

Embedded Linux

Splash screen for Embedded Linux 101: How to customize your boot sequence

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Agenda



- About Us : LAFON
- Splash Screen ?
- How to add a splashscreen in U-Boot ?
- How to change the boot logo of the Linux kernel?
- Dynamic splash screen in userspace area ?
- Summary







About us: LAFON

- Founded in Bordeaux in 1959
- part of the MADIC group since 2006



- a « leading industrial group which specialises in Energy »
- Sites:







LAFON: 'payment' service



Service:

- Oriented payments
- Oriented system (embedded Linux)

Requirements ...:

- PCI DSS
- PCI P2PE
- GIE Carte Bancaire
- ...

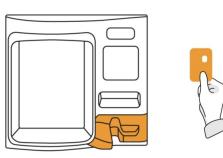
Security ...:

- Trustzone
- Secure Boot, ...
- ...

Open Source

- Qt (GUI)
- Yocto/OpenEmbedded (build system)
- cURL, libevent, libxml2, ...







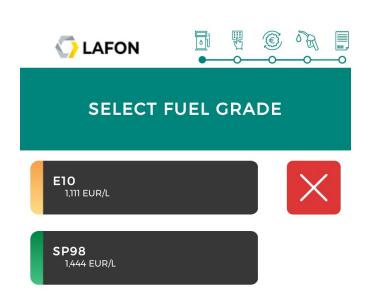


LAFON: APL3.5





Specifications







LAFON: APL3 « legacy »







Introduction



Why a splash screen?



Customer



Responsiveness

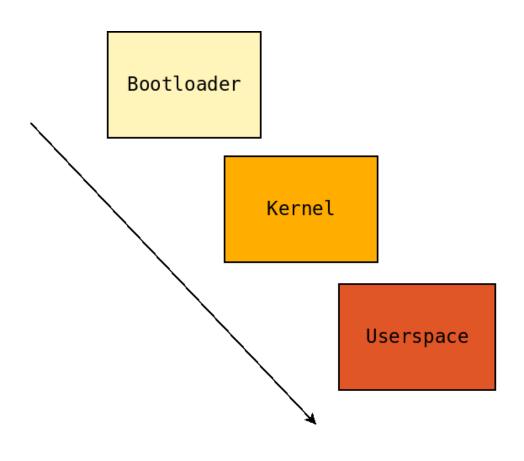


Vendor (customization)



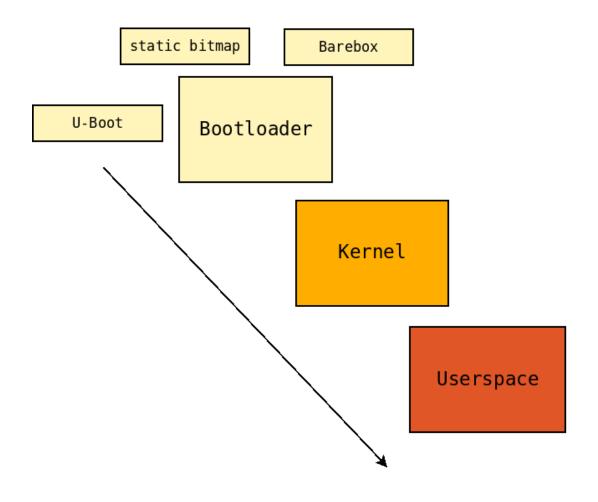






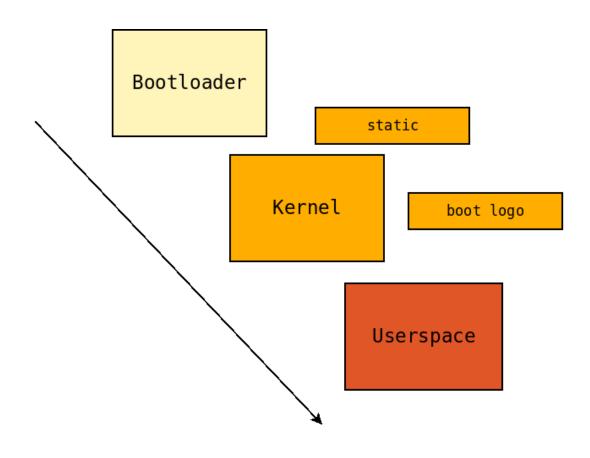






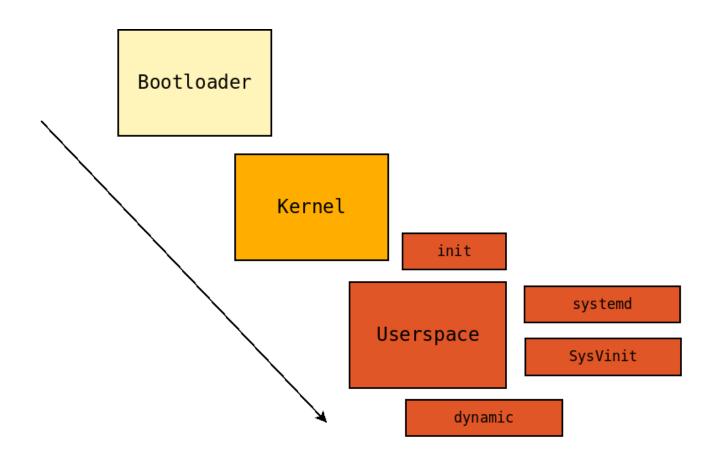
















U-Boot



U-Boot : Setup

Microchip sama5d27-som1-ek1 + PDA touchscreen display





- Image generated with Yocto/OE & Kas:
 - Release : dunfell **yocto**
 - U-Boot version « **u-boot-2021.04-at91** »





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And convert our pngfile to bmp (8-bit depth)

```
$: pngtopnm madic.png | ppmquant 256 | ppmtobmp -bpp 8 > madic.bmp
ppmquant: making histogram...
ppmquant: 825 colors found
ppmquant: choosing 256 colors...
ppmquant: mapping image to new colors...
ppmtobmp: analyzing colors...
ppmtobmp: 176 colors found
ppmtobmp: Writing 8 bits per pixel with a color pallette
```



- By adding CONFIG_CMD_BMP option, it is possible to manipulate and display a bmp file
- ... but we need also CONFIG_DM_VIDEO and CONFIG_ATMEL_HLCD options
- LCD support is enable upstream but disabled on Atmel's fork

defconfig: at91: Remove the LCD support There is the bad screen behavior when we use not matching exactly the screen board, to avoid it, remove the LCD splash screen support from the default configurations. Signed-off-by: Wenyou Yang <wenyou.yang@microchip.com> [eugen.hristev@microchip.com: rebase on latest u-boot version] Signed-off-by: Eugen Hristev <eugen.hristev@microchip.com> [eugen.hristev@microchip.com: rebase on latest u-boot version] Signed-off-by: Eugen Hristev <eugen.hristev@microchip.com> [eugen.hristev@microchip.com: rebase on latest u-boot version] Signed-off-by: Eugen Hristev <eugen.hristev@microchip.com>

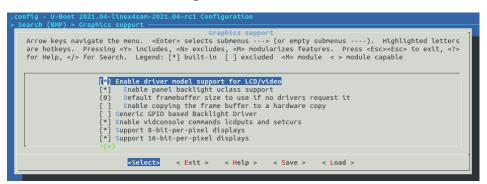
https://github.com/linux4sam/u-boot-at91/commit/536162a3489307c32f398fbc501ebbecdc584830

So, we need to revive this functionnality!





« make menuconfig »:

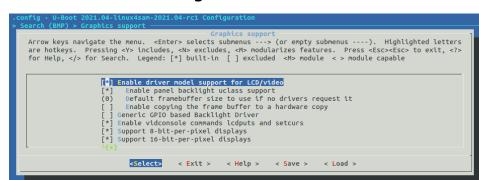


Device Drivers → Graphics support → Enable DM Video



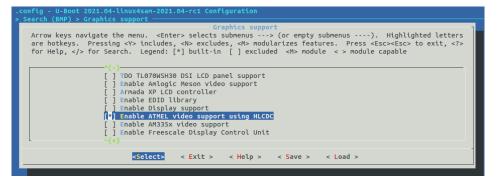


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Device Drivers \rightarrow Graphics support \rightarrow Enable DM Video

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« make menuconfig »:

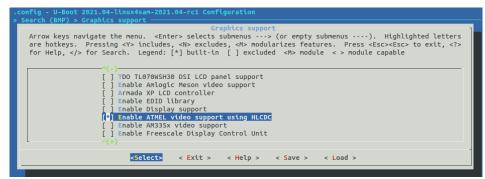
```
config - U-Boot 2021.04-linux4sam-2021.04-rc1 Configuration
> Search (BMP) > Graphics support

Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---> (or empty submenus ----). Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> includes, <N> excludes, <M> modularizes features. Press <Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] built-in [] excluded <M> module <> module capable

[*] Enable driver model support for LCD/video
[*] Enable panel backlight uclass support
(0) Default framebuffer size to use if no drivers request it
[] Enable copying the frame buffer to a hardware copy
[] Generic GPID based Backlight Driver
[*] Enable vidconsole commands Ledputs and setcurs
[*] Support 8-bit-per-pixel displays
[*] Support 8-bit-per-pixel displays
[*] Support 16-bit-per-pixel displays
```

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Command line interface \rightarrow Misc commands \rightarrow Enable bmp command



U-Boot : Vendor logo



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- The Vendor logo (if CONFIG_DM_VIDEO is set) is :
 - → stored in **U-Boot** binary itself
 - → Defined (statically) in <U-Boot>/lib/at91/microchip_logo_8bpp.h
 - → And used by the function at91_video_show_board_info()





• The function video bmp display() is used to display the BMP file:

```
void microchip_logo_info(vidinfo_t *info)
{
    info->logo_width = MICROCHIP_LOGO_8BPP_WIDTH;
    info->logo_height = MICROCHIP_LOGO_8BPP_HEIGHT;
    info->logo_x_offset = MICROCHIP_LOGO_8BPP_X_OFFSET;
    info->logo_y_offset = MICROCHIP_LOGO_8BPP_X_OFFSET;
    info->logo_addr = (u_long)microchip_logo_8bpp;
}
```





• The function video_bmp_display() is used to display the BMP file:

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    info->logo_y_offset = MICROCHIP_LOGO_8BPP_X_OFFSET;
    info->logo_addr = (u_long)microchip_logo_8bpp;
}
```

So, not very convenient for our use case ... If we need to remove such informations at startup, the following changes should be made on board definition file:

```
diff --git a/board/atmel/sama5d27_som1_ek/sama5d27_som1_ek.c b/board/atmel/sama5d27_som1_ek.c
index lb7d946b50..8516eadbal 100644
--- a/board/atmel/sama5d27_som1_ek/sama5d27_som1_ek.c
+++ b/board/atmel/sama5d27_som1_ek/sama5d27_som1_ek.c
@@ -32,7 +32,7 @@ static void board_usb_hw_init(void)
int board_late_init(void)
{
    #ifdef CONFIG_DM_VIDEO
-    at91_video_show_board_info();
+    /* at91_video_show_board_info(); */
#endif
    at91_pda_detect();
    return 0;
```





• After this trivial modification, we are able to play with our bmp file (without the Vendor Logo) :

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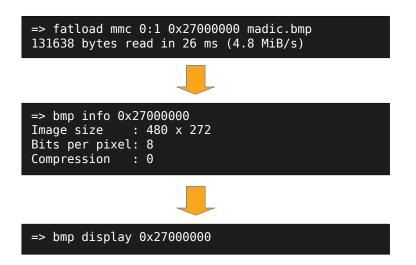
=> fatload mmc 0:1 0x27000000 madic.bmp 131638 bytes read in 26 ms (4.8 MiB/s) => bmp info 0x27000000 Image size : 480 x 272 Bits per pixel: 8

Compression : 0





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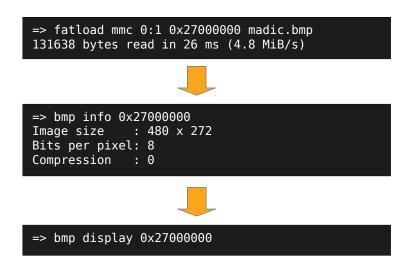








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For simplicity, we can create the **loadbmp** variable (a « script ») that contains the following commands:

```
=> env set loadbmp 'fatload mmc 0:1 0x27000000 madic.bmp && bmp d 0x27000000'
```



U-Boot: 'Splash Screen'

- Instead of manipulating the bmp file from a custom script, U-Boot supports the « Splash screen » feature out of the box.
- To use this feature, we can keep our configuration as is with the following addition:
 - CONFIG_SPLASHSCREEN (Kconfig)
- If this option is set, U-Boot will check at startup at least 2 variables :
 - * splashfile: the splash screen file (our bmp file splash.bmp)
 - → splashimage: the address where the splash file will be loaded
- There is also 2 others options that we « need » to set from « menuconfig » :
 - CONFIG_SPLASH_SCREEN_ALIGN (Kconfig)
 - to adjust the position of the splash screen on the display (splashpos variable)
 - * CONFIG_SPLASH_SOURCE (Kconfig)
 - → to specify the location of the splash screen file: eMMC, SD, USB, SATA (splashsource variable)



U-Boot: 'Splash Screen'



Then, we just have to set proper splashscreen env values from U-Boot prompt:

```
=> env set splashfile madic.bmp
=> env set splashimage 27000000
=> env set splashsource mmc_fs
=> env save
Saving Environment to FAT... OK
```

Our splash file is already centered, but let's define the splashpos variable with the following value:

```
=> env set splashpos m,m
```

- « m,m » for « middle,middle »
- As already said before, our splash file is centered, but the default position could be: x=0,y=0
- In this case, if the splashpos is as default (0,0), the output banner (bootloader string) is shown, see:



https://source.denx.de/u-boot/u-boot/-/blob/master/common/splash.c#L174



U-Boot: bootloader string

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- To remove the « bootloader string »
- Controlled by CONFIG_HIDE_LOGO_VERSION option
- Not accessible from KCONFIG:

```
$: git --no-pager grep CONFIG_HIDE_LOGO_VERSION
common/splash.c:#if defined(CONFIG_DM_VIDEO) && !defined(CONFIG_HIDE_LOGO_VERSION)
common/splash.c:#endif /* CONFIG_DM_VIDEO && !CONFIG_HIDE_LOGO_VERSION */
common/splash.c:#if defined(CONFIG_DM_VIDEO) && !defined(CONFIG_HIDE_LOGO_VERSION)
drivers/video/Kconfig: CONFIG_HIDE_LOGO_VERSION
drivers/video/cfb_console.c:#ifndef CONFIG_HIDE_LOGO_VERSION
include/configs/ge_blx5v2.h:#define CONFIG_HIDE_LOGO_VERSION
include/configs/ge_bx50v3.h:#define CONFIG_HIDE_LOGO_VERSION
include/configs/gw_ventana.h:#define CONFIG_HIDE_LOGO_VERSION /* Custom config to hide U-boot version */
scripts/config_whitelist.txt:CONFIG_HIDE_LOGO_VERSION
```

• Must be defined in config board :



U-Boot : Splash Screen



That's it



Linux Kernel



Linux Kernel : Setup

Raspberry-pi 3 + Official 7" Touchscreen for Raspberry Pi





- Image generated with Yocto/OE :
 - Release : dunfell **yocto**
 - Linux version « 5.4.72 »



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- The Linux kernel has also a static splash-screen support
 - Device Drivers → Graphics support → Bootup logo
- The most famous is « Tux » :



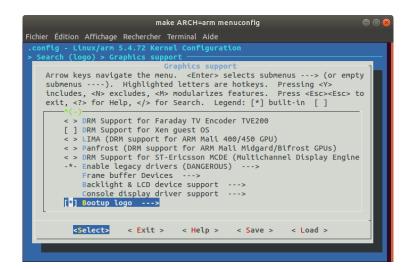
Overriden for the raspberry-pi (linux-raspberrypi) :

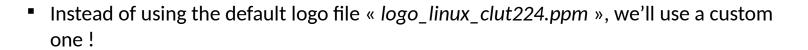


But we will use (another) custom one :











- First, let's create a new image that fitts the size of our display (800x480)
 - → Named « logo_lee_linux.png » for instance
- Convert it to a 224 colors PPM formatted image :

```
$: pngtopnm logo_lee_linux.png | ppmquant 224 | pnmnoraw > logo_lee_clut224.ppm
```

Then, put this one in the right place :

```
$: cp logo_lee_clut224.ppm <linux-tree>/drivers/video/logo
```

Now we have to proceed with the integration to Linux's sources :

Kconfig entry



```
diff --git a/drivers/video/logo/Makefile b/drivers/video/logo/Makefile
index 16f60cle1766..ee3f1c4c6da9 100644
--- a/drivers/video/logo/Makefile
+++ b/drivers/video/logo/Makefile
@@ -5,6 +5,7 @@ obj-$(CONFIG_LOGO) += logo.o
---
+obj-$(CONFIG_LOGO_LEE_CLUT224) += logo_lee_clut224.o
```

Makefile entry





```
diff --git a/drivers/video/logo/Makefile b/drivers/video/logo/Makefile
index 16f60cle1766..ee3flc4c6da9 100644
--- a/drivers/video/logo/Makefile
+++ b/drivers/video/logo/Makefile
@@ -5,6 +5,7 @@ obj-$(CONFIG_LOGO) += logo.o
...
+obj-$(CONFIG_LOGO_LEE_CLUT224) += logo_lee_clut224.o
```

Makefile entry

add support for LEE/Linux logo for framebuffer console



+obj-\$(CONFIG LOGO LEE CLUT224) += logo lee clut224.o

```
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Makefile entry

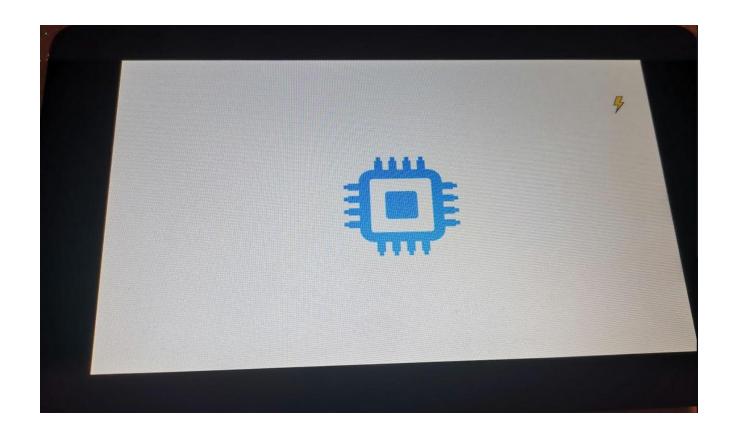
add support for LEE/Linux logo for framebuffer console

```
diff --git a/include/linux/linux_logo.h b/include/linux/linux_logo.h
index d4d5b93efe84..fe7976a63c27 100644
--- a/include/linux/linux_logo.h
+++ b/include/linux/linux_logo.h
@@ -36,6 +36,7 @@ struct linux_logo {
...
+extern const struct linux_logo logo_lee_clut224;
```

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Userspace



Userspace : Setup

• Raspberry-pi 3 + Official 7" Touchscreen for Raspberry Pi





- Image generated with Yocto/OE :
 - Release : dunfell **yocto**
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Userspace: static image

- From Userspace area, it is quite simple to interact with the framebuffer (/dev/fbX).
 - → There are many open source projects ...
- <u>fbi</u>: (from fbida)
 - → https://github.com/fcarlier/fbida

```
root@raspberrypi3:~# fbi -d /dev/fb0 -vt 1 -a logo.png --noverbose
```

- fbvis:
 - → https://repo.or.cz/fbvis.git

```
root@raspberrypi3:~# echo q | /usr/bin/fbvis logo.png
```

- → A nice article by Christophe Blaess (in French) talks about fbvis :
 - https://www.blaess.fr/christophe/files/Optimisation-du-temps-de-boot-d-un-systeme-embarque.pdf

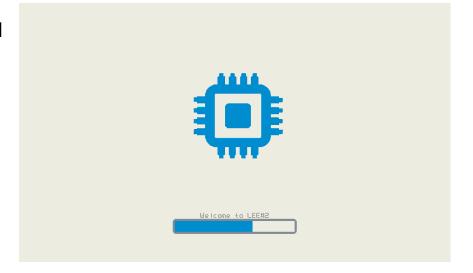


Userspace: PSplash



« PSplash is a userspace graphical boot splash screen for mainly embedded Linux devices supporting a 16bpp or 32bpp framebuffer »

- First release in 2006 (OpenHand)
- Git: http://git.yoctoproject.org/cgit/cgit.cgi/psplash/tree/
- Uses **fbdev** graphics to show a logo on a screen during the boot sequence
- The default reference in Yocto/OpenEmbedded
- Supported by Buildroot too
- Fully customizable (progress bar, logo, ...)
- External program can interacts with the main program (FIFO)
 - → Progression and Text « psplash-write »



- Supports 'systemd' (configurable at compile time : --with-systemd) from the system bus
- Used by SWUpdate (swupdate-progress)





Download it from the official repository :

```
$: git clone git://git.yoctoproject.org/psplash
$: cd psplash
```

Generate the « custom » bar file (if any) :

```
$: ./make-image-header.sh ./psplash-custom-bar.png BAR
$: mv ./psplash-custom-bar-img.h psplash-poky-img.h
```

Generate the « custom » logo file :

```
$: ./make-image-header.sh ./psplash-custom-logo.png POKY
$: mv ./psplah-custom-logo-img.h psplash-poky-img.h
```

Customize colors & options if needed (e.g bar color)

```
diff --git a/psplash-colors.h b/psplash-colors.h
index 82a9893..eb4de9c 100644
--- a/psplash-colors.h
+++ b/psplash-colors.h
@@ -18,7 +18,7 @@
#define PSPLASH_TEXT_COLOR 0x6d,0x6d,0x70

/* This is the color of the progress bar indicator */
-#define PSPLASH_BAR_COLOR 0x6d,0x6d,0x70
+#define PSPLASH_BAR_COLOR 0x00,0x8d,0xd0
```

 Many other posibilities: PSPLASH_BACKGROUND_COLOR, PSPLASH_TEXT_COLOR, PSPLASH_STARTUP_MSG, ...



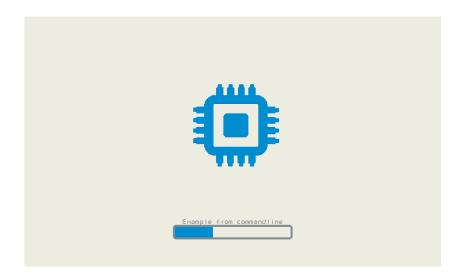
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Userspace: PSplash!



• Quick test :

```
$: psplash &
$: psplash-write "MSG Example from commandline"
$: psplash-write "PROGRESS 33"
```





■ To « kill » *psplash* properly :

```
$: psplash-write "QUIT"
```



« EasySplash is an application that runs early the OS boot for showing graphical animation while the boot process itself happens in the background. »

- First (public) release in 2020
- Git: https://github.com/OSSystems/EasySplash
- Takes as input zip archives containing a description and PNG-encoded image frames
- Archive is named **bootanimation.zip** (like for Android)
- Selects a boot animation zipfile from :
 - → /lib/easysplash/oem/
 - → /lib/easysplash/
- Animation described in « desc.txt » file
- « master » now uses rust and mp4 as input
- Well integrated with Yocto/OE









■ Generate the **bootanimation** (mp4 -> png) => ffmpeg -i foo.mp4 foo%04d.png



- Generate the **bootanimation** (mp4 -> png)
- Create the « tree » with image frames inside :



- Generate the **bootanimation** (*mp4 -> png*)
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```
$: tree -L 1 .

desc.txt
part1
part2
part3
```

Create the « desc.txt » file :

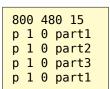
```
800 480 15
p 1 0 part1
p 1 0 part2
p 1 0 part3
p 1 0 part1
```

- → The <u>first</u> line defines : [width] [weight] [fps]
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part 1



part 2



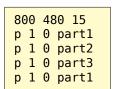
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part 2



part 3



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- Then, let's the generate the proper zip file.

```
$: zip -r0 bootanimation.zip desc.txt part1 part2 part3
```





Download it from the official repository :

```
$: git clone -b 1.0.x https://github.com/OSSystems/EasySplash.git
$: cd EasySplash
```

Prepare the build for the raspberrypi :

```
$: mkdir build && cd build
$: cmake .. -DDISPLAY_TYPE_GLES=1 -DEGL_PLATFORM_RPI_DISPMANX=1
```

Run make!

```
$: make
```



• Quick test on the target (oem) :

```
$: root@raspberrypi3:~# easysplash&
root@raspberrypi3:~# [ 0.011] [info] [...] Broadcom Display manager service EGL platform initialized,
using EGL 1.4
[ 0.031] [info] [...] loading animation from zip archive /lib/easysplash/oem/bootanimation.zip
```





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```
root@raspberrypi3:~# easysplashctl 100 --wait-until-finished
Easysplash PID: 8566
100% reached, will wait until easysplash is finished
EasySplash process terminated successfully
```





Live demo



Userspace : and ?

- Fbsplash (busybox) :
 - → https://git.buildroot.net/busybox/tree/miscutils/fbsplash.c
- Bannerd:
 - → https://github.com/alukichev/bannerd
- Plymouth:
 - https://github.com/freedesktop/plymouth







- Dietsplash :
 - → https://github.com/lucasdemarchi/dietsplash
- PSplash-tn : A fork of PSplash with GIF support :
 - https://github.com/tano-systems/psplash-tn





Summary



Summary

- Integrating a « Splash Screen » if often a nice to have
- « Splash Screen » integration depends on your needs
- Requires some effort if at bootloader level
- Mostly used in Userspace area (dynamic) Android
- Materials (Yocto/OE): https://github.com/texierp/meta-splash



Q&A





