



Kodi and Embedded Linux

Moving Towards Common Windowing and Video Acceleration

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Overview

The Problem

- What problem are we trying to solve
- How bad is it really?

The Solution

- What have we done so far
- What is left to do?

Future work

- Where do we go next?
- How far are we away?

Demo

- Time permitting



Terminology

DRM/KMS - Direct Rendering Manager / Kernel Mode Setting

SBC - Single Board Computer

SOC - System on a Chip

V4L2 - Video 4 Linux 2

BSP - Board Support Package

RKMPP - Rockchip Media Process Platform



The Problem

- Many SOC manufacturers each with their own proprietary blob
- Stuck with vendor BSP kernel which is often old and outdated
- Proprietary blob implements various functions such as windowing (using EGL) and video decoding
- Maintenance burden due to each method being different and requiring a unique code path.

Currently Supported SOC's in Kodi (v17 Krypton)

- Raspberry Pi
- Amlogic
- i.MX6

Rejected PR's for SOC's

- Allwinner ([PR6268](#))
- Rockchip ([PR11772](#))



Qualcomm

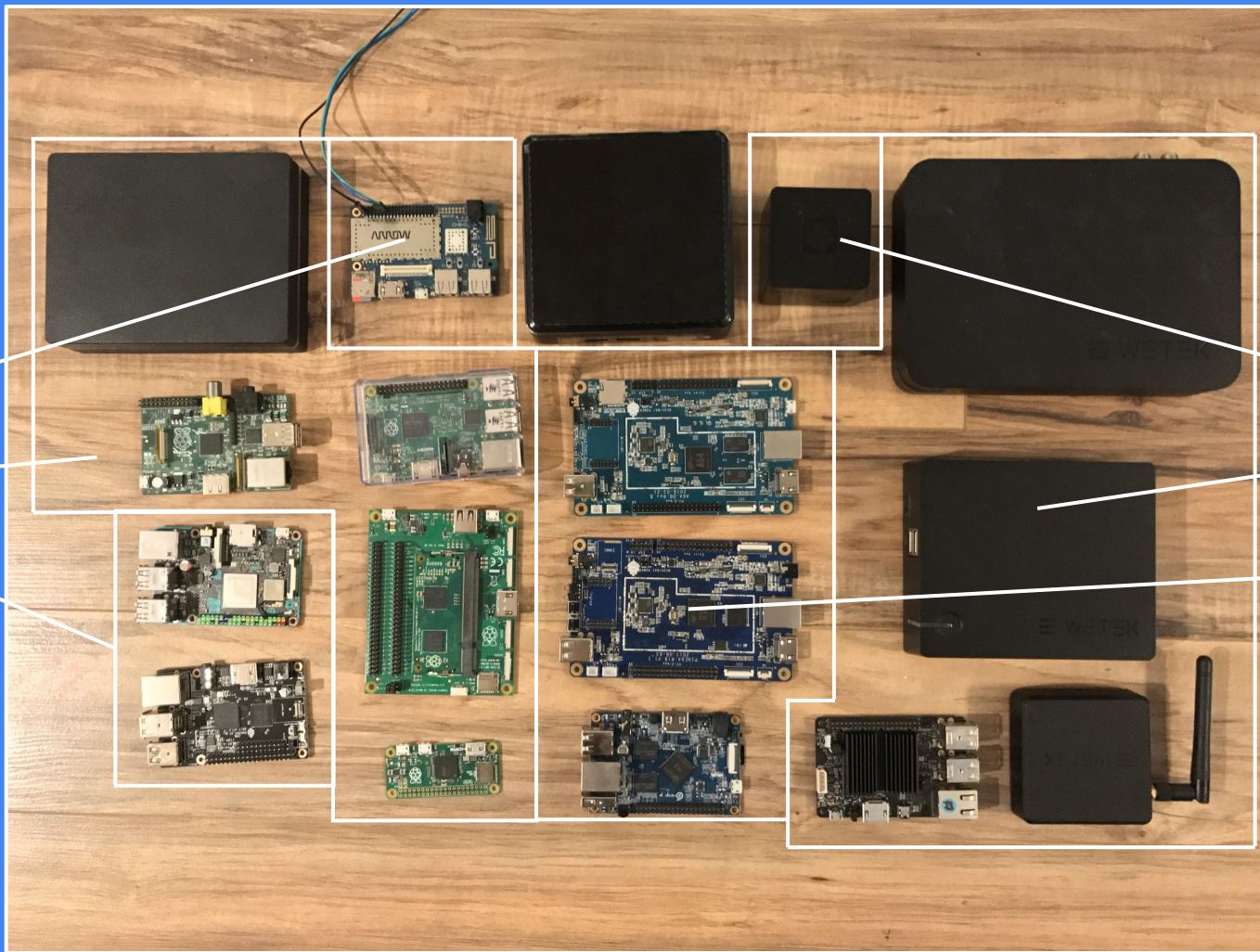
Broadcom

Rockchip

NXP

Amlogic

Allwinner



Some Statistics (Kodi v17 Krypton)

2013	xbmc/cores/VideoPlayer/DVDCodecs/Video/DVDVideoCodecIMX.cpp
454	xbmc/cores/VideoPlayer/DVDCodecs/Video/DVDVideoCodecIMX.h
237	xbmc/cores/VideoPlayer/VideoRenderers/HwDecRender/RendererIMX.cpp
69	xbmc/cores/VideoPlayer/VideoRenderers/HwDecRender/RendererIMX.h
24	xbmc/linux/imx/GlobalsIMX.cpp
243	xbmc/linux/imx/IMX.cpp
207	xbmc/linux/imx/IMX.h
453	xbmc/windowing/egl/EGLNativeTypeIMX.cpp
74	xbmc/windowing/egl/EGLNativeTypeIMX.h

3774 **Total lines of platform specific code**



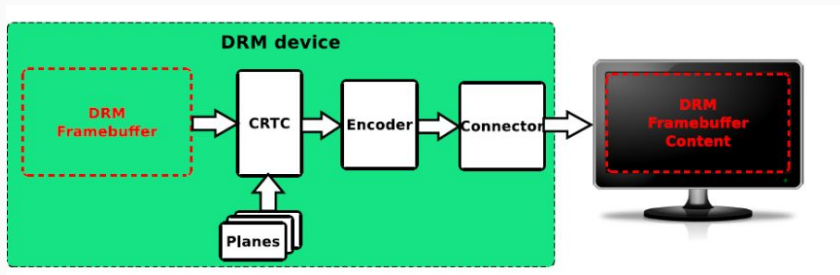
The Solution

- DRM/KMS Windowing Method
- FFmpeg decoders outputting AVDRMFrameDescriptor
- DRM Prime Video Rendering Method



DRM/KMS

- Initial implementation - Merged July 8, 2017
- Atomic and Legacy DRM support



Platforms running on DRM/KMS in Kodi

- Rockchip
- Allwinner
- NXP i.MX6
- Raspberry Pi (VC4)
- Qualcomm
- Other?



DRM/KMS Lines of Code (as of January 31st, 2018)

```
64  xbmc/windowing/gbm/OptionalsReg.h
22  xbmc/windowing/gbm/CMakeLists.txt
39  xbmc/windowing/gbm/DRMLegacy.h
71  xbmc/windowing/gbm/WinSystemGbm.h
59  xbmc/windowing/gbm/WinSystemGbmGLESText.h
43  xbmc/windowing/gbm/GBMUtils.h
43  xbmc/windowing/gbm/DRMAAtomic.h
260 xbmc/windowing/gbm/DRMAAtomic.cpp
48  xbmc/windowing/gbm/GLContextEGL.h
181 xbmc/windowing/gbm/OptionalsReg.cpp
105 xbmc/windowing/gbm/GBMUtils.cpp
106 xbmc/windowing/gbm/DRMUtils.h
172 xbmc/windowing/gbm/DRMLegacy.cpp
182 xbmc/windowing/gbm/WinSystemGbmGLESText.cpp
252 xbmc/windowing/gbm/GLContextEGL.cpp
246 xbmc/windowing/gbm/WinSystemGbm.cpp
663 xbmc/windowing/gbm/DRMUtils.cpp
```

2556 **total**



Video Decoding and Rendering

- Implementing a zero-copy path from decoding to rendering for each frame
- Allow the decoded frame to be passed directly to a DRM plane



DRMPRIME Decoder & Renderer Lines of Code

248 xbmc/cores/VideoPlayer/VideoRenderers/HwDecRender/RendererDRMPRIME.cpp

74 xbmc/cores/VideoPlayer/VideoRenderers/HwDecRender/RendererDRMPRIME.h

347 xbmc/cores/VideoPlayer/DVDCodecs/Video/DVDVideoCodecDRMPRIME.cpp

83 xbmc/cores/VideoPlayer/DVDCodecs/Video/DVDVideoCodecDRMPRIME.h

752 total

FFmpeg - libavutil/hwcontext_drm.h

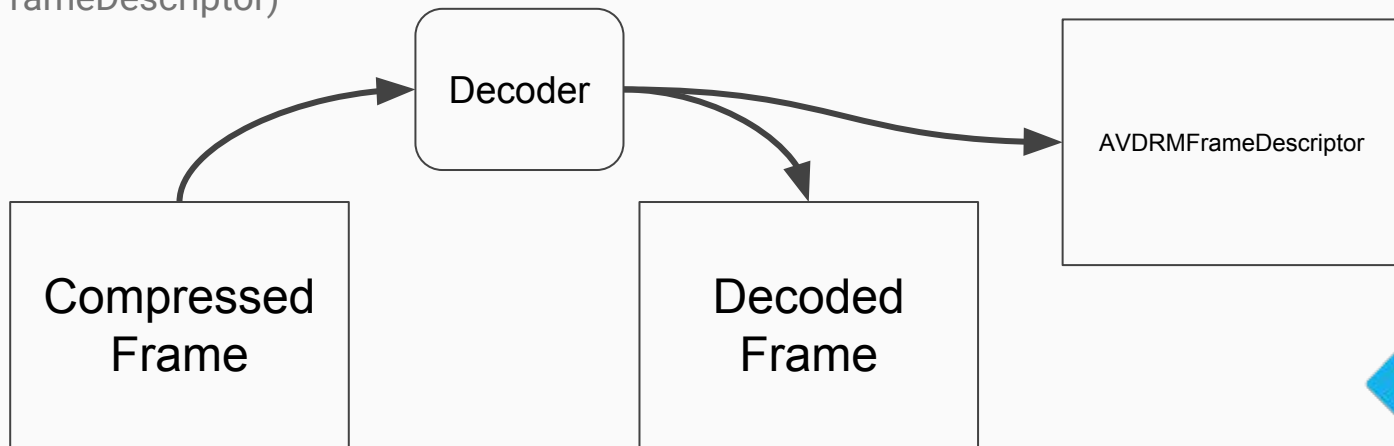
```
typedef struct AVDRMFrameDescriptor {  
    int nb_objects;  
    AVDRMObjectDescriptor objects[AV_DRM_MAX_PLANES];  
    int nb_layers;  
    AVDRMLayerDescriptor layers[AV_DRM_MAX_PLANES];  
};
```

```
typedef struct AVDRMObjectDescriptor {  
    int fd;  
    size_t size;  
    uint64_t format_modifier;  
}
```



FFmpeg Decoding via V4L2 and RKMPP

- Take the video frame, decode it, and place it in a memory buffer.
- Pass the fd and relevant information about this buffer to the renderer. (information contained in AVDRMFrameDescriptor)



Rendering

- Receive the decoded frame from FFmpeg
- Unpack the information in AVDRMFrameDescriptor
- Get the handle from the fd:

```
drmPrimeFDToHandle(m_DRM->m_fd, descriptor->objects[object].fd, &buffer->m_handles[object]);
```

- Use the handle and relevant information to add a framebuffer and get a framebuffer ID:

```
drmModeAddFB2(m_DRM->m_fd, buffer->GetWidth(), buffer->GetHeight(), layer->format, handles, pitches, offsets, &buffer->m_fb_id, 0);
```



Rendering (Continued...)

- Set the relevant atomic properties:

```
atomic->AddPlaneProperty(atomic->m_req, atomic->m_primary_plane, "FB_ID",    buffer->m_fb_id);  
atomic->AddPlaneProperty(atomic->m_req, atomic->m_primary_plane, "CRTC_ID", atomic->m_crtc->crtc->crtc_id);  
atomic->AddPlaneProperty(atomic->m_req, atomic->m_primary_plane, "SRC_X",    src_x);  
atomic->AddPlaneProperty(atomic->m_req, atomic->m_primary_plane, "SRC_Y",    src_y);  
atomic->AddPlaneProperty(atomic->m_req, atomic->m_primary_plane, "SRC_W",    src_w);  
atomic->AddPlaneProperty(atomic->m_req, atomic->m_primary_plane, "SRC_H",    src_h);
```

- Commit the atomic page flip



Rendering GUI and Video

- Using Primary and Overlay DRM Planes

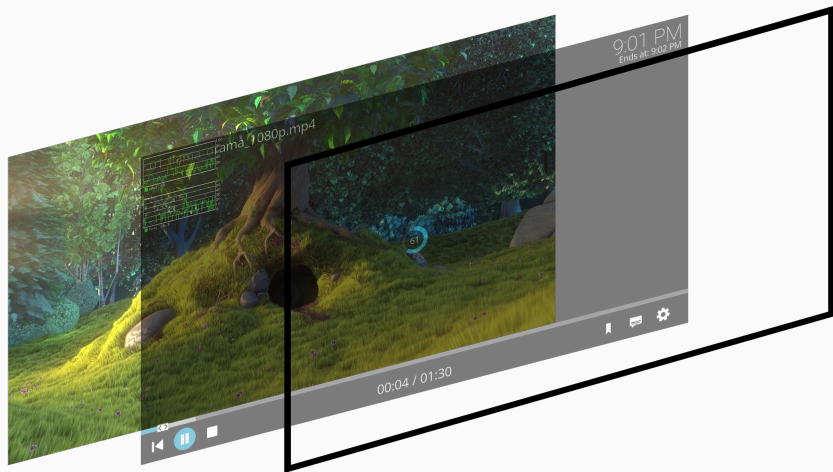
```
id      crtc    fb      CRTC x,y    x,y    gamma size    possible crtcs
29      0      0      0,0         0,0    0      0x000000ff
formats: AR24 AB24 RA24 BA24 XR24 XB24 RX24 BX24 RG24 BG24 RG16 BG16 NV12 NV21 NV16 NV61 VYUY UYVY YUYV YVYU YU12 YV12
props:
  6 type:
    flags: immutable enum
    enums: Overlay=0 Primary=1 Cursor=2
    value: 1

32      0      0      0,0         0,0    0      0x000000ff
formats: AR24 AB24 RA24 BA24 XR24 XB24 RX24 BX24 RG24 BG24 RG16 BG16 NV12 NV21 NV16 NV61 VYUY UYVY YUYV YVYU YU12 YV12
props:
  6 type:
    flags: immutable enum
    enums: Overlay=0 Primary=1 Cursor=2
    value: 0
```



Rendering GUI and Video (Continued...)

- No video = Kodi GUI on the primary plane
- Video = Kodi GUI on the overlay plane and video on the primary plane
- We can do this because everything is done in a single atomic commit. So we can switch planes (or disable them) instantly.
- z-pos atomic attribute not widely supported.



Video Playback

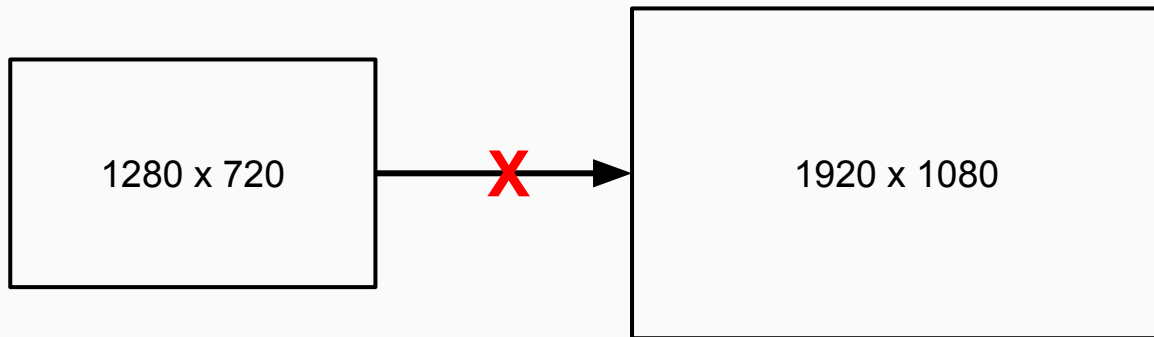


No Video Playback



Caveats

- Hardware or driver may not support plane scaling
 - If the screen is 1920x1080 but the video is 1280x720 it will fail (i.MX6)
- No video manipulation via shaders
 - Kodi supports scaling, color correction and deinterlacing via shaders



Alternative Solutions

- Instead of directly passing the fd to the plane we can import it into GLES directly
- Using the EGL extension `EGL_EXT_image_dma_buf_import`
- This allows us to import the image so we can do the processing in GL and output to a single plane.
- Current code requires GLES 3.0
- Can be done in GLES 2.0 and `GL_TEXTURE_EXTERNAL_OES` but requires the HW and GLES driver to allow importing NV12 or other formats directly.



EGL_EXT_image_dma_buf_import

```
GLint attribsY[] =
{
    EGL_LINUX_DRM_FOURCC_EXT, fourcc_code('R', '8', ' ', ' '),
    EGL_WIDTH, buffer->GetWidth(),
    EGL_HEIGHT, buffer->GetHeight(),
    EGL_DMA_BUF_PLANE0_FD_EXT, descriptor->objects[layer->planes[0].object_index].fd,
    EGL_DMA_BUF_PLANE0_OFFSET_EXT, layer->planes[0].offset,
    EGL_DMA_BUF_PLANE0_PITCH_EXT, layer->planes[0].pitch,
    EGL_NONE
};

eglImageY = m_interop.eglCreateImageKHR(m_interop.eglDisplay,
    EGL_NO_CONTEXT,
    EGL_LINUX_DMA_BUF_EXT,
    (EGLClientBuffer) NULL,
    attribsY);
```

EGL_EXT_image_dma_buf_import (Continued...)

```
GLint attribsVU[] =
{
    EGL_LINUX_DRM_FOURCC_EXT, fourcc_code('G', 'R', '8', '8'),
    EGL_WIDTH, (buffer->GetWidth() + 1) >> 1,
    EGL_HEIGHT, (buffer->GetHeight() + 1) >> 1,
    EGL_DMA_BUF_PLANE0_FD_EXT, descriptor->objects[layer->planes[1].object_index].fd,
    EGL_DMA_BUF_PLANE0_OFFSET_EXT, layer->planes[1].offset,
    EGL_DMA_BUF_PLANE0_PITCH_EXT, layer->planes[1].pitch,
    EGL_NONE
};

eglImageVU = m_interop.eglCreateImageKHR(m_interop.eglDisplay,
    EGL_NO_CONTEXT,
    EGL_LINUX_DMA_BUF_EXT,
    (EGLClientBuffer) NULL,
    attribsVU);
```

EGL_EXT_image_dma_buf_import (Continued...)

```
glGenTextures(1, &m_textureY);  
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, m_textureY);  
m_interop.glEGLImageTargetTexture2DOES(GL_TEXTURE_2D, eglImageY);  
  
glGenTextures(1, &m_textureVU);  
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, m_textureVU);  
m_interop.glEGLImageTargetTexture2DOES(GL_TEXTURE_2D, eglImageVU);  
  
glBindTexture(m_interop.textureTarget, 0);
```

GL_TEXTURE_EXTERNAL_OES

```
GLint attribs[] =  
{  
    EGL_LINUX_DRM_FOURCC_EXT, fourcc_code('N', 'V', '1', '2'),  
    EGL_DMA_BUF_PLANE0_FD_EXT, descriptor->objects[layer->planes[0].object_index].fd,  
    EGL_DMA_BUF_PLANE0_OFFSET_EXT, layer->planes[0].offset,  
    EGL_DMA_BUF_PLANE0_PITCH_EXT, layer->planes[0].pitch,  
    EGL_DMA_BUF_PLANE1_FD_EXT, descriptor->objects[layer->planes[1].object_index].fd,  
    EGL_DMA_BUF_PLANE1_OFFSET_EXT, layer->planes[1].offset,  
    EGL_DMA_BUF_PLANE1_PITCH_EXT, layer->planes[1].pitch,  
    EGL_NONE  
};
```

```
eglImage = m_interop.eglCreateImageKHR(m_interop.eglDisplay,  
    EGL_NO_CONTEXT,  
    EGL_LINUX_DMA_BUF_EXT,  
    (EGLClientBuffer) NULL,  
    attribs);
```

GL_TEXTURE_EXTERNAL_OES (Continued...)

```
glGenTextures(1, &m_texture);  
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_EXTERNAL_OES, m_texture);  
m_interop.glEGLImageTargetTexture2DOES(GL_TEXTURE_EXTERNAL_OES, (GLEGLImageOES)eglImage);  
  
glBindTexture(m_interop.textureTarget, 0);
```


Broadcom

- Raspberry Pi
- No V4L2 Support
- Mainline mesa (not used)
- Proprietary bootloader
- Proprietary decoding



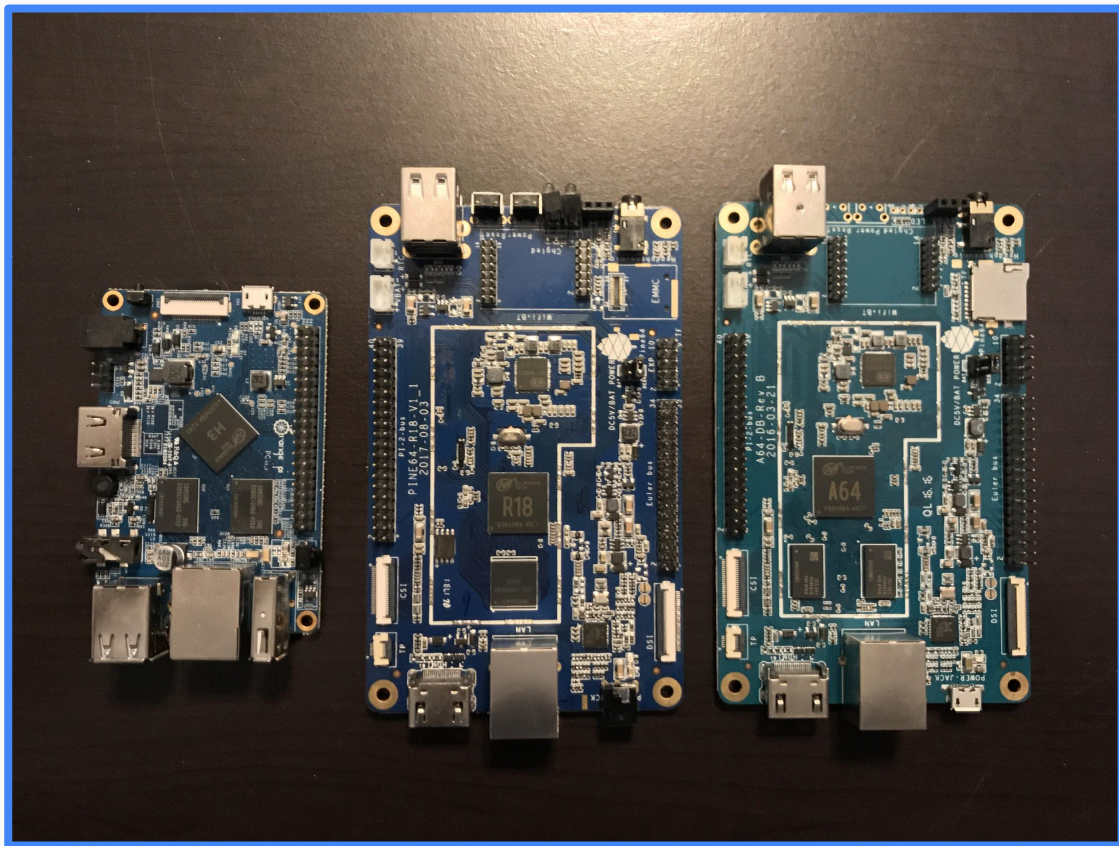
Amlogic

- Mainline DRM driver (not used)
- No V4L2 support
- Android partitioning
- Mali proprietary blob
- Magic decoding through libamcodec



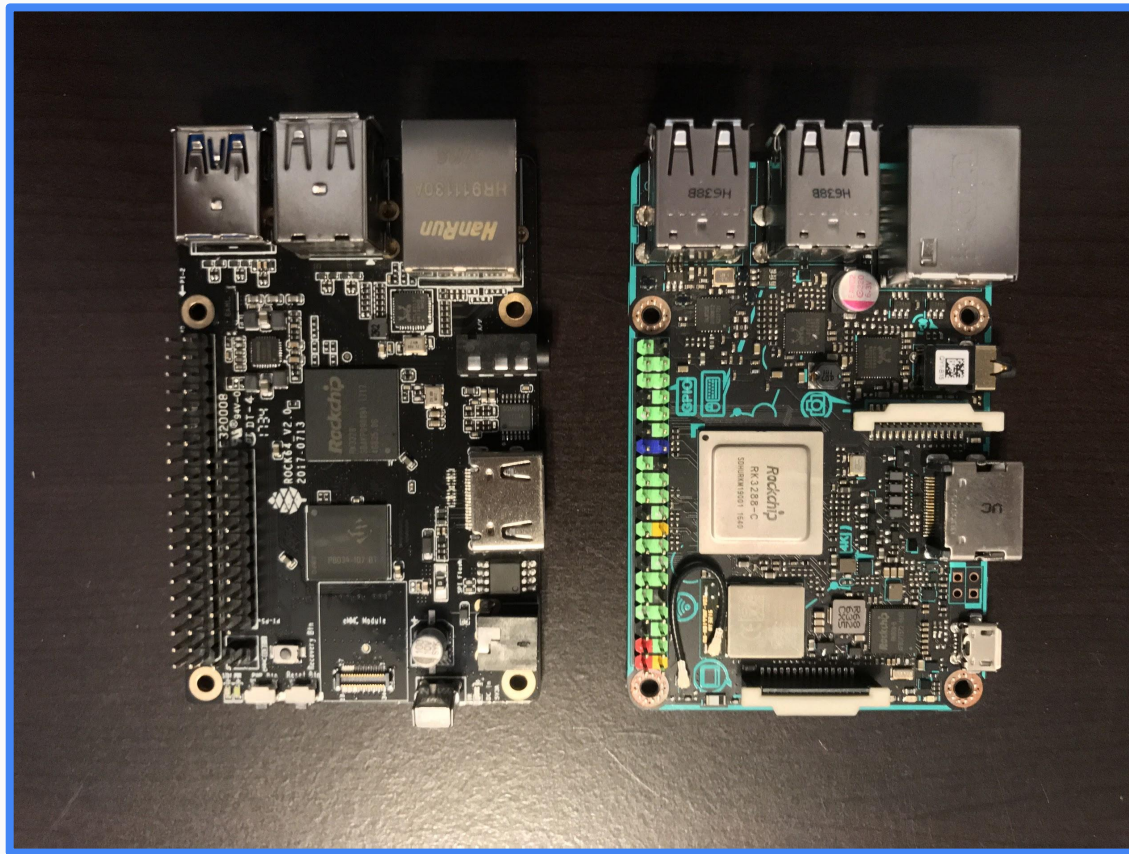
Allwinner

- DRM driver almost mainline
- Early V4L2 support
- Mainline u-boot
- Mali proprietary blob



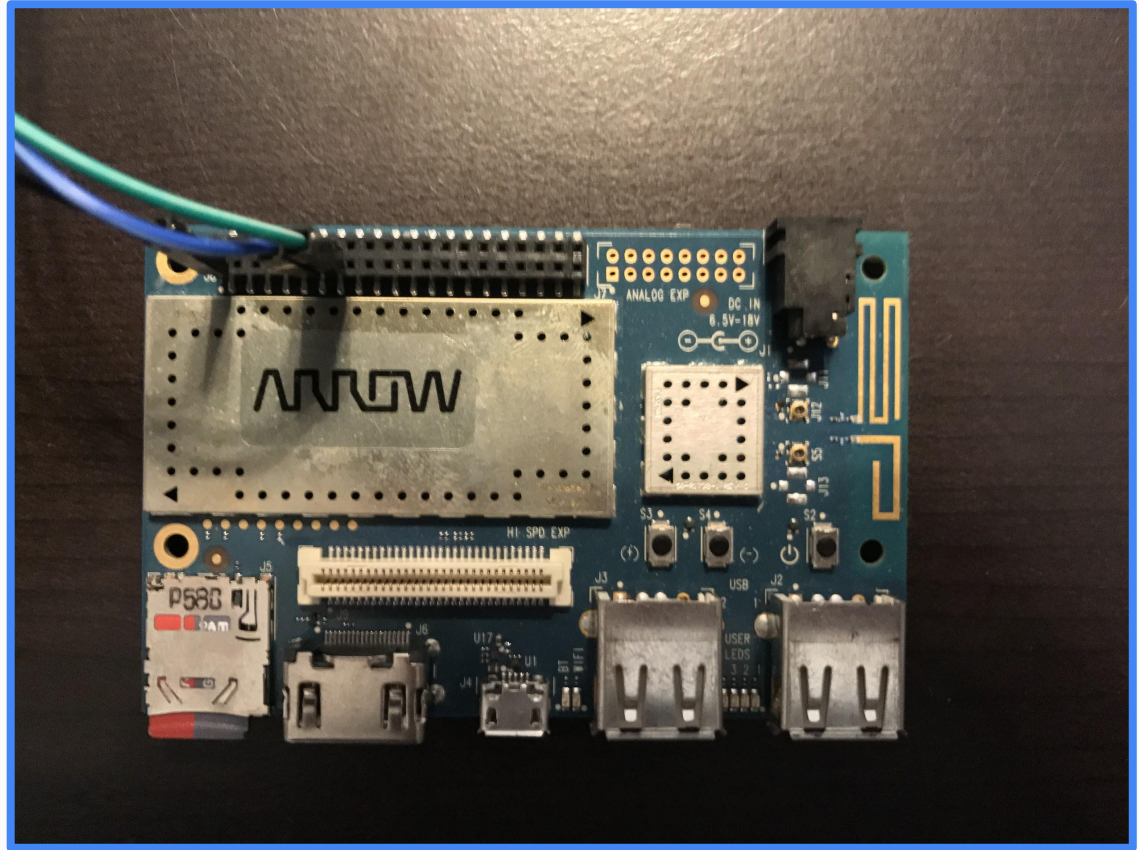
Rockchip

- 4.4 based kernel
- No V4L2 support
- Mainline u-boot
- Mali proprietary blob
- Vendor specific decoding



Qualcomm

- Mainline kernel (almost)
- Great V4L2 support
- Android partitioning
- Mainline mesa
- DB820 soon



Freescale

- Mainline kernel
- Mainline u-boot
- Good V4L2 support
- Mainline mesa
- i.MX8 coming soon



Future Work

FFmpeg

- Mainline support for v4l2 outputting AVDRMFrameDescriptor

Kodi

- HDR output



Demo



Questions?

