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1. Overview

This document describes the packages and features that are supported in Amlogic Linux platforms.

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2.Chapter 1: Supported Packages

Amlogic adopts Buildroot as package management system.   See
http://buildroot.uclibc.org/ for more details on how it works.

2.1 List of Supported Package

Package	Version	Description
alsa-lib	1.1.0	ALSA User space library. See http://www.alsa-project.org/
alsa-utils	1.1.0	Command line utilities for the ALSA. See http://www.alsa-project.org/
aml_libs	0.4.0	Amlogic video/audio decoder
aml_nand		Amlogic Nand driver
aml_pmu		Amlogic PMU driver
aml_thermal		Amlogic thermal driver
aml_util	0.1	Utilities
boost	1.60.0	Set of libraries for C++. See http://www.boost.org/
brcmap6xxx		Broadcom wifi driver
busybox	1.24.1	Tiny versions of many common UNIX utilities. See http://www.busybox.net/
bzip2	1.0.6	Bzip compression utility. See http://www.bzip.org/
cairo	1.14.4	2D graphics library. See http://cairographics.org
cjson	58	ANSI-C compliant JSON parser. See http://sourceforge.net/projects/cjson/
dbus	1.10.6	Message bus system. See http://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Software/dbus/
dhcpcd	6.10.1	DHCP client daemon. See http://roy.marples.name/projects/dhcpcd/wiki
directfb	1.7.7	Graphics library. See http://www.directfb.org/
dnsmasq	2.75	Network utility. See http://www.thekelleys.org.uk/dnsmasq/doc.html
e2fsprogs	1.42.13	Filesystem utilities for use with the ext2/3/4 filesystem. See http://e2fsprogs.sourceforge.net/
expat	2.1.0	Library for parsing XML written in C. See http://expat.sourceforge.net/
fbdump	0.4.2	Tools to captures the contents of framebuffer device. See http://www.rcdrummond.net/fbdump/
fbgrab	1.3	Framebuffer screenshot program. See http://freecode.com/projects/fbgrab
fbset	2.1	Fbset. See http://users.telenet.be/geertu/Linux/fbdev/
fbterm	1.7.0	Framebuffer based terminal emulator. See http://code.google.com/p/fbterm/
fb-test-app	rosetta-1.1.0	Test suite for Linux framebuffer. See https://github.com/prpplague/fb-test-app
fontconfig	2.11.1	Font configuration and customization library. See http://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Software/fontconfig/
freetype	2.6.2	Fonts rendering library. See http://www.freetype.org
gdb	7.9.1	GNU debugger. See https://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/
gmp	6.1.0	Library for arbitrary precision arithmetic. See

		https://gmplib.org/
gnutls	3.4.9	Transport Layer Security Library. See http://www.gnutls.org/.
gpu		Amlogic Mali gpu driver
gst1-plugins-bad	1.6.3	Gstreamer bad set. See http://gstreamer.freedesktop.org/modules/gst-plugins-bad.html
gst1-plugins-base	1.6.3	See http://gstreamer.freedesktop.org/modules/gst-plugins-base.html
gst1-plugins-good	1.6.3	See http://gstreamer.freedesktop.org/modules/gst-plugins-good.html
gst1-plugins-ugly	1.6.3	See http://gstreamer.freedesktop.org/modules/gst-plugins-ugly.html
gst-aml-plugins1	1.0	Gstreamer1 Amlogic plugin
gstreamer1	1.6.3	Gstreamer. See http://gstreamer.freedesktop.org/
harfbuzz	1.1.3	Opentext shaping engine. See http://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Software/HarfBuzz/
icu	56.1	International Components for Unicode. See http://site.icu-project.org/
iw	4.3	nl80211 based utility for wireless devices. See http://wireless.kernel.org/en/users/Documentation/iw
kmod	22	Kernel module tools. See https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/kernel/kmod/
libcurl	7.47.1	Multiprotocol file transfer library. See http://c-ares.haxx.se/
liberation	2.00.1	Font. See http://www.fedorahosted.org/releases/l/i/liberation-fonts
libevent	2.0.22	Signaling events. See http://libevent.org/
libffi	3.2.1	Event notification library. See http://libevent.org/
libglib2	2.46.2	See https://developer.gnome.org/glib/
libid3tag	0.15.1b	See http://sourceforge.net/projects/mad/files/libid3tag/
libjpeg	9b	Jpeg library. See http://libjpeg.sourceforge.net/
libmad	0.15.1b	MPEG audio decoder. See http://sourceforge.net/projects/mad/
libnl	3.2.27	Libraries for netlink protocol. See http://www.infradead.org/~tgr/libnl/doc/api/
libogg	1.3.2	Ogg container. See https://xiph.org/ogg/
libplayer	2.1.0	Amlogic media player library
libpng	1.6.21	PNG reference library. See http://www.libpng.org/pub/png/libpng.html
libsamplerate	0.1.8	Sample rate converter. See http://www.mega-nerd.com/SRC/
libsoup	2.52.2	HTTP client/server library for GNOME. See https://developer.gnome.org/libsoup/
libsvg	0.1.4	Provides a parser for SVG content. See http://cairographics.org/
libsvg-cairo	0.1.6	Provides the ability to render SVG content. See

		http://cairographics.org/
libtasn1	4.6	ASN.1 library. See https://www.gnu.org/software/libtasn1/
libxml2	2.9.3	XML toolkit. See http://xmlsoft.org/
libxslt	1.1.28	XSLT support for libxml2. See http://xmlsoft.org/XSLT/
linux-amlogic	3.14.29	Amlogic Linux kernel
mali_examples	2.4.4	Mali OpenGL ES examples. See http://malideveloper.arm.com/cn/develop-for-mali/sdks/opengl-es-sdk-for-linux/
ncurses	5.9	New curses library. See http://www.gnu.org/software/ncurses/
nettle	3.2	Crypto library. See http://www.lysator.liu.se/~nisse/nettle/.
openssl	1.0.2g	Cryptography library. See http://www.openssl.org/
pango	1.38.1	Library for layout and rendering of text. See http://www.pango.org/
pcre	8.38	Perl compatible regular expression. See http://www.pcre.org/.
pixman	0.34.0	Low-level pixel manipulation library. See http://www.pixman.org/
qt5base	5.5.1	Cross-platform application and UI framework. See http://qt-project.org/
qt5imageformats	5.5.1	See http://qt-project.org/
qt5multimedia	5.5.1	See http://qt-project.org/
qt5sensors	5.5.1	See http://qt-project.org/
qt5serialport	5.5.1	See http://qt-project.org/
qt5svg	5.5.1	See http://qt-project.org/
qt5xmlpatterns	5.5.1	See http://qt-project.org/
remotecfg	1.0.0	Amlogic remote configuration tool
rtk8188eu		Realtek 8188EU driver
rtk8189es		Realtek 8189ES driver
rtk8723au		Realtek 8723AU driver
rtk8723bs		Realtek 8723AU driver
sqlite	3100200	SQL database engine. See http://www.sqlite.org/
taglib	1.9.1	Audio tags. See https://taglib.github.io/
tslib	1.1	Abstraction layer for touchscreen panel events. See http://tslib.berlios.de/
uboot	2015	Amlogic uboot
util-linux	2.27.1	Essential utilities for Linux. See https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/util-linux/
wavpack	4.75.2	Open audio codec. See http://www.wavpack.com/
wpa_supplicant	2.5	See http://hostap.epitest.fi/wpa_supplicant/
wifi-fw		Wifi DSP firmware
zlib	1.2.8	Data compression library. See http://www.zlib.net/

3.Chapter 2: Supported Boards

This chapter lists the reference boards that Amlogic currently supports.

3.1 List of Supported Boards

Amlogic supports the following reference boards for 905X, namely p212 with Linux kernel 3.14.29. This section lists the features and peripherals for these boards.

P212:

- Amlogic S905X CPU
- 2GB DDR3
- HDMI out x 1
- TF Card x 1
- Ethernet with internal phy x 1
- SDIO Wifi/BT (RTL8189ETV) x 1
- SPDIF x 1
- USB hub x 2
- EMMC x 1

4. Chapter 3: Linux Compilation and Installation Procedures

4.1 Toolchains

Two sets of toolchains are used in the compilation.

The first one is used for compiling kernel and applications and it is automatically download from Linaro's website by Buildroot. The path is shown below just for completeness.

http://releases.linaro.org/14.09/components/toolchain/binaries/gcc-linaro-aarch64-linux-gnu-4.9-2014.09_linux.tar.xz

The second set of toolchains is used for compiling uboot and it can be downloaded from Amlogic OpenLinux website through

wget -c http://openlinux.amlogic.com:8000/deploy/CodeSourcery.tar.gz
wget -c http://openlinux.amlogic.com:8000/deploy/gnutools.tar.gz
wget -c http://openlinux.amlogic.com:8000/deploy/gcc-linaro-aarch64-none-elf-4.8-2013.11_linux.tar

Extract and put them into search path.

$ tar zxf CodeSourcery.tar.gz -C /opt
$ tar zxf gnutools.tar.gz -C /opt
$ tar xf gcc-linaro-aarch64-none-elf-4.8-2013.11_linux.tar -C /opt
$ export PATH=$PATH: /opt/gnutools/arc2.3-p0/elf32-4.2.1/bin:
/opt/CodeSourcery/Sourcery_G++_Lite/bin:/opt/CodeSourcery/Sourcery_G+
+_Lite/arm-none-eabi/bin:/opt/CodeSourcery/Sourcery_G+
+_Lite/arm-none-linux-gnueabi/bin:/opt/gcc-linaro-aarch64-none-elf-4.8-2013.11_linux/bin/

4.2 Compiling the System

Getting the source code:
$ wget -c
http://openlinux.amlogic.com:8000/download/ARM/filesystem/arm-buildroot-2016-05-04-650a8270f8.tar.gz

Compilation:

```
$ tar arm-buildroot-2016-05-04-650a8270f8.tar.gz
$ cd buildroot
$ make mesongxl_p212_release_defconfig
$ make
```

Note: Do not use make -jN here as Buildroot does not support top-level parallel make. This does not mean that Buildroot does not support parallel compilation, but just that it will handle this inside the Buildroot compilation system.

4.3 Installing Linux on SD Card

The following steps show how to install the resulting system on your SD card.

Note: You should use an SD card that is **at least 4GB**.

1. Create an SD card with one partition in ext2 format.

2. Copy boot.img, rootfs.tar.gz to this partition

    ```
    $ sudo cp output/images/boot.img /media/sdcard
    $ sudo cp output/images/rootfs.tar.gz /media/sdcard
    $ sudo sync
    ```

3. Extract rootfs.tar.gz on SD card

    ```
    $ cd /media/sdcard
    $ sudo tar zxvf  rootfs.tar.gz
    $ sync
    ```

4. Write uboot to SD card

    ```
    $ sudo dd if=output/images/u-boot.bin.sd.bin of=/dev/mmcblk0 bs=512
    skip=1 seek=1
    $ sudo sync
    ```

5. If there's some old data on the flash, you might wish to erase them all

    ```
    # store init 3
    # reset // now the system starts from sd card
    ```

6. When running into uboot, execute "run bootsdcard" under the prompt:

    ```
    # env default -a
    # env save
    # run bootsdcard
    ```

4.4 Installing Linux on EMMC/Nand Flash

Warning! All previous changes will be lost.

1. Create an SD card with one partition in vfat format

2. copy boot.img and root file system to SD card

```
$ cp output/images/u-boot.bin /media/mySD
$ cp output/images/boot.img /media/mySD
$ cp output/images/rootfs.tar.gz /media/mySD
```

   Insert SD card into your platform and reboot into uboot.

   Replace original uboot with the new one under uboot prompt:

```
# mmcinfo
# fatload mmc 0 ${loadaddr} u-boot.bin
# store rom_write  ${loadaddr} 0 120000
# fatload mmc 0 ${loadaddr} gxl_p212.dtb  // This step writes a valid dtb
first
# store dtb write  ${loadaddr}
# reset
```

3. With new uboot burned on your platform, enter uboot prompt again and execute "run bootupdate"

```
 # env default -a
# env save
# run bootupdate
```

4. System will automatically write kernel to boot partition and extract rootfs.tar.gz to system partition.

5. Reboot platform.

6. System will boot up with kernel and root filesystem on EMMC/NAND.

Appendix A: Wi-Fi Enabling Procedures

The appendix describes procedures for enabling Wi-Fi on Amlogic Linux platform manually:
- Check module existence:

```
# lsmod
Module          Size  Used by    Not tainted
dhd             410618  0
```

   If not,

```
# modprobe dhd
```
   Note: "dhd" is the driver module name for broadcomm WIFI module. This name may vary depends
   on different WIFI modules equipped on your platform.

- Set up /etc/wpa_supplicant.conf:
   Example:
   ctrl_interface=/var/run/wpa_supplicant
   ctrl_interface_group=0
   ap_scan=1

   network={
       ssid="myAP"
       pairwise=CCMP TKIP
       group=CCMP TKIP
       proto=WPA RSN
       key_mgmt=WPA-PSK
       priority=5
       psk="my_passwd"
   }
- Restart wpa_supplicant:
   # /etc/init.d/S42wifi reload
   or enable wpa_supplicant directly:
   # wpa_supplicant -B -Dnl80211 -iwlan0 -c/etc/wpa_supplicant.conf
- Enable DHCP client:
   # dhcpcd

- Put your wpa_supplicant.conf under /board/amlogic/meson_XXX/rootfs/etc/ and regenerate your file system. Next time system will automatically enable Wi-Fi.
   Note: Modify meson_XXX according to your platform.
   For example: meson_g18 --> g18
   meson_k200 --> k200

Appendix B: Libplayer Test Procedures

This appendix demonstrates how to use kplayer to exercise Libplayer. (For non-X platforms only)
Usage: kplayer <file>
0   show main menu
a   start play
s   get media info
1   Pause play
2   Resume play
3   Stop play
4   Fast forward
5   Fast rewind
6   Seek
7   Set repeat
8   Quit tools

Appendix C: GStreamer1 Test Procedures

This appendix demonstrates how to use gplay to exercise Gstreamer1. (For non-X platforms only)
I. Local file playback
   gst-play-1.0 movie.mp4

gst-play-1.0 can take commands during playback.

```
space    : pause/unpause
q or ESC : quit
>        : play next
<        : play previous
→        : seek forward
←        : seek backward
↑        : volume up
↓        : volume down
+        : increase playback rate
-        : decrease playback rate
d        : change playback direction
t        : enable/disable trick modes
a        : change audio track
v        : change video track
s        : change subtitle track
k        : show keyboard shortcuts
```

Appendix D: Mali and QT5 Test Procedures

Leave Framebuffer sleep mode
echo 0 > /sys/class/graphics/fb0/blank
echo 1 > /sys/class/graphics/fb1/blank

Mali examples: (For non-X platforms only)

There are a couple Mali execution examples under /usr/share/arm/opengles_20
For example,
sh /etc/set_display_mode.sh
cd /usr/share/arm/opengles_20/cube
./cube

QT5 examples:

QT5 demos are located under /usr/lib/qt/examples
For example,
sh /etc/set_display_mode.sh
cd /usr/lib/qt/examples/widgets/animation/animatedtiles
./animatedtiles
cd /usr/lib/qt/examples/gui/openglwindow
./openglwindow