DTE Adding Metadata

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Layout of FDT

Header

Memory Reservation Block

Structure Block

Strings Block

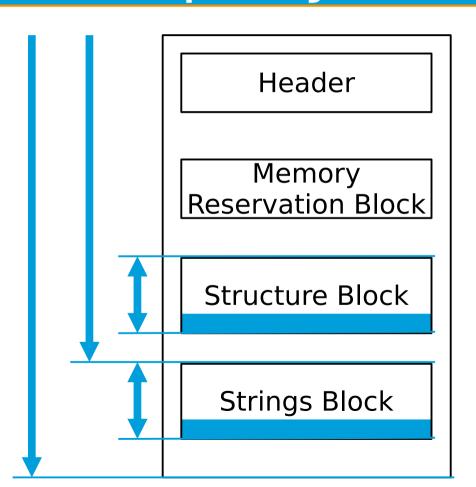
How Libfdt Adds Property

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Sanest Place For Metadata

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New Header Fields

```
struct fdt header new {
        uint32 t magic;
        uint32 t totalsize;
        uint32 t off dt struct;
        uint32 t off dt strings;
        uint32 t off mem rsvmap;
        uint32 t version;
        uint32 t last comp version; // = 18
        uint32 t boot cpuid phys;
        uint32 t size dt strings;
        uint32 t size dt struct;
        uint32 t off meta data;
        uint32 t size meta data;
};
```

Metadata As Linked List

```
struct metadata {
    uint32_t size; // 0 for last entry
    uint8_t guid[16];
    uint8_t data[];
};
```

Placement of Metadata

Tested with
 U-Boot -> GRUB -> Linux
 using empty metadata block

Header Metadata Memory Reservation Block Structure Block Strings Block

Adding Signatures and Checksums

- Add metadata fields with sizes and GUIDs
- Fill data area for signatures and checksums with zero
- Calculate signatures and checksums
- Fill in the signature and checksum data fields