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Workflow Tutorial

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PetaLinux Workflow Tutorial

1. Introduction

The PetaLinux Workflow tutorial demonstrates how to successfully use the PetaLinux design workflow through a series of real world examples. This tutorial aligns with PetaLinux v2016.3 and some syntax or command-line options may not apply or work in the same manner for different versions of PetaLinux. This tutorial assumes that you have already installed and licensed both Vivado® and PetaLinux. Refer to the *PetaLinux Tools Documentation: Reference Guide* (UG1144) [Ref 1] for more details on installation and licensing.

In general, the methodologies and steps presented here are universal to all PetaLinux designs. The specific examples presented here utilize the Zynq family device (including Zynq® and Zynq UltraScale+™ MPSoC). Where appropriate, differences or variations specific to MicroBlaze™-based FPGA designs are denoted in context.

For additional details on the specific PetaLinux tools or command-line options, see the *PetaLinux Command Line Reference* (UG1157) [Ref 6]. For more information on specific PetaLinux workflows, see *PetaLinux Tools Documentation: Reference Guide* (UG1144) [Ref 1]

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 1-1: **Design Flow Overview**

Design Flow Step	Tool / Workflow
Hardware Platform Creation	Vivado
Create PetaLinux Project	petalinux-create -t project
Initialize PetaLinux Project	petalinux-config --get-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
Deploy the System	petalinux-package
Test the System	petalinux-boot

2. PetaLinux Reference BSP's

PetaLinux Reference BSP's are reference designs that you may use to get up and going quickly. In addition, these designs can be used as a basis for creating your own projects. PetaLinux BSP's are provided in the form of installable BSP (Board Support Package) files and include all necessary design and configuration files required to get started. Pre-built hardware and software images included in the BSP package are ready for download to your board or for booting in the QEMU system simulation environment.

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.

Follow the below steps to install 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>
   ```

   Based on the BSP you are installing, you will see the output, similar to the output below:

   ```
   INFO: Create project:

   INFO: Projects:
   INFO: * Xilinx-ZC702-2016.3
   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 you run `ls` from "/home/user", you will see the installed project(s). Refer to the section PetaLinux Project Structure in Appendix A for more details on the structure of a PetaLinux project.

Rebuilding the Reference Design System

So far, you have installed a PetaLinux reference BSP and explored its contents. This section describes the steps to re-build the BSP image, you can test it in QEMU or on hardware.

The steps below outline how to re-build the BSP reference design system:

1. Run `petalinux-build` to compile the software images:

    ```
    $ petalinux-build
    ```

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

2. The compilation progress will show on the console. Wait until the compilation finishes.

TIP: *A detailed compilation log will be in "`<plnx-proj-root>/build/build.log`" file.*

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

TIP: *The build process may report errors writing to the `/tftpboot` directory, if this directory does not exist or the user cannot write to it. These error messages are informational only and do not affect the output images. You may mitigate these messages by disabling the "`Copy final images to tftpboot`" feature in the `Image Packing Configuration` menu of the system-level configuration.*

An example of the compilation progress output is shown below:

```
INFO: Checking component...
INFO: Generating make files and build linux
INFO: Generating make files for the subcomponents of linux
INFO: Building linux
[INFO ] pre-build linux/rootfs/fwupgrade
[INFO ] pre-build linux/rootfs/peekpoke
[INFO ] pre-build linux/rootfs/uWeb
[INFO ] build system.dtb
[INFO ] build linux/kernel
[INFO ] update linux/u-boot source
[INFO ] generate linux/u-boot configuration files
[INFO ] build linux/u-boot
[INFO ] Setting up stage config
[INFO ] Setting up rootfs config
[INFO ] Updating for armv7a-vfp-neon
[INFO ] Updating package manager
[INFO ] Expanding stagefs
[INFO ] build linux/rootfs/fwupgrade
[INFO ] build linux/rootfs/peekpoke
[INFO ] build linux/rootfs/uWeb
[INFO ] build kernel in-tree modules
[INFO ] modules linux/kernel
```

```
[INFO ] post-build linux/rootfs/fwupgrade
[INFO ] post-build linux/rootfs/peekpoke
[INFO ] post-build linux/rootfs/uWeb
[INFO ] pre-install linux/rootfs/fwupgrade
[INFO ] pre-install linux/rootfs/peekpoke
[INFO ] pre-install linux/rootfs/uWeb
[INFO ] install linux/kernel
[INFO ] install linux/u-boot
[INFO ] Setting up rootfs config
[INFO ] Setting up stage config
[INFO ] Updating for armv7a-vfp-neon
[INFO ] Updating package manager
[INFO ] Expanding rootfs
[INFO ] install sys_init
[INFO ] install linux/rootfs/fwupgrade
[INFO ] install linux/rootfs/peekpoke
[INFO ] install linux/rootfs/uWeb
[INFO ] install kernel in-tree modules
[INFO ] modules_install linux/kernel
[INFO ] post-install linux/rootfs/fwupgrade
[INFO ] post-install linux/rootfs/peekpoke
[INFO ] post-install linux/rootfs/uWeb
[INFO ] package rootfs.cpio to /home/user/ZC702/images/linux
[INFO ] Update and install vmlinux image
[INFO ] vmlinux linux/kernel
[INFO ] install linux/kernel
[INFO ] package zImage
[INFO ] zImage linux/kernel
[INFO ] install linux/kernel
[INFO ] package FIT image
```

The final image is `<plnx-proj-root>images/linux/image.ub` which is a FIT image.
The kernel image is "`Image`" for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC, "`zImage`" for Zynq-7000 or
"`image.elf`" for MicroBlaze and is located in the "`<plnx-proj-root>/images/linux`"
directory. Optionally, a copy is also placed in the "`/tftpboot`" directory if this option is
enabled in the system-level configuration for the PetaLinux project.

3. Test Drive a PetaLinux BSP Image

In 2. PetaLinux Reference BSP's you have successfully installed one or more PetaLinux projects from a PetaLinux reference BSP and rebuilt the system image using `petalinux-build`.

Testing the Pre-Built PetaLinux Images

Now, you can try out one of the prebuilt reference designs shipped with your BSP package. This is achieved with the `petalinux-boot` tool. The `petalinux-boot` workflows boot the reference design on physical hardware (JTAG) or under software simulation (QEMU). Later, we will also boot the system image that you rebuilt in 2. PetaLinux Reference BSP's as well.

Testing the Pre-Built PetaLinux Image on Hardware

PetaLinux BSPs include pre-built FPGA bitstreams for each reference design, allowing you to quickly boot Linux on your hardware.

Boot Pre-built Images from SD Card (Zynq Family Devices Only)

This section is for Zynq family devices only as they allow to boot from SD card. The steps to boot the pre-built images from SD card are mentioned below:

1. Mount your SD card to your host machine.

2. Copy the following files from `<plnx-proj-root>/pre-built/linux/images/` into the root directory of the first FAT partition of your SD card:

    ◦   `BOOT.BIN`

    ◦   `image.ub`

3. Connect the serial port on the board to your workstation.

4. Open a console on your workstation and then start your preferred serial communication program (e.g., PuTTY, Tera Term, kermit, etc.) 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.

7. Plug the SD card into the board.

8. Power on the board.

9. Watch the console. Hit any key to stop automatic boot when you see the following message on the console:

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```
Hit any key to stop autoboot:
```

10. At this point you can explore the U-Boot environment or simply use the command "run sdboot" in the U-Boot console to boot Linux from SD card:

```
Hit any key to stop autoboot: 0
U-Boot-PetaLinux> run sdboot
```

11. Boot messages which similar to the following will appear in the serial console:

```
Freeing unused kernel memory: 3084K (c067f000 - c0982000)
INIT: version 2.88 booting
...
Creating /dev/flash/* device nodes
random: dd urandom read with 22 bits of entropy available
Starting internet superserver: inetd.
INIT: Entering runlevel: 5
Configuring network interfaces... udhcpc (v1.23.2) started
Sending discover...
macb e000b000.ethernet eth0: link up (1000/Full)
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.
Xilinx-ZC702-2016_3 login:
```

12. At the login prompt, use the login `root` and password `root` to log into the Linux system.

Boot Pre-built Images with JTAG

Follow the below steps to download the prebuilt images onto the board 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. Connect the Ethernet port on the board to the local network via a network switch.

5. For Zynq family devices boards, ensure the mode switches are set to JTAG mode. Refer to the board documentation [Ref 3] for details.

6. Power on the board.

7. Open a console on your workstation and then start your preferred serial communication program (e.g., 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
```

The `--jtag` option tells `petalinux-boot` to boot on hardware via JTAG, and the `--prebuilt 3` boots the prebuilt linux kernel. This command will take some time to finish

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as it downloads the kernel over JTAG. Wait until you see the shell prompt again on the command console before continuing.

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

```
$ petalinux-boot --jtag --prebuilt 3
INFO: The image provided is a zImage and no addition options were provided
INFO: Append dtb - /home/user/Xilinx-ZC702-2016.3/pre-built/linux/images/system.dtb
and other options to boot zImage
INFO: Configuring the FPGA...
INFO: FPGA configuration completed.
INFO: Downloading FSBL
INFO: FSBL download completed.
INFO: Launching XMD for file download and boot.
INFO: This may take a few minutes, depending on the size of your image.
```

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

Console Prints:

```
Freeing unused kernel memory: 3084K (c067f000 - c0982000)
INIT: version 2.88 booting
...
Creating /dev/flash/* device nodes
random: dd urandom read with 22 bits of entropy available
Starting internet superserver: inetd.
INIT: Entering runlevel: 5
Configuring network interfaces... udhcpc (v1.23.2) started
Sending discover...
macb e000b000.ethernet eth0: link up (1000/Full)
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.
Xilinx-ZC702-2016_3 login:
```

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 upon which PetaLinux reference design you test and your specific networking environment.

Use the login name `root` and password `root` on the serial console to log into the Linux system.

Troubleshooting

If your local network does not have a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server, the system will fail to acquire an IP address. If so, refer to Appendix A, which describes how to manually specify the address using the system-level menuconfig.

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If the `petalinux-boot` for JTAG command fails, it is typically from a JTAG connectivity failure. Ensure the board is powered on and your JTAG cable is properly connected. Refer to the *Platform Cable USB II* (DS593) [Ref 7] for more detailed troubleshooting.

TIP: *Virtual machines require the ability to pass through USB connections in order to perform JTAG activity, and may run slower than a native machine. For best results, run JTAG operations on a dedicated Linux machine.*

Test Pre-Built PetaLinux Image with QEMU

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

To test the PetaLinux reference design with QEMU, follow these steps:

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

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

    The `--qemu` option tells `petalinux-boot` to boot QEMU, instead of real hardware via JTAG, and the `--prebuilt 3` boots the linux kernel.

    -   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 pre-built Linux image.

    The example of the messages displayed on the serial console during successful level 3 boot, is shown below:

    ```
    Freeing unused kernel memory: 3084K (c067f000 - c0982000)
    INIT: version 2.88 booting
    ...
    Creating /dev/flash/* device nodes
    random: dd urandom read with 22 bits of entropy available
    Starting internet superserver: inetd.
    INIT: Entering runlevel: 5
    Configuring network interfaces... udhcpc (v1.23.2) started
    Sending discover...
    macb e000b000.ethernet eth0: link up (1000/Full)
    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.
    Xilinx-ZC702-2016_3 login:
    ```

2. Login to PetaLinux with the default user name `root` and password `root`.

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

Testing the Re-Built PetaLinux Images

In the prior sections, you booted the pre-built image on real hardware via JTAG or in the QEMU software. Now you will boot the image that you rebuilt in 2. PetaLinux Reference BSP's using the same methods.

Testing the Re-built Image on Hardware

Let us test the re-built software image on real hardware. First, follow the instructions from the Testing the Pre-Built PetaLinux Image on Hardware section to connect the board, serial and JTAG correctly.

1. Use `petalinux-boot` to boot U-Boot

   ```
   $ petalinux-boot --jtag --u-boot --fpga --bitstream <BIT stream>
   ```

2. Use `petalinux-boot` to boot the kernel

   ```
   $ petalinux-boot --jtag --kernel --fpga --bitstream <BIT stream>
   ```

   This command will take a few moments as it is downloading the bistream and the entire kernel. Wait until you see the shell prompt again on the command console before proceeding.

3. In the serial console, you should see the Linux startup messages scroll by as the Linux kernel starts up.

You can now repeat the previous steps for connecting to the board via the serial console.

For Zynq family devices, you can refer to the section Boot Pre-built Images from SD Card (Zynq Family Devices Only) to understand the basic steps. Instead of using the pre-built `image.ub` file from that example, use the one you just rebuilt from `<plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/image.ub`.

Test the Rebuilt Image with QEMU

1. Use `petalinux-boot --qemu` command to test the newly built software image:

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

   The system boot messages will be shown on the console where QEMU is running.

2. When you see the login prompt on the QEMU console, login as `root` with password `root`.

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

4. Configuring Custom Hardware for Embedded Linux

Previously, we explored a PetaLinux BSP reference design. Now, we will build a Linux system with PetaLinux using a Vivado design of our own. When a Vivado hardware platform is defined, there are a small number of hardware and peripheral IP configuration changes required, to ensure that the hardware platform is Linux-ready. These changes are detailed below.

Configuring a Hardware Platform for Linux

The configuration for each of the hardwares is different. This section describes the hardware configuration steps for Zynq-7000, Zynq Ultrascale+ MPSoC and Microblaze.

Zynq-7000

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. Make sure the TTC is not used by others.*

2. External memory controller with at least 32 MB of memory (Required)
3. UART for serial console (Required)

IMPORTANT: *If soft IP is used, ensure the interrupt signal is connected.*

4. Non-volatile memory (Optional) e.g., QSPI Flash, SD/MMC
5. Ethernet (Optional, essential for network access)

IMPORTANT: *If soft IP is used, ensure the interrupt signal is connected.*

Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC

The following is a list of hardware requirements for a Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC hardware project to boot Linux:

1. External memory controller with at least 64 MB of memory (Required)
2. UART for serial console (Required)

IMPORTANT: *If soft IP is used, ensure the interrupt signal is connected*

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3. Non-volatile memory (Optional) e.g., QSPI Flash, SD/MMC

4. Ethernet (Optional, essential for network access)

IMPORTANT: *If soft IP is used, ensure the interrupt signal is connected*

MicroBlaze

The following is a list of requirements for a MicroBlaze 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 (Optional)

   - Ethernet with interrupt connected (Optional, but required for network access)

2. MicroBlaze CPU configuration:

   - MicroBlaze with MMU support by selecting either Linux with MMU or Low-end Linux with MMU configuration template in the MicroBlaze configuration wizard.

IMPORTANT: *Do not disable any instruction set related options that are enabled by the template, unless you understand the implications of such a change.*

   - The MicroBlaze initial bootloader, called FS-BOOT, has a minimum BRAM requirement. 4K Byte is required for Parallel flash and 8K Byte for SPI flash when the system boots from non-volatile memory

Exporting the Hardware Platform for PetaLinux

After you have finished configuring your hardware platform, implement the design and build a bitstream if necessary. PetaLinux requires a hardware description file (.hdf) in order to properly initialize your PetaLinux project. This hardware description file is generated by using the "Export Hardware" functionality within Vivado.

During project initialization (or update), PetaLinux generates a device tree source (DTS) file, U-Boot configuration header files, and enables Linux kernel drivers based on the hardware description file. These details are explored in Appendix A, Internal Architecture of PetaLinux Projects.

Notes for Zynq Ultrascale+ MPSoC

If you want to boot with the Power Mangement Unit (PMU) firmware, you will also need to build the PMU firmware with XSDK. See this link in the *MPSoC Software Development Guide* (UG1137) [Ref 4] for details on building the PMU firmware with XSDK.

If you want First Stage Boot Loader (FSBL) built for Cortex-R5 boot, you will also need to build it with XSDK since the FSBL built with PetaLinux tools is for A53 boot. Refer to *MPSoC Software Development Guide* (UG1137) [Ref 4] for the details on how to build the FSBL for Cortex-R5 with XSDK.

5. Working with a PetaLinux Project

This section contains details on creating a new project, importing a hardware description and configuring project components.

Creating a New Project

After exporting your hardware definition from Vivado, the next step is to create and initialize a new PetaLinux project. The `petalinux-create` tool is used to create the basic project directory:

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

The parameters are as follows:

*   `--template` TYPE - The supported CPU types are zynqMP, zynq and microblaze

*   `--name` NAME - The name of the project you are building.

The `petalinux-create` tool is used to create a new PetaLinux project directory from a default template. Later steps customize these settings to match the hardware project created previously.

TIP: *For more details about the PetaLinux directory structure, refer to* PetaLinux Project Directory Structure

Import Hardware Description

1. To start, change to the directory that contains the hardware description file generated from Vivado: For example:

    ```
    $ cd <directory which contains hardware description file>
    ```

2. Import the hardware description with the `petalinux-config --get-hw-description` workflow as follows:

    ```
    $ petalinux-config --get-hw-description -p <plnx-proj-root>
    ```

The `-p option` points to the PetaLinux project directory that will be initialized or updated to match the hardware platform configuration.

After the initialization, the tool displays the system-level menuconfig interface. This automatic launch of the system-level menuconfig interface only occurs after the first time PetaLinux initializes a project. To return to this menuconfig later, execute `petalinux-config` from within the PetaLinux project directory.

```
linux Components Selection --->
Auto Config Settings --->
```

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```
-*- Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings --->
Kernel Bootargs --->
u-boot Configuration --->
Image Packaging Configuration --->
Firmware Version Configuration --->
```

Refer to Auto Config Settings for details on this menu.

In the menu, move the cursor to "`Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings --->`" and press `<ENTER>` and go into the menu. The options available will be similar to the following:

```
--- Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings
System Processor (ps7_cortexa9_0) --->
Memory Settings --->
Serial Settings --->
Ethernet Settings --->
Flash Settings --->
SD/SDIO Settings --->
[ ] Advanced bootable images storage Settings --->
```

Refer to Auto Config Settings for the details of this menu.

The "`Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings --->`" menu allows customizing system-level hardware and software settings.

When exiting the system-level menuconfig interface the tool may take a few minutes to complete. The tool is parsing the hardware description file to update the device tree, U-Boot configuration, and the Linux kernel configuration files based on your settings. In addition, the tool is using the settings you specified in the "`Auto Config Settings --->`" and "`Subsystem AUTO Hardware Settings --->`" menus to ensure that your system is configured as you intend.

For example, if you select `ps7_ethernet_0` as the Primary Ethernet interface, the tool will automatically enable its Linux kernel driver. In addition, it will also update the U-Boot configuration headers to use the selected Ethernet controller, if you select to automatically update U-Boot's configuration.

Configure 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-specific drivers or optimizations in the Linux kernel configuration are supported by Xilinx technical support.*

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 filesystem configuration menu and configure it to meet your requirements:

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

6. Software Testing with QEMU

While prior sections used QEMU to boot a system image for demonstration, this section provides additional details about the QEMU workflow and how to use it effectively. The `petalinux-boot` tool, using the `--qemu` option, is used to boot the system emulator.

Verbose usage information can be obtained with at the command line using `petalinux-boot --qemu -- help`.

IMPORTANT: *The petalinux-boot tool must be run from within a project directory ("<plnx-proj-root>").*

TIP: *Once QEMU is running, it can be exited gracefully by pressing the Ctrl + A keys, then X.*

Boot the Default Linux Kernel Image

The `--kernel` option is used to boot the project's most recently built Linux image. For Microblaze, it is "`<plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/image.elf`". For Zynq, it is "`<plnx-proj-root>/images/ linux/zImage`". For Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC, this is "`<plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/Image`".

1. Build the system image using `petalinux-build`

2. After the image has been built, change into the "`<plnx-proj-root>`" directory if not already and run:

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

3. During start up, you will see the normal Linux boot process, ending with a login prompt as shown below:

   ```
   Freeing unused kernel memory: 3084K (c067f000 - c0982000)
   INIT: version 2.88 booting
   ...
   Creating /dev/flash/* device nodes
   random: dd urandom read with 22 bits of entropy available
   Starting internet superserver: inetd.
   INIT: Entering runlevel: 5
   Configuring network interfaces... udhcpc (v1.23.2) started
   Sending discover...
   macb e000b000.ethernet eth0: link up (1000/Full)
   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.
   Xilinx-ZC702-2016_3 login:
   ```

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

4. Login to the virtual system when you see the login prompt on the emulator console with the login `root` and password `root`.

5. Try some Linux commands such as `ls`, `ifconfig`, `cat/proc/cpuinfo` and so on. They behave the same as on real hardware.

6. To exit the emulator when you are finished, press Ctrl + A, release and then 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
```

Boot a Linux Image with a Specific DTB

Device Trees (DTS / 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 and from "`<plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/system.dtb`" for Zynq family device (Zynq 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
```

7. Building a Bootable System Image

Once a Linux system has been built and tested with the PetaLinux tools, the next step is to generate a boot image which can be deployed in the field. This process is straightforward using the `petalinux-package` tool.

Generate Boot Image for Zynq Family Devices

This section is for Zynq family devices (Zynq-7000 and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC) only. Skip this section for MicroBlaze targets.

The ".`BIN`" boot image can be put into Flash or copied directly to the first FAT partition of an SD card.

A Zynq family device boot image usually contains a first stage bootloader image, (optionally) an FPGA bitstream, and the `U-Boot.elf`. Additionally, it may also contain the `image.ub` FIT image.

Follow the steps below to generate the boot image in ".`BIN`" format.

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

For detailed usage, refer to the *PetaLinux Command Line Reference Guide* (UG1157) [Ref 6].

Generate Downloadable Image for MicroBlaze

This section is for MicroBlaze only.

There are two options to generate a download-able image for MicroBlaze-based designs. In the first workflow, the `petalinux-package` command is used to build an MCS programming file.

```
$ petalinux-package --boot --format MCS --flash-size <SIZE> \
--flash-intf <INTERFACE> --fsbl <FSBL image> --fpga <FPGA bitstream> --u-boot
```

In the second workflow, Vivado may be used to generate a bitstream which has the `fs-boot.elf` initialized to BRAM. Refer to the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide* (UG908) [Ref 5] for more details on this workflow.

Internal Architecture of PetaLinux Projects

Working with the PetaLinux Menuconfig System

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

- first stage bootloader

- u-boot

- kernel

- rootfs

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Auto Config 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 A-1: **Components and their Configuration Files**

Component in the Menu	Files Impacted when the Autoconfig is enabled
Device tree	• `<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/devicetree/skeleton.dtsi (Zynq-7000 only)` • `<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/device-tree/zynq-7000.dtsi (Zynq-7000 only)` • `<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/devicetree/zynqmp.dtsi (Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only)` • `<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/device-tree/zynqmpclk.dtsi (Zynq UltraScale + MPSoC only)` • `<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/devicetree/pcw.dtsi (Zynq-7000 only)` • `<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/device-tree/pl.dtsi` • `<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/device-tree/systemconf.dtsi`
kernel	`<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/kernel/config`
rootfs	`<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/rootfs/config`
u-boot	• `<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/u-boot/config` • `<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/uboot/config.mk (MicroBlaze only)` • `<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/u-boot/platform-auto.h`

If the device tree autoconfig is enabled, the kernel configuration file `<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/ configs/kernel/config` will be automatically updated with the top system level settings when `petalinuxconfig` runs.

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 will impact 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 system's primary Ethernet

- Set the MAC address of the primary Ethernet

- 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 family devices (Zynq-7000 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 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 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.*

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 will use the flash partition table specified in the `"Flash Settings --- >"` sub-menu to define the location of the bootable images.

Table A-2: **Flash Partition Table**

Bootable Image / U-Boot Environment Partition	Default Partition Name	Description
Boot Image	boot	• `BOOT.BIN` for Zynq family devices (Zynq and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC) • Relocatable U-Boot BIN file (`u-boot-s.bin`) for MicroBlaze
U-Boot Environment Partition	bootenv	U-Boot environment variable partition. In this release, PetaLinux U-Boot configuration supports the U-Boot `env` in flash only.

Table A-2: **Flash Partition Table** *(Cont'd)*

Bootable Image / U-Boot Environment Partition	Default Partition Name	Description
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 will assume 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.

ATF Compilation Configuration

The ATF Compilation Configuration appears only for the ZynqMP 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

U-boot Configuration

The U-Boot Configuration sub-menu allows you to select to use U-Boot automatic configuration (autoconfig) by PetaLinux or use a U-Boot board configuration target.

Image Packaging Configuration

The Image Pakaging Configuration sub-menu allows you to set the following image packaging configurations:

- Root filesystem 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 A-3: **Firmware Version Options**

Firmware Version Option	File in the Target RootFS
Host name	`/etc/hostname`
Product name	`/etc/product`
Firmware Version	`/etc/version`

PetaLinux Project Structure

A PetaLinux project includes many directories and configuration files. This section provides an overview of how a PetaLinux project is structured, including which files and/or directories are automatically managed by the PetaLinux tools. In addition, information is included about which files are safe to use with revision control systems such as Git.

Anatomy of a PetaLinux Project

A PetaLinux project is composed of the following components:

• Device tree (DTS / DTB)

• First stage bootloader (optional)

• ATF (optional), for Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only

• U-Boot (optional)

• Linux kernel

• Root filesystem. The root filesystem is composed of the following sub-components:

  ◦ Prebuilt packages

  ◦ Linux user applications (optional)

  ◦ Linux user libraries (optional)

  ◦ User modules (optional)

A PetaLinux project directory contains configuration files of the project as well as the components of the system. During build, the `petalinux-build` tool builds the project based on the settings found in these configuration files. The `petlainux-config` tool is used to modify these configurations.

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PetaLinux Project Directory Structure

A PetaLinux project has the following basic directory structure:

```
<plnx-proj-root>
|-.petalinux/
|-hw-description/
|-config.project
|-subsystems/
|    |-linux/
|    |    |-config
|    |    |-hw-description/
|    |    |-configs/
|    |    |    |-device-tree/
|    |    |    |-kernel/
|    |    |    |-u-boot/
|    |    |    |-rootfs/
|-components/
|    |-apps/
|    |    |-myapp/
|    |-bootloader
|    |-libs
|    |-modules
|-build/
|    |-build.log
|    |-linux/
|    |    |-rootfs/
|    |    |    |-targetroot/
|    |    |    |-stage/
|    |    |    |-apps/
|    |    |    |  |-myapp/
|    |    |-kernel/
|    |    |-u-boot/
|    |    |-device-tree/
|    |    |-bootloader/
|-images/
|    |-linux/
```

⚠ **CAUTION!** "`<plnx-proj-root>/build/`" *is automatically generated. Do not manually edit it. Contents in this directory will get updated when you run* `petalinux-config` *or* `petalinux-build`*. "`<plnx-proj-root>/images/`" is automatically generated and managed. Files in this directory will get updated when you run* `petalinux-build`*.*

Table A-4: **Project Organization**

Project Path	Description
"`<plnx-proj-root>/.petalinux/`"	Directory to hold tools usage and WebTalk data.
"`<plnx-proj-root>/hw-description/`"	Project level hardware description (Not used for this release).

Table A-4: **Project Organization**

Project Path	Description
`"<plnx-proj-root>/config.project"`	Project configuration file. It defines the external components search path and the subsystem in the project.
`"<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/"`	Subsystems of the project.
`"<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/"`	Linux subsystem. This is the only subsystem supported.
`"<plnx-projroot>/subsystems/linux/config"`	Linux subsystem configuration file.
`"<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/hwdescription/"`	Subsystem hardware description imported from Vivado.
`"<plnx-projroot>/subsystems/linux/configs/"`	Configuration files of the components of the subsystem.
`"<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/kernel/config"`	Configuration file used to build the Linux kernel.
`"<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/rootfs/config"`	Configuration file used to build the root filesystem.
`"<plnx-proj-root>/subsystems/linux/configs/device-tree"`	Device tree files used to build device tree. The following files are auto generated by `petalinux-config`: • `skeleton.dtsi` (Zynq-7000 only) • `zynq-7000.dtsi` (Zynq-7000 only) • `zynqmp.dtsi` (Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only) • `zynqmp-clk.dtsi` (Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC only) • `pcw.dtsi` (Zynq and Zynq UltraScale+MPSoC only) • `pl.dtsi` • `system-conf.dtsi` `system-top.dts` 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.

Table A-4: **Project Organization**

Project Path	Description

`"<plnx-projroot>/`
`subsystems/linux/configs/u-b`
`oot"`
	U-Boot PetaLinux configuration files. The following files are auto generated by `petalinux-config`:
	• `config.mk` for MicroBlaze only
	• `platform-auto.h`
	• config
	`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:
	• `config` is the u-boot kconfig file.
	• `config.mk` is copied to board/xilinx/microblaze-generic/ forMicroBlaze.
	• `platform-auto.h` and `platform-top.h` is copied to `include/configs/` directory.

`"<plnx-proj-root>/components`
`/"`
	Directory for local components such as applications and libraries. If you do not have local components, this directory is not required.
	Components created by `petalinux-create` will be placed into this directory.
	You can also manually copy components into this directory.
	Here is the rule to place a local component:
	`"<plnx-proj-root>/components/<COMPONENT_`
	`TYPE>/<COMPONENT>"`

When the project is built, two directories will be auto generated:

• `"<plnx-proj-root>/build"` for the files generated for build

• `"<plnx-proj-root>/images"` for the bootable images

Table A-5: **Build Directory Output and Description**

Build Directory Output	Description
`"<plnx-proj-root>/build/build.l` `og"`	Log file of the build
`"<plnx-proj-root>/build/linux/"`	Directory to hold files related to the linux subsystem build
`"<plnx-proj-root>/build/linux/r` `ootfs/"`	Directory to hold files related to the rootfs build
`"<plnx-projroot>/build/linux/ro` `otfs/targetroot/"`	Deployment-ready root filesystem. These files are safe to deploy via a live filesystem on disk
`"<plnx-projroot>/build/linux/ro` `otfs/stage/"`	Stage directory to hold the libs and header files required to build user apps/libs

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Table A-5: **Build Directory Output and Description** *(Cont'd)*

Build Directory Output	Description
`"<plnx-proj-root>/build/linux/kernel/"`	Directory to hold files related to the Linux kernel build
`"<plnx-proj-root>/build/linux/arm-trustedfirmware/"`	Directory to hold files related to the ATF build
`"<plnx-proj-root>/build/linux/u-boot/"`	Directory to hold files related to the U-Boot build
`"<plnx-proj-root>/build/linux/devicetree/"`	Directory to hold files related to the device-tree build
`"<plnx-projroot>/build/linux/bootloader/"`	Directory to hold files related to the bootloader build

Note: All components are built out of the tree module and any changes to the source files in the build directory will not be reflected.

Table A-6: **Image Directory and Description**

Image Directory in a PetaLinux Project	Description
`"<plnx-proj-root>/images/linux/"`	Directory to hold the bootable images for Linux

TIP: *Version control software can be used with the entire PetaLinux project directory* `"<plnx-projroot>"` *excluding* `"<plnx-proj-root>/.petalinux"`, `"<plnx-proj-root>/build"` *and* `"<plnx-proj-root>/images"`.

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