PetaLinux configuration files. The following files are auto generated by petalinux-config:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|                                                                  | config.mk for MicroBlaze processors only                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
|                                                                  | platform-auto.h                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
|                                                                  | config.cfg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
|                                                                  | <pre>platform-top.h will not be modified by any PetaLinux tools. When U-Boot builds, these files are copied into U-Boot build directory build/linux/u-boot/src/ <u_boot_src>/ as follows:</u_boot_src></pre>                                                                                                                          |  |
|                                                                  | config is the U-Boot kconfig file.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
|                                                                  | config.mk is copied to board/xilinx/microblaze-generic/for MicroBlaze.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| /project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/u-boot/files/platform-top.h  | platform-auto.h and platform-top.h is copied to include/configs/ directory.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |



#### Table 26: PetaLinux Project Description (cont'd)

| File / Directory in a PetaLinux Project        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| /components/                                   | Directory for embedded software workspace and place to hold external sources while packing BSP. You can also manually copy components into this directory. Here is the rule to place a external component: <plnx-proj-root>/components/ext_source/<component></component></plnx-proj-root> |
| /project-spec/meta-user/conf/petalinuxbsp.conf | This configuration file contains all the local user configurations for your build environment. It is a substitute for "local.conf" in the Yocto meta layers.                                                                                                                               |

#### Notes:

1. All the paths are relative to <plnx-projroot>.

When the project is built, three directories will be auto generated:

- <plnx-proj-root>/build for the files generated for build.
- <plnx-proj-root>/images for the bootable images.
- <plnx-proj-root>/build/tmp for the files generated by Yocto. This directory is configurable through petalinux-config.

#### Here is an example:

```
<plnx-proj-root>
 -build
 -bitbake.lock
-build.log
-config.log
 -cache/
 -conf/
 -downloads/
 -misc/
 -config/
 -plnx-generated/
 -rootfs_config/
-sstate-cache/
-tmp/
 -components
 -plnx_workspace/
 -config.project
 -hardware
 -images
 -linux/
 -pre-built
 -linux/
-project-spec
 -attributes
 -configs/
 -config
 -rootfs_config
 -hw-description/
 -meta-plnx-generated/
 -meta-user/
```



Note: <plnx-proj-root>/build/ are automatically generated. Do not manually edit files in this directory. Contents in this directory will get updated when you run petalinux-config or petalinux-build. <plnx-proj-root>/images/ are also automatically generated. Files in this directory will get updated when you run petalinux-build.

The table below is an example for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC.

By default the build artifacts are removed to preserve space after petalinux-build. To preserve the build artifacts, you have to remove INHERIT += "rm\_work" from build/conf/local.conf, but it increases the project space.

Table 27: Build Directory in a PetaLinux Project

| Build Directory in a PetaLinux Project                                                           | Description                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <plnx-proj-root>/build/build.log</plnx-proj-root>                                                | Logfile of the build.                                                               |
| <plnx-proj-root>/build/misc/config/</plnx-proj-root>                                             | Directory to hold files related to the Linux subsystem build.                       |
| <pre><plnx-proj-root>/build/misc/rootfs_config/</plnx-proj-root></pre>                           | Directory to hold files related to the RootFS build.                                |
| \${TMPDIR}/work/plnx_aarch64-xilinx-linux/petalinux-ser-image/1.0-r0/rootfs                      | RootFS copy of target. This is the staging directory.                               |
| \${TMPDIR}/plnx_aarch64                                                                          | Stage directory to hold the libs and header files required to build user apps/libs. |
| \${TMPDIR}/work/plnx_aarch64-xilinx-linux/linux-xlnx                                             | Directory to hold files related to the kernel build.                                |
| \${TMPDIR}/work/plnx_aarch64-xilinx-linux/u-boot-xlnx                                            | Directory to hold files related to the U-Boot build.                                |
| <pre><plnx-proj-root>/components/plnx_workspace/ device-tree/device-tree"</plnx-proj-root></pre> | Directory to hold files related to the device tree build.                           |

Table 28: Image Directory in a PetaLinux Project

| Image Directory in a PetaLinux Project          | Description                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/</plnx-proj-root> | Directory to hold the bootable images for Linux subsystem |

# **Project Layers**

The PetaLinux project has the following two layers under proj-plnx-root>/projectspec.

### 1. meta-plnx-generated

This layer holds all bbappends and configuration fragment (cfg) for all components. All files in this layer are generated by the tool based on hardware design and user configuration. The files in this layer should not be updated manually, as it is regenerated for petalinux-config and petalinux-build commands.



#### 2. meta-user

This layer is a place holder for all user-specific changes. You can add your own bbappend and configuration files in this layer.





# **Generating Boot Components**

# First Stage Boot Loader for Zynq UltraScale+ and Zynq-7000 Devices

By default, the top level system settings are set to generate the first stage boot loader. This is optional.

**Note:** If you do not want the PetaLinux build FSBL/FS-BOOT, then you will need to manually build it on your own. Else, your system will not boot properly.

If you had disabled first stage boot loader from menuconfig previously, You can configure the project to build first stage boot loader as follows:

1. Launch top level system settings configuration menu and configure:

```
$ petalinux-config
```

- a. Select Linux Components Selection ---> sub-menu.
- b. Select First Stage Boot Loader option.

```
[*] First Stage Bootloader
```

- c. Exit the menu and save the change.
- 2. Launch petalinux-build to build the FSBL:

Build the FSBL when building the project:

```
$ petalinux-build
```

Build the FSBL only:

```
$ petalinux-build -c fsbl (for MicroBlaze, it is fs-boot)
```

The boot loader ELF file will be installed as zynqmp\_fsbl.elf for Zynq® UltraScale+™ MPSoC, zynq\_fsbl.elf for Zynq®-7000 devices and fs-boot.elf for MicroBlaze™ processors in images/linux inside the project root directory.

For more information on FSBL, see https://xilinx-wiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/A/pages/18842019/FSBL.



# **Arm Trusted Firmware (ATF)**

This is for Zynq<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+<sup>™</sup> MPSoC. This is mandatory. By default, the top level system settings are set to generate the ATF.

You can set the ATF configurable options as follows:

1. Launch top level system settings configuration menu and configure:

```
$ petalinux-config
```

- a. Select the **Arm Trusted Firmware Compilation Configuration --->** submenu.
- b. Enter your settings.
- c. Exit the menu and save the change.
- 2. Build the ATF when building the project:

```
$ petalinux-build
```

Build the ATF only:

```
$ petalinux-build -c arm-trusted-firmware
```

The ATF ELF file will be installed as b131.elf for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC in images/linux inside the project root directory.

For more information on ATF, see https://xilinx-wiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/A/pages/18842107/Arm+Trusted+Firmware.

#### **PMU Firmware**

This is for Zynq<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+<sup>™</sup> MPSoC only. This is optional. By default, the top level system settings are set to generate the PMU firmware.



**CAUTION!** If the user wishes not to have PetaLinux build the PMU firmware, then you will need to manually build it on your own. Else, your system will not boot properly.

You can configure the project to build PMU firmware as follows:

1. Launch top level system settings configuration menu and configure:

```
$ petalinux-config
```

a. Select Linux Components Selection.



b. Select PMU Firmware option.

[\*] PMU Firmware

- c. Exit the menu and save the change.
- 2. Build the PMU firmware when building the project:

\$ petalinux-build

Build the PMU firmware only:

\$ petalinux-build -c pmufw

The PMU firmware ELF file will be installed as pmufw.elf for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC in images/linux inside the project root directory.

For more information on PMU Firmware, see http://www.wiki.xilinx.com/PMU+Firmware.

# **FS-Boot for MicroBlaze Platform Only**

FS-Boot in PetaLinux is a first stage boot loader demo for MicroBlaze™ platform only. It is to demonstrate how to load images from flash to the memory and jump to it. If you want to try FS-Boot, you will need 8 KB block RAM at least.

FS-Boot supports parallel flash and SPI flash in standard SPI mode and Quad SPI mode only.

In order for FS-Boot to know where in the flash should get the image, macro CONFIG\_FS\_BOOT\_START needs to be defined. This is done by the PetaLinux tools. PetaLinux tools set this macro automatically from the boot partition settings in the menuconfig primary flash partition table settings. For parallel flash, it is the start address of boot partition. For SPI flash, it is the start offset of boot partition.

The image in the flash requires a wrapper header followed by a BIN file. FS-Boot gets the target memory location from wrapper. The wrapper needs to contain the following information:

**Table 29: Wrapper Information** 

| Offset | Description                                  | Value                                                                                                                                           |
|--------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0×0    | FS-Boot bootable image magic code            | 0×b8b40008                                                                                                                                      |
| 0×4    | BIN image size                               | User defined                                                                                                                                    |
| 0×100  | FS-Boot bootable image target memory address | User defined. PetaLinux tools automatically calculate it from the u-boot text base address offset from the Memory Settings from the menuconfig. |
| 0×10c  | Where the BIN file start                     | None                                                                                                                                            |



FS-Boot ignores other fields in the wrapper header. PetaLinux tools generate the wrapper header to wrap around the U-Boot BIN file.





# **QEMU Virtual Networking Modes**

There are two execution modes in QEMU: non-root (default) and root requires sudo or root permission). The difference in the modes relates to virtual network configuration.

In non-root mode QEMU sets up an internal virtual network which restricts network traffic passing from the host and the guest. This works similar to a NAT router. You can not access this network unless you redirect top ports.

In root mode QEMU creates a subnet on a virtual Ethernet adapter, and relies on a DHCP server on the host system.

The following sections detail how to use the modes, including redirecting the non-root mode so it is accessible from your local host.

# **Redirecting Ports in Non-root Mode**

If running QEMU in the default non-root mode, and you wish to access the internal (virtual) network from your host machine (For example, to debug with either GDB or TCF Agent), you will need to forward the emulated system ports from inside the QEMU virtual machine to the local machine. The petalinux-boot --qemu command utilizes the --qemu-args option to perform this redirection. The following table outlines some example redirection arguments. This is standard QEMU functionality, refer to the QEMU documentation for more details.

**Table 30: Redirection Arguments** 

| QEMU Options Switch                           | Purpose                                                                                                                | Accessing guest from host                      |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| -tftp <path-to-directory></path-to-directory> | Sets up a TFTP server at the specified directory, the server is available on the QEMU internal IP address of 10.0.2.2. |                                                |
| -redir tcp:10021:<br>10.0.2.15:21             | Redirects port 10021 on the host to port 21 ftp) in the guest                                                          | host> ftp localhost 10021                      |
| -redir tcp:10023:<br>10.0.2.15:23             | Redirects port 10023 on the host to port 23 telnet) in the guest                                                       | host> telnet localhost 10023                   |
| -redir tcp:10080:<br>10.0.2.15:80             | Redirects port 10080 on the host to port 80 http) in the guest                                                         | Type http://localhost:10080 in the web browser |



#### Table 30: Redirection Arguments (cont'd)

| QEMU Options Switch               | Purpose | Accessing guest from host                                                  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -redir tcp:10022:<br>10.0.2.15:22 |         | Run ssh -P 10022 localhost on the host to open a SSH session to the target |

The following example shows the command line used to redirect ports:

```
$ petalinux-boot --qemu --kernel --qemu-args "-redir tcp:1534::1534"
```

This document assumes the use of port 1534 for gdbserver and tcf-agent, but it is possible to redirect to any free port. The internal emulated port can also be different from the port on the local machine:

```
$ petalinux-boot --qemu --kernel --qemu-args "-redir tcp:1444::1534"
```

# **Specifying the QEMU Virtual Subnet**

By default, PetaLinux uses 192.168.10.\* as the QEMU virtual subnet in --root mode. If it has been used by your local network or other virtual subnet, you may wish to use another subnet. You can configure PetaLinux to use other subnet settings for QEMU by running petalinux-boot as follows on the command console:

Note: This feature requires sudo access on the local machine, and must be used with the --root option.

```
$ petalinux-boot --qemu --root --u-boot --subnet <subnet gateway IP>/
<number of the bits of the subnet mask>
```

For example, to use subnet 192.168.20.\*:

```
$ petalinux-boot --qemu --root --u-boot --subnet 192.168.20.0/24
```





# Xilinx IP Models Supported by QEMU

**Note:** By default, QEMU will disable any devices for which there is no model available. For this reason it is not possible to use QEMU to test your own customized IP cores (unless you develop C/C++ models for them according to QEMU standard).

For more information on Xilinx® IP models supported by QEMU, see Xilinx Quick Emulator User Guide: QEMU (UG1169).





# Xen Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC Example

This section details on the Xen Zynq<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+<sup>™</sup> MPSoC example. It describes how to get Linux to boot as dom0 on top of Xen on Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC.

## **Prerequisites**

This section assumes that the following prerequisites have been satisfied:

- You have PetaLinux tools software platform ready for building a Linux system customized to your hardware platform. For more information, see Importing Hardware Configuration.
- You have created a PetaLinux project from the reference BSP.
- There are Xen related prebuilts in the pre-built/linux/images directory, which are xen.dtb, xen.ub, xen-Image and xen-rootfs.cpio.gz.u-boot.

#### **Boot Prebuilt Linux as dom0**

1. Copy prebuilt Xen images to your TFTP directory so that you can load them from U-Boot with TFTP.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
$ cp pre-built/linux/images/xen.dtb <tftpboot>/
$ cp pre-built/linux/images/xen.ub <tftpboot>/
$ cp pre-built/linux/images/xen-Image <tftpboot>/
$ cp pre-built/linux/images/xen-rootfs.cpio.gz.u-boot <tftpboot>/
```

2. Boot prebuilt U-Boot image on the board with either JTAG boot or boot from SD card.

**Note:** For SD card boot, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with an SD Card and for JTAG boot, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with JTAG.

3. Setup TFTP server IP from U-Boot:

```
platform> setenv serverip <TFTP SERVERIP>
```



4. Load Xen images and from U-Boot:

```
Platform> tftpboot 0x1280000 xen.dtb
Platform> tftpboot 80000 xen-Image
Platform> tftpboot 0x1400000 xen.ub
Platform> tftpboot 0x9000000 xen-rootfs.cpio.gz.u-boot
Platform> bootm 0x1400000 0x9000000 0x1280000
```



**TIP:** For re-built images that differ in RootFS image size, the above addresses have to be adjusted so that there is no overlap when these images are copied to the RAM.

#### Rebuild Xen

After creating a PetaLinux project for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC, follow the below steps to build Xen images:

- 1. Go to cd <proj root directory>.
- 2. In the petalinux-config command, select Image Packaging Configuration → Root filesystem type (INITRD).
- 3. In petalinux-config -c rootfs, select PetaLinux Package Groups → Packagegroup-petalinux-xen → [\*] packagegroup-petalinux-xen.
- 4. Edit the device tree to build in the extra Xen related configs. Edit this file: project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/device-tree/files/system-user.dtsi and add this line: /include/ "xen.dtsi"

It should look like the following:

```
/include/ "system-conf.dtsi"
/include/ "xen.dtsi"
/ {
};
```

5. Edit the file: project-spec/meta-user/recipes-bsp/device-tree/device-tree.bbapp end and add this line to it: SRC\_URI += "file://xen.dtsi"

The file should look like this:

```
FILESEXTRAPATHS_prepend := "${THISDIR}/files:"

SRC_URI += "file://system-user.dtsi"
SRC_URI += "file://xen.dtsi"
```

- 6. Run petalinux-build: \$ petalinux-build.
- 7. The build artifacts will be in images/linux in the project directory.

**Note:** By default, the petalinux-build command does not build Xen. The default root file system does not contain the Xen tools. You have to use Xen RootFS.





**IMPORTANT!** You are required to update dom0 memory in xen-bootargs in the xen.dtsi file based on the image/RootFS size. Also, adjust the above load addresses based on the image/RootFS size without overlapping.

### **Boot Built Linux as dom0**

1. Copy built Xen images to your TFTP directory so that you can load them from U-Boot with TFTP.

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
$ cp images/linux/system.dtb <tftpboot>/
$ cp images/linux/xen.ub <tftpboot>/
$ cp images/linux/Image <tftpboot>/
$ cp images/linux/rootfs.cpio.gz.u-boot <tftpboot>/
```

2. Boot built U-Boot image on the board with either JTAG boot or boot from SD card.

**Note:** For SD card boot, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with an SD Card and for JTAG boot, see Boot a PetaLinux Image on Hardware with JTAG.

3. Setup TFTP server IP from U-Boot:

```
Platform> setenv serverip <TFTP SERVERIP>
```

4. Load Xen images from U-Boot:

```
Platform> tftpboot 0x1280000 system.dtb
Platform> tftpboot 0x80000 Image
Platform> tftpboot 0x1400000 xen.ub
Platform> tftpboot 0x9000000 rootfs.cpio.gz.u-boot
Platform> bootm 0x1400000 0x9000000 0x1280000
```

**Note:** The load addresses of Xen are just representatives, for exact steps and load addresses see <a href="http://www.wiki.xilinx.com/XEN+Hypervisor">http://www.wiki.xilinx.com/XEN+Hypervisor</a>.





# **Booting Prebuilt OpenAMP**

Use the following steps to execute OpenAMP:

To boot prebuilt Linux for Zyng<sup>®</sup> UltraScale+™ MPSoC, follow these steps:

```
$ cd <plnx-proj-root>
$ cp pre-built/linux/images/openamp.dtb pre-built/linux/images/system.dtb
$ petalinux-boot --jtag --prebuilt 3 --hw_server-url <hostname:3121>
```

To load openamp firmware and run openamp test application, run the following command:

```
$ echo <echo_test_firmware> > /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc0/firmware
```

For example, to load image\_echo\_test, run:

```
$ echo image_echo_test > /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc0/firmware
$ echo start > /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc0/state
$ echo_test
$ echo stop > /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc0/state
```

To stop running, run the following command:

```
$ echo stop > /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc0/state
```

For more examples, see Libmetal and OpenAMP for Zyng Devices User Guide (UG1186).





# Additional Resources and Legal Notices

#### Xilinx Resources

For support resources such as Answers, Documentation, Downloads, and Forums, see Xilinx Support.

### References

These documents provide supplemental material useful with this guide:

- 1. PetaLinux Documentation (www.xilinx.com/petalinux)
- 2. Xilinx Answer Record (55776)
- 3. Zyng UltraScale+ MPSoC: Software Developers Guide (UG1137)
- 4. PetaLinux Tools Documentation: PetaLinux Command Line Reference (UG1157)
- 5. Xilinx Quick Emulator User Guide (QEMU) (UG1169)
- 6. Libmetal and OpenAMP for Zynq Devices User Guide (UG1186)
- 7. www.wiki.xilinx.com/Linux
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- 9. Yocto Project Technical FAQ
- 10. Vitis Unified Software Platform Documentation: Embedded Software Development (UG1400)



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