

Heads : Status update

# Heads at 33c3 (2016!!!)

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1.5988501 Freeing unused kernel memory: 1192K (ffff880013d60000-ffff880014000000)
1.6023501 Freeing unused kernel memory: 900K (ffff880001511000-ffff880001600000)
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Run './start-xen' to load the hypervisor
Run 'kexec -e' to boot it

TPM TOTP:
[ 1.664441] random: unsealfile urandom read with 8 bits of entropy available
2016-11-03 11:45:29: 438116

/bin/ash: can't access tty: job control turned off
/ # [ 2.520525] clocksource: Switched to clocksource tsc
uname -a
Linux (none) 4.7.0-heads #17 SMP Fri Oct 28 10:27:26 EDT 2016 x86_64 GNU/Linux
/ #
```

# Heads today

[heads-tests] QEMU



qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpm1-hotp | Heads Boot Menu

2023-02-01 16:39:28 UTC  
TOTP: 593928 | HOTP: Success

Default boot

Refresh TOTP/HOTP

Options -->

System Info

Power Off

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- Now freedom defender as a open source firmware researcher/developer/integrator.
  
- Past collaborator to Libreboot, QubesOS contributor and Heads collaborator/reviewer.
- **Currently main Heads maintainer.**
  
- Started Insurgo Open Technologies in 2017.
- Made the PrivacyBeast X230 certified by QubesOS in July 2019.
- Nlnet grantee for the **Accessible Security** project in April 2019.
- *Nlnet grantee once again for Authenticated Heads (**Heads-OpenPGP**) project.*



*Insurgo's mission* is to **facilitate accessibility to security and confidentiality** to the masses.

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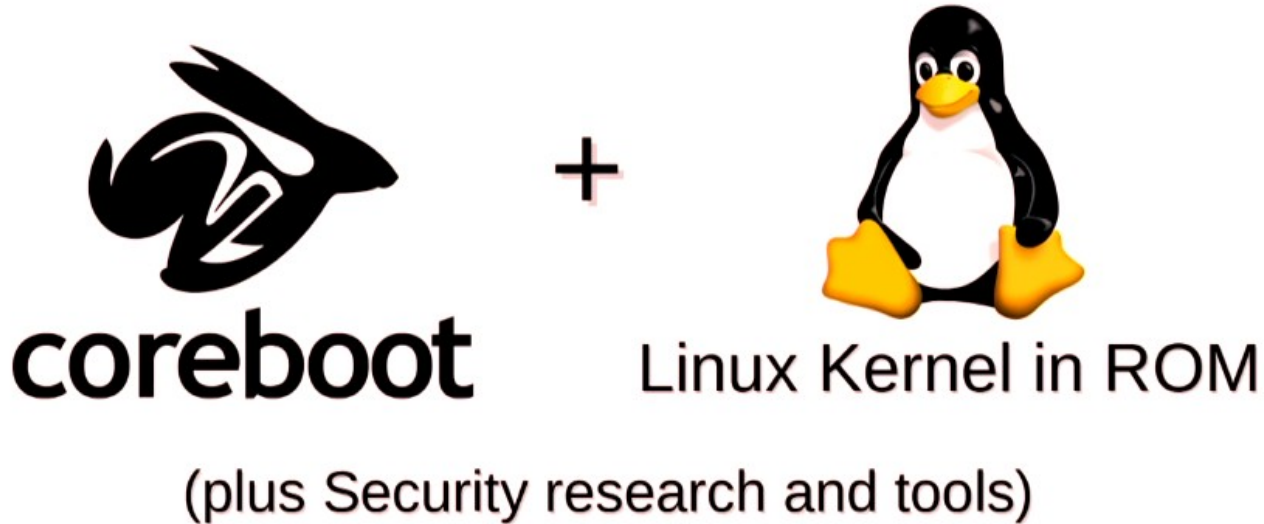
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- **Heads as a runtime environment**
- Heads as a build system

# Heads as runtime environment

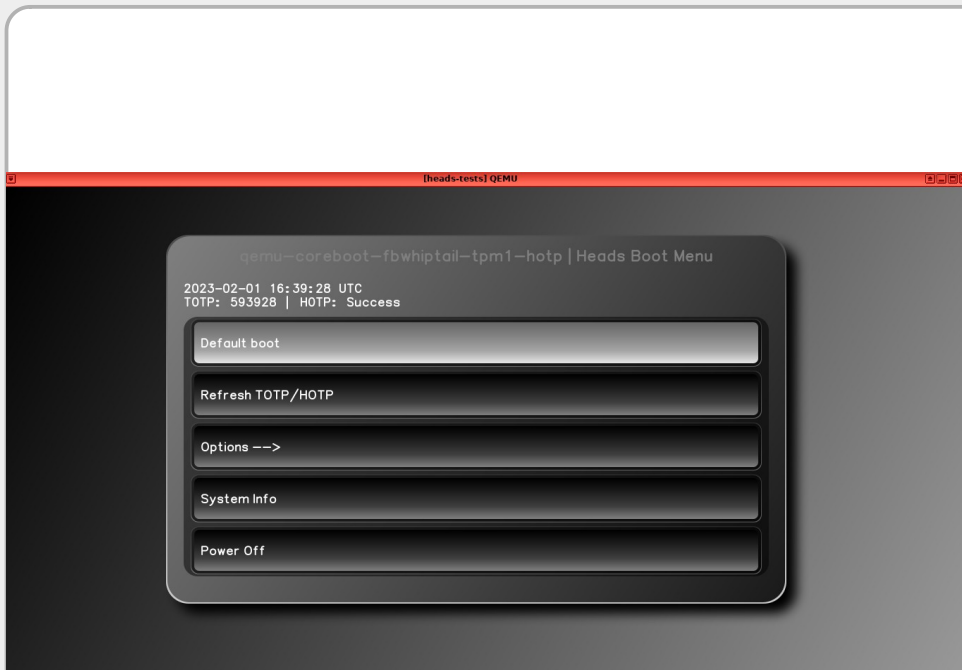
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33c3  
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# Heads as a runtime environment



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  - **Hardware initialization**
  - Heads as linux's "bootloader" (kexec)
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# Heads – coreboot native hardware init

- **Openness/ownership/auditability of a Heads' coreboot supported platform depends on its coreboot's blobs requirements**
- Native hardware initialization depends on arch + chipset
  - On x86: Intel - Ivy bridge/ Sandy bridge : all native (no blobs) (watch for Haswell: native ram init coming)
  - On x86: AMD – Fam15h: all native (no blobs)
    - KGPE-D16 (coreboot 4.11 last official supported version)
      - Dasharo/coreboot (based on coreboot 4.16)
  - Power9 : Talos II: all native (no blobs)
- More info: <https://github.com/osresearch/heads/issues/692>

# Closed source firmware / BIOS Supply chain

## • BIOS Software Supply Chain Breakdown

Definition:  
**IBV**

- Independent BIOS Vendors are 3rd-party UEFI developers that sell value-added UEFI, toolkits, and custom development services

CPU Mfg +  
TianoCore

AMD

intel

\* tianocore

IBV

American  
Megatrends

Ginsyde

phoenix

ODM

COMPAL

FOXCONN

PEGATRON

wistron

flex

Inventec

OEM's typically  
generate < 10%  
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Lenovo

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ASUS

DELL

hp

Microsoft

Apple

Lenovo

Typical

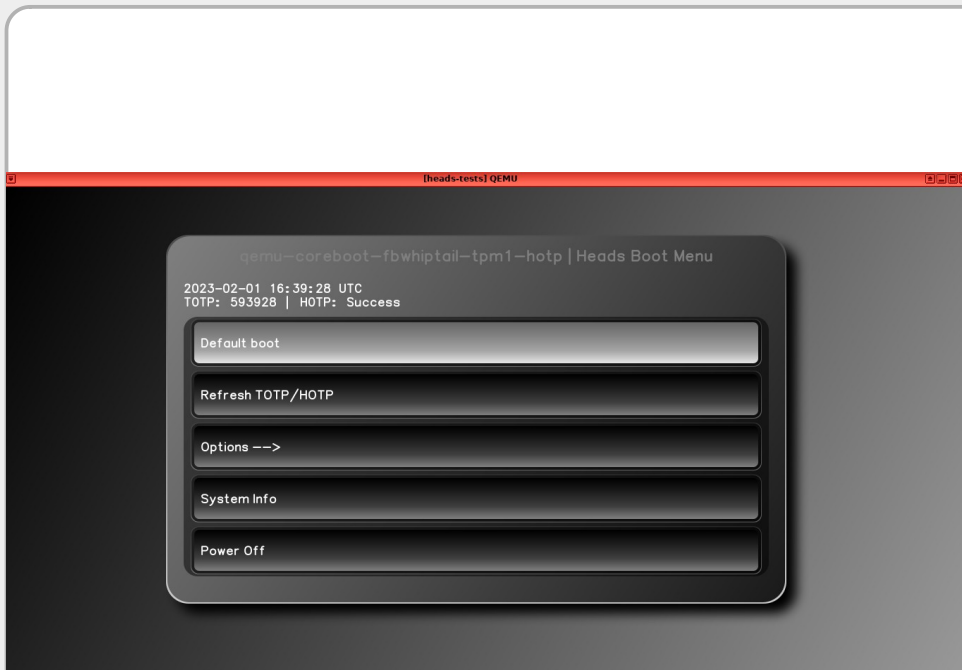
# Heads OSFW

- Coreboot source code (and faith in its platform's blobs dependencies)
- Linux kernel (version + config)
- Linux tools (modules dependencies version+config) of a board configuration

Let's note that the linux kernel has:

- extremely limited built in modules/dependencies (linux config for a board)
  - drivers built as modules are loaded on demand
    - USB drivers needed for HOTP USB security dongle
      - USB keyboard not present unless no PS2
      - USB HID not present unless no PS2
- Drivers compiled as modules are measured prior of being loaded (TPM : PCR5)
- consequently, a default boot
  - won't release TPM NV sealed disk unlock key if cannot be unsealed
    - **PCRs will mismatch from sealed and will not unseal**

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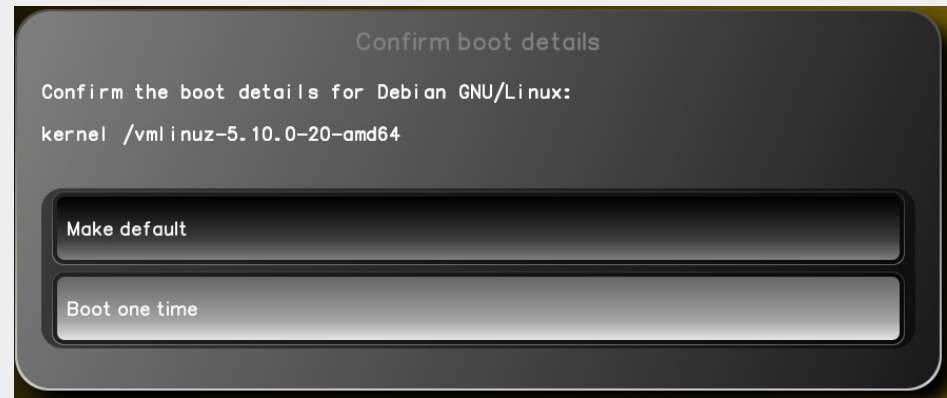
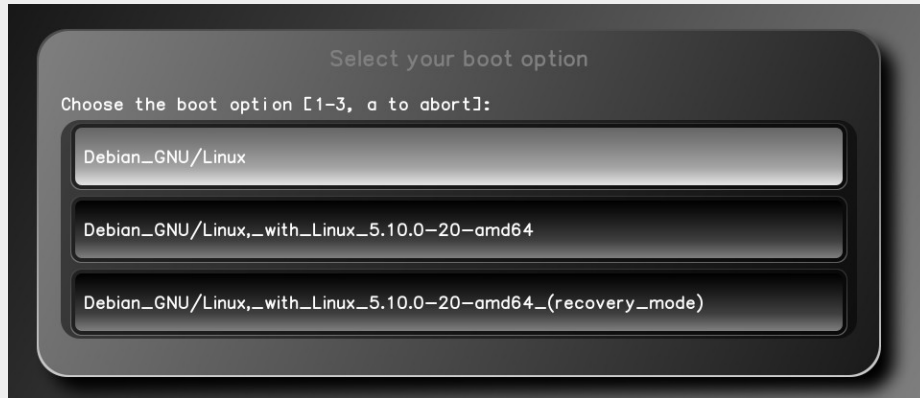
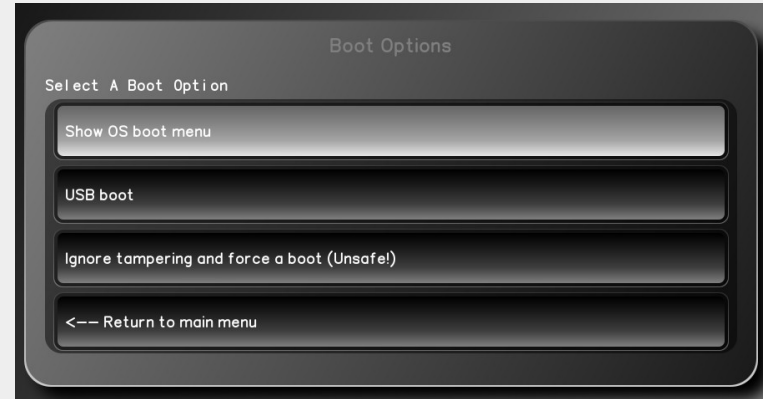
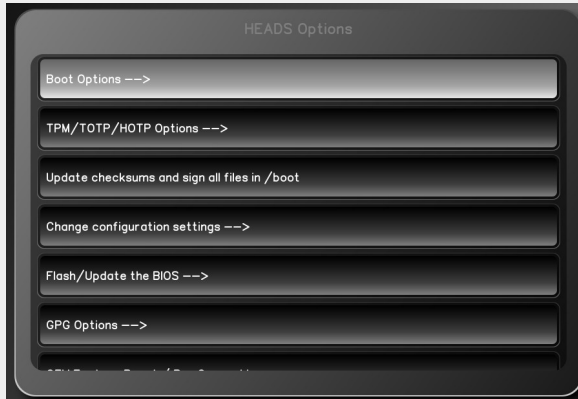


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# Heads as a linux bootloader

- A bootloader is
  - Drivers to be able to deal with I/O
  - Parser for OS configs
  - Pass control to the OS
- Bootloader sits between BIOS and OS to be booted
- **Linux and scripts can do exactly the same without duplicating hardware init nor extending trusted code base...**
  - Busybox (shell)
  - Cryptsetup, lvm, tpm toolstack...

# Heads as a linux bootloader



# Heads as linux's "bootloader" (kexec)

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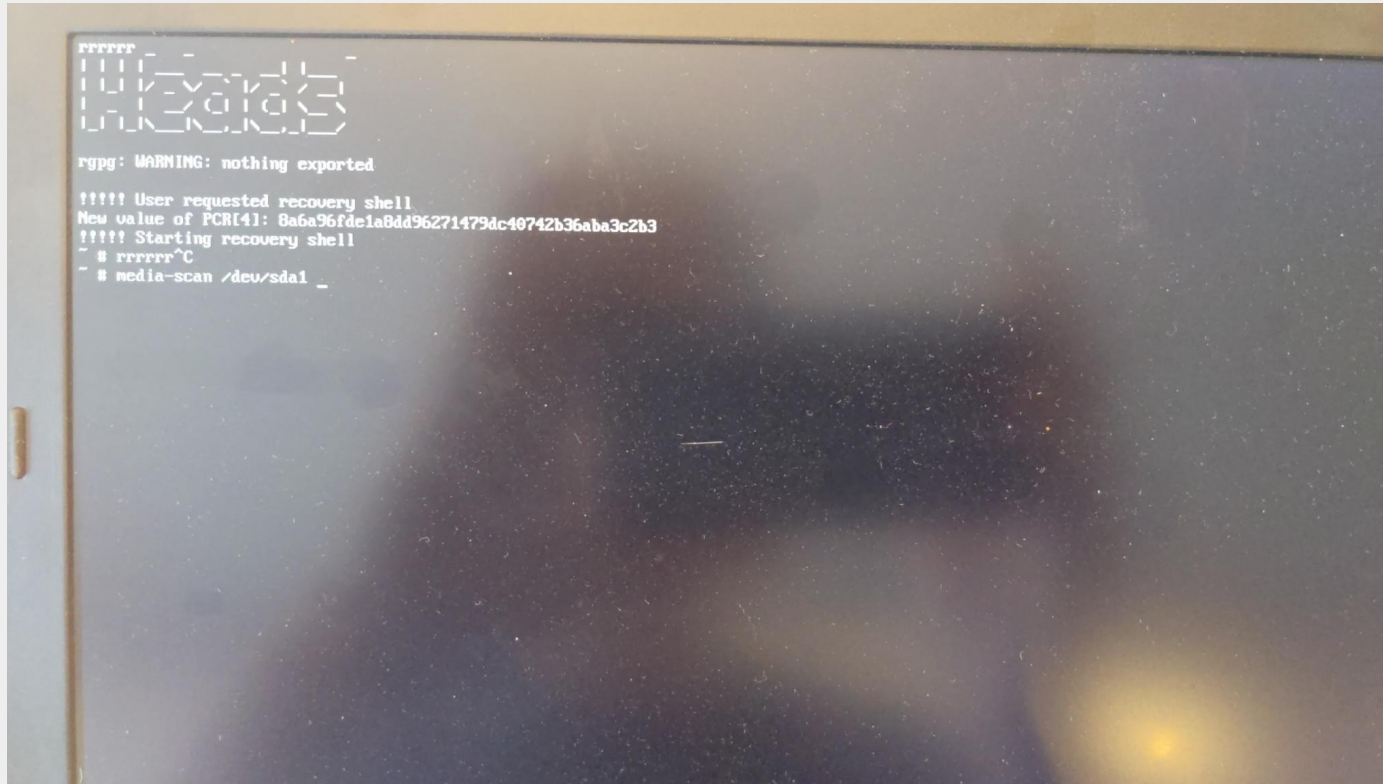
***** Normal boot: /bin/gui-init
[ 7.814495] EXT4-fs (uda1): mounting ext2 file system using the ext4 subsystem
[ 7.854843] EXT4-fs (uda1): mounted filesystem without journal. Opts: (null)
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gpg:         using RSA key ACF4B7893D4D05C8F18069BAE7B4A71658E36A93
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gpg:         aka "Ljpeg image of size 95211" [ultimate]
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+++ Scanning for unsigned boot options
+++ Checking verified boot hash file
[ 207.932623] random: crng init done
[ 207.945161] random: 7 urandom warning(s) missed due to ratelimiting
+++ Verified boot hashes
0: 000ebaddecaf00000022
/tmp/counter-0: OK
+++ Checking verified default boot hash file
+++ Verified default boot hashes
+++ Executing default boot for Debian GNU/Linux:
New value of PCR[16]: 897c3968a1eb7f99286b65f3f35c772a38ac7863
Enter unlock password (blank to abort):
New value of PCR[4]: 11c4ecaf31383e76686cc64f0c1dd88bd918ea3d
+++ Building initrd
96096+1 records in
96097+0 records out
49201664 bytes (46.9MB) copied, 3.094374 seconds, 15.2MB/s
/boot/kexec_initrd_crypttab_overrides.txt found...
Preparing initramfs crypttab overrides as defined under /boot/kexec_initrd_crypttab_overrides.txt to be injected through cpio at next kexec call...
initramfs's cryptroot/crypttab will be overridden with uda5_crypt UUID=2fab863e-9858-4b5f-a217-7cf000d5649e /secret.key luks,discard
Loading the new kernel:
kexec -l /boot/vmlinuz-5.10.0-20-amd64 --initrd=/tmp/secret/initrd.cpio --append="root=/dev/mapper/debian--vg-root ro console=ttyS0 console=tty systemd.zran=0 "
Starting the new kernel
```

In action: gui-init boot policy:

- detach signature against public key + hash validation. TPM NV auth + unsealing LUKS
- cpio constructed with **parsed OS's crypttab** + TPM disk unlock key inserted at kexec (cpio)



# • Heads as linux's "bootloader" (kexec)



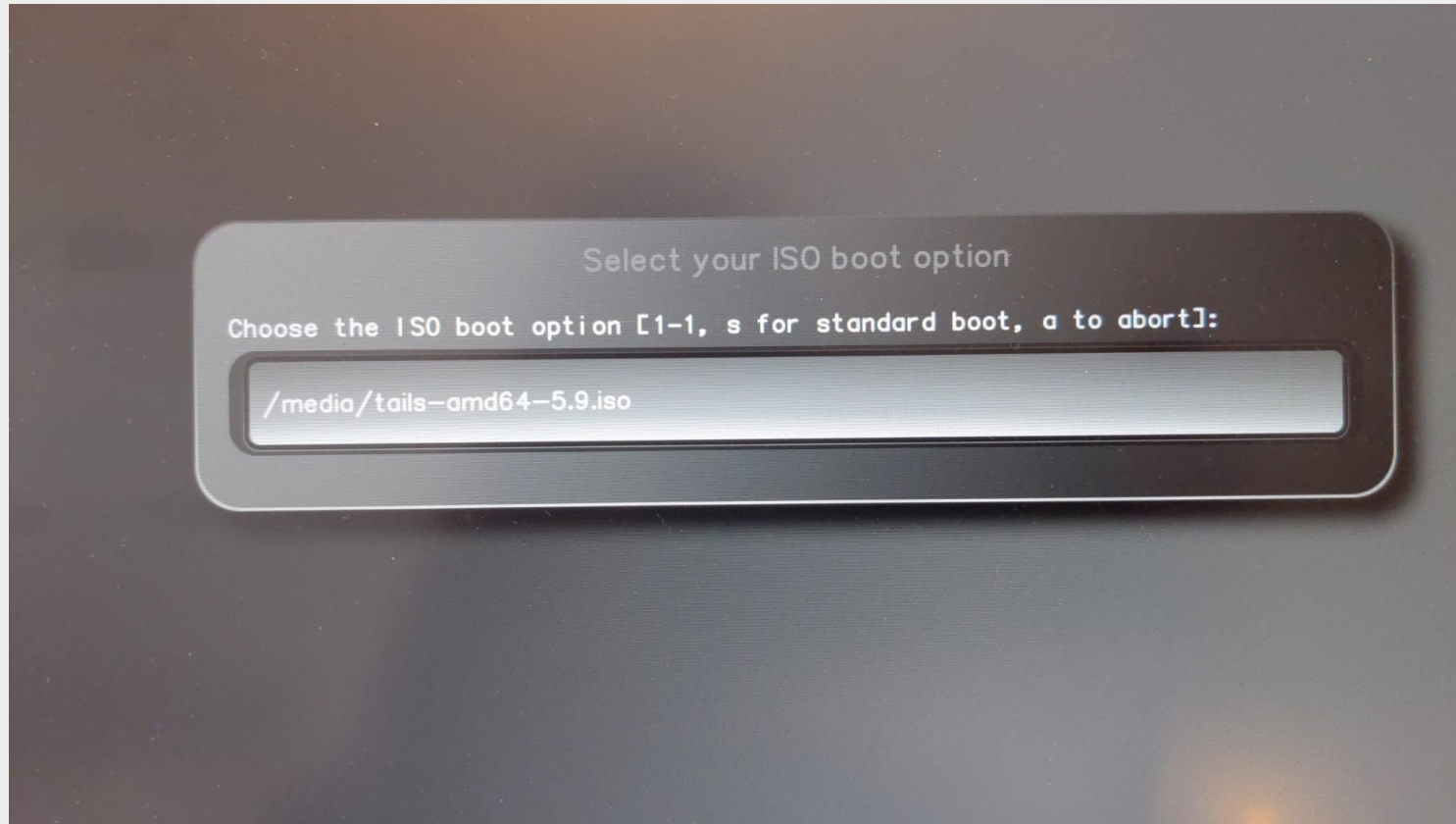
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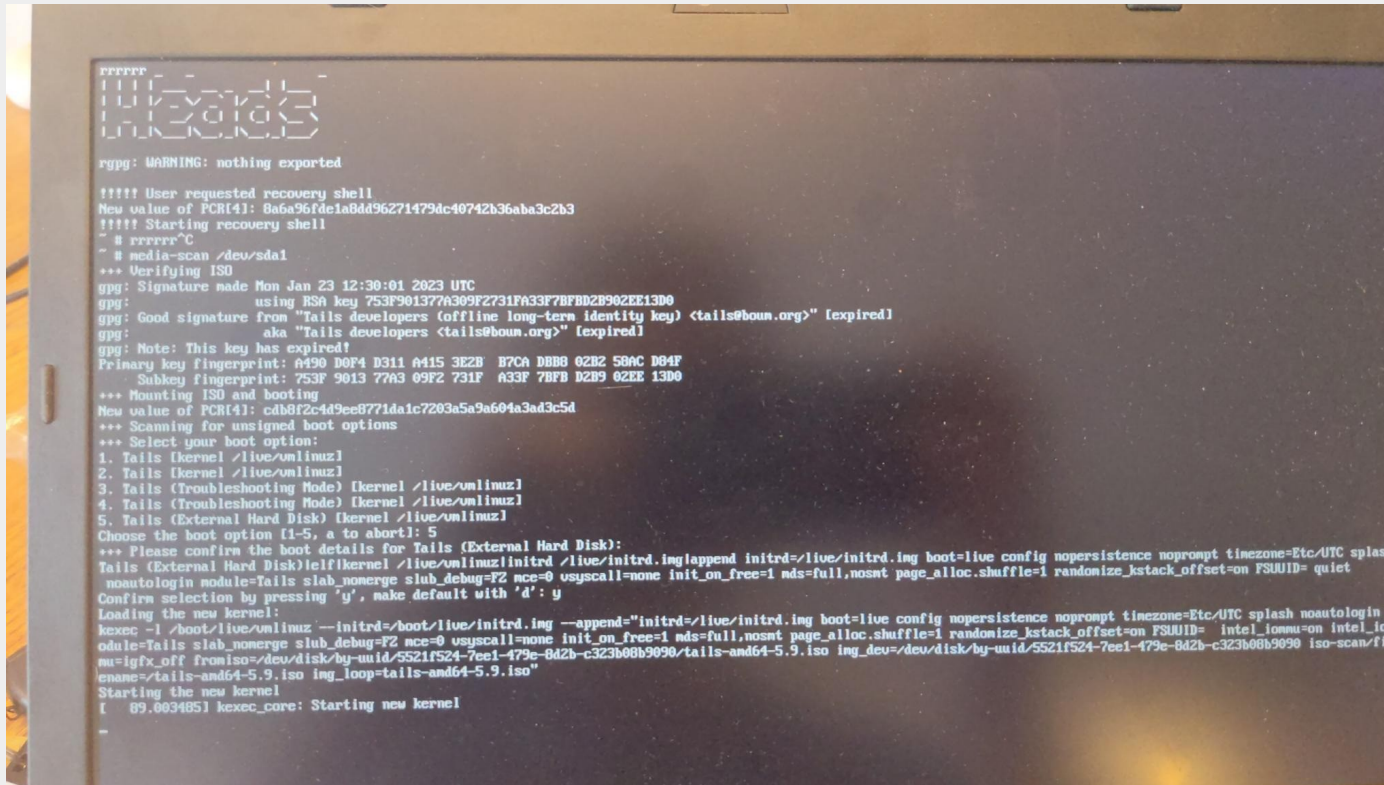
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!!!! Starting recovery shell
- # rrrrrr^C
- # media-scan /dev/sda1 _
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Sda1 is flat ext4 partition with ISO+detach signature (iso.asc) put there.  
"media-scan" merged recently

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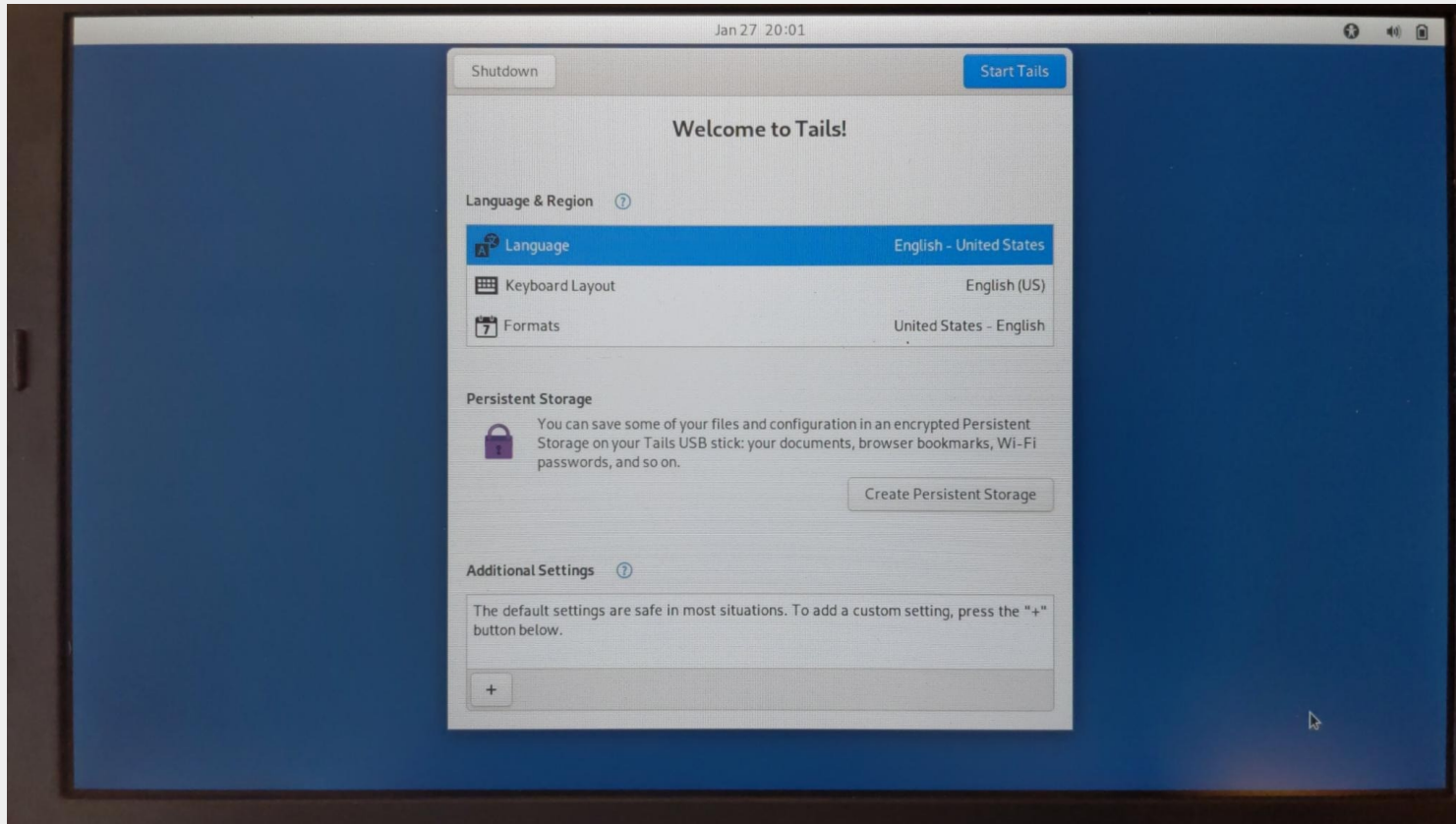
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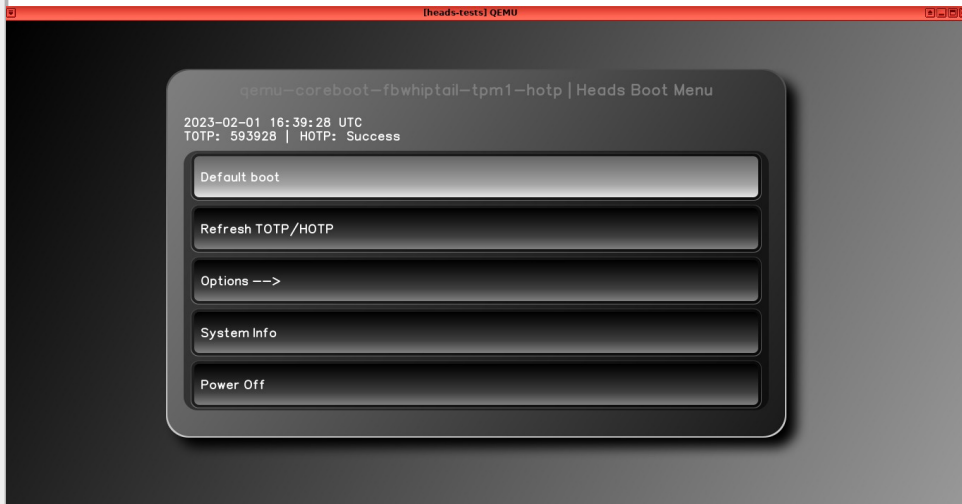
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~ # rrrrrr~C
~ # media-scan /dev/sda1
+++ Verifying ISO
gpg: Signature made Mon Jan 23 12:30:01 2023 UTC
gpg: using RSA key 753F901377A309F2731FA33F7BFBD2B902EE43D0
gpg: Good signature from "Tails developers (offline long-term identity key) <tails@boun.org>" [expired]
gpg: aka "Tails developers <tails@boun.org>" [expired]
gpg: Note: This key has expired!
Primary key fingerprint: A490 D0F4 D311 A415 3E2B B7CA DBB0 02B2 59AC D04F
Subkey fingerprint: 753F 9013 77A3 09F2 731F A33F 7BFB D2B9 02EE 13D0
+++ Mounting ISO and booting
New value of PCR#41: cdb0f2c4d9ec8771da1c7203a5a9a604a3ad3c5d
+++ Scanning for unsigned boot options
+++ Select your boot option:
1. Tails [kernel /live/mlinuz]
2. Tails [kernel /live/mlinuz]
3. Tails (Troubleshooting Mode) [kernel /live/mlinuz]
4. Tails (Troubleshooting Mode) [kernel /live/mlinuz]
5. Tails (External Hard Disk) [kernel /live/mlinuz]
Choose the boot option (1-5, a to abort): 5
+++ Please confirm the boot details for Tails (External Hard Disk):
Tails (External Hard Disk) | elf(kernel /live/mlinuz|initrd /live/initrd.img|append initrd=/live/initrd.img boot=live config nopersistence noprompt tinezones=Etc/UTC splash
noautologin module=Tails slab_nomerge slab_debug=F2 nce=0 usyscall=none init_on_free=1 mds=full,nosmt page_alloc.shuffle=1 randomize_kstack_offset=on FSUID= quiet
Confirm selection by pressing 'y', make default with 'd': y
Loading the new kernel:
kexec -i /boot/live/mlinuz --initrd=/boot/live/initrd.img --append="initrd=/live/initrd.img boot=live config nopersistence noprompt tinezones=Etc/UTC splash noautologin m
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ename=/tails-and64-5.9.iso img_loop=tails-and64-5.9.iso"
Starting the new kernel
| 09.0034051 kexec_core: Starting new kernel
```

Detached signature validation against ROM's OS's distro signing public key  
Then grub entree selection parsing + kexec

# • Heads as linux's "bootloader" (kexec)



# Heads as a runtime environment



(gui-init through fbwhiptail above)

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# Heads as a build system

- Heads is basically a 'Make' project
  - Global Makefile <https://github.com/osresearch/heads/blob/master/Makefile>
    - make BOARD=board\_name module\_name.statement options
    - Boards <https://github.com/osresearch/heads/tree/master/boards>
    - Existing modules (compilable software): <https://github.com/osresearch/heads/tree/master/modules>
    - Patches to be applied after module verification + extraction: <https://github.com/osresearch/heads/tree/master/patches>
  - Produces
    - Artifacts : creboot rom(s) images stitching the following (but produced independently)
    - BzImage (compiled kernel + in-kernel modules)
    - Initrd.cpio.xz
      - tools.cpio (compiled modules stripped binaries)
      - modules.cpio (compiled as modules kernel drivers to be loaded on demand)
      - heads.cpio ( scripts and config files generated at build time linked to board config and <https://github.com/osresearch/heads/tree/master/initrd> content)
    - Hashes.txt file containing individual packed files, cpios, initrd.cpio.xz and coreboot roms

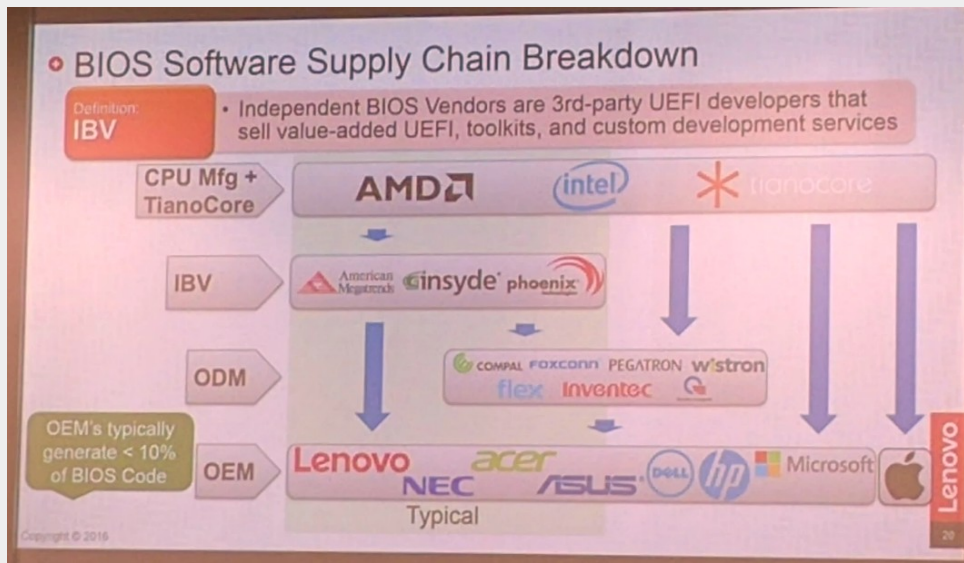
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# Why Heads



- Outside of coreboot's "minimalist" mandate:
  - Linux as its bootloader
    - Linux kernel enumerates devices
    - Linux supports of peripherals/buses
    - Linux support of filesystems
    - Linux kernel setups of IOMMU
    - Linux permits Kexec'ing into final OS
  - Standard linux tools in initrd (**add your own module if missing**)
    - TPM toolstacks (sealing/unsealing of secrets)
  - Bash scripts defines the boot policies launched by init
    - `gui-init`: validates/creates detached signatures, hashes, LUKS headers
  - **Maximized roms** takes back all ME neutered freed space, unlocks firmware descriptor, permitting internal full firmware upgrades!

# Why Heads

- Extensive TPM usage
  - Coreboot measured boot mode extends TPM PCR2 (no DRTM as of now on supported platforms. Might change with [T440p](#) and other newer platforms)
  - [Heads extends others](#)
    - PCR4: Boot mode (0 during /init, then recovery or normal-boot)
    - PCR5: Heads Linux kernel modules
    - PCR6: Drive LUKS headers
    - PCR7: Heads user-specific files stored in CBFS (config.user, GPG keyring, etc).
- Why important?
  - Sealing secrets in TPM NV memory
    - TOTP/HOTP sealed secret (based on PCRs 0-4) : Firmware integrity attestation
    - TPM Disk Unlock Key (based on PCRs 0-7) sealed secret with custom passphrase: releases key to OS without you having to type passphrase to that OS

# gui-init policy + TPM released Disk unlock key

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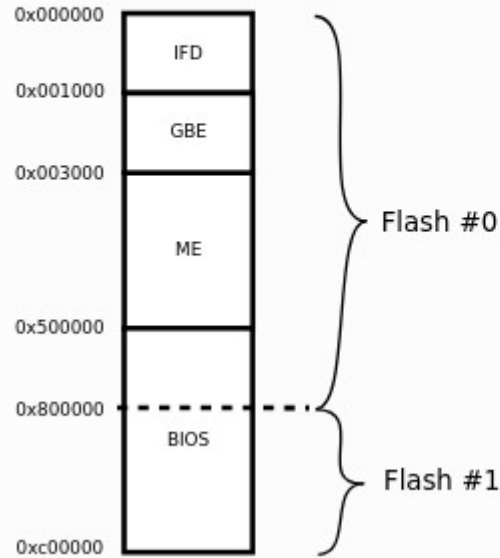
# What's new

- **Maximized boards vs Legacy boards, or how to dodge blob redistribution legal limitations**
- Whiptail/FBWhiptail: one graphical interface (GUI) to rule them all
- OEM Factory reset/Re-Ownership wizard upstreamed
- QEMU/KVM board configurations with swtpm and USB Security dongle support to ease development/testing

# OEM/Legacy BIOS

## Flash layout

There's one 8MiB and one 4 MiB flash which contains IFD, GBE, ME and BIOS region. These two flash ICs appear as a single 12MiB when flashing internally. On Lenovo's UEFI the EC firmware update is placed at the start of the BIOS region. The update is then written into the EC once.



Intel Firmware Descriptor (IFD): Locked. Describes GBE ME BIOS sizes here!  
IFD, Intel ME and BIOS regions : cannot be modified/unlocked but externally

```
user@heads-tests:~/heads$ cat boards/x230-hotp-verification/x230-hotp-verification.config
# Configuration for a x230 with HOTP (Nitrokey/Purism USB Security dongle enabled HOTP support)
# running Qubes 4.1 and other OSES.
#
# Deactivated to fit in coreboot's CONFIG_CBFS_SIZE=0x700000 :
# dropbear support(ssh client/server)
# e1000e (ethernet driver)
#
# Addition vs standard x230 board config:
# HOTP_KEY: HOTP challenge for currently supported USB Security dongles
export CONFIG_COREBOOT=y
export CONFIG_COREBOOT_VERSION=4.13
export CONFIG_LINUX_VERSION=4.14.62

CONFIG_COREBOOT_CONFIG=config/coreboot-x230-hotp-verification.config
CONFIG_LINUX_CONFIG=config/linux-x230-legacy.config

#Additional hardware support
CONFIG_LINUX_USB=y
CONFIG_LINUX_E1000E=n

CONFIG_CRYPTSETUP2=y
CONFIG_FLASHROM=y
CONFIG_FLASHTOOLS=y
CONFIG_GPG2=y
CONFIG_KEXEC=y
CONFIG_UTIL_LINUX=y
CONFIG_LVM2=y
CONFIG_MBEDTLS=y
CONFIG_PCUTILS=y

#Remote attestation support
#TPM based requirements
export CONFIG_TPM=y
CONFIG_POPT=y
CONFIG_ORPCODE=y
CONFIG_TPMTOTP=y
#HOTP based remote attestation for supported USB Security dongle
#With/Without TPM support
CONFIG_HOTPKEY=y

#Nitrokey Storage admin tool
CONFIG_NKSTORECLI=n

#GUI Support
#Console based Whiptail support(Console based, no FB):
CONFIG_SLANG=y
CONFIG_NMT=y
#FBWhiptail based (Graphical):
#CONFIG_CAIRO=y
#CONFIG_FBWHIPTAIL=y

#Additional tools:
#SSH server (requires ethernet drivers, eg: CONFIG_LINUX_E1000E)
CONFIG_DROPBEAR=n
#Ethernet driver (Heads only)
CONFIG_LINUX_E1000E=n

export CONFIG_BOOTSCRIPT=/bin/gui-init
export CONFIG_BOOT_REQ_HASH=n
export CONFIG_BOOT_REQ_ROLLBACK=n
export CONFIG_BOOT_KERNEL_ADD="intel_iommu=on intel_iommu=igfx_off"
export CONFIG_BOOT_KERNEL_REMOVE="quiet"
export CONFIG_BOOT_DEV="/dev/sda1"
export CONFIG_BOARD_NAME="Thinkpad X230-hotp"
export CONFIG_FLASHROM_OPTIONS="--force --noverify-all -p internal --ifd --image bios"

# This board has two SPI flash chips, an 8 MB that holds the IFD,
# the ME image and part of the coreboot image, and a 4 MB one that
# has the rest of the coreboot and the reset vector.
```

# OEM/Legacy BIOS

x230-flash/x230-hotp-verification (legacy example)

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# the ME image and part of the coreboot image, and a 4 MB one that
# has the rest of the coreboot and the reset vector.
#
# Only flashing to the bios region is safe to do. The easiest is to
# flash internally when the IFD is unlocked for writing, and x230-flash
# is installed first.
```



# Maximized boards

- **Contains unlocked + modified IFD**

```
user@heads-tests:~/heads/blobs/xx30$ ~/heads/build/x86/coreboot-4.13/util/ifdtool/ifdtool -f layout.txt ifd.bin
File ifd.bin is 4096 bytes
Wrote layout to layout.txt
user@heads-tests:~/heads/blobs/xx30$ cat layout.txt
00000000:00000fff fd
0001b000:00bfffff bios
00003000:0001afff me
00001000:00002fff gbe
```

- **00bfffff – 0001b000 = BE4FFF**
  - **Can be maximized even more since should match coreboot's CBFS\_SIZE!**

- **Contains Neutered ME**
- **Contains generated GBE (per specs)**

# Maximized boards

- **Blobs redistribution legal issue dodging**
  - **Github contains download+extraction code**
  - **CircleCI downloads and stitches ROMs**
  - **No blobs are hosted**

# Maximized boards

```
user@heads-tests:~/heads/blobs/xx30$ cat download_clean_me.sh
#!/bin/bash

function printusage {
  echo "Usage: $0 -m <me_cleaner>(optional)"
}

BLOBDIR="$( cd "$( dirname "${BASH_SOURCE[0]}" )" && pwd )"

if [ "$#" -eq 0 ]; then printusage; fi

while getopts ":m:" opt; do
  case $opt in
    m)
      if [ -x "$OPTARG" ]; then
        MECLEAN="$OPTARG"
      fi
    ;;
  esac
done

FINAL_ME_BIN_SHA256SUM="c140d04d792bed555e616065d48bdc327bb78f0213ccc54c0ae95f12b28896a4 $BLOBDIR/me.bin"
ME_EXE_SHA256SUM="f60e1990e2da2b7efa58a645502d22d50afd97b53a092781beee9b0322b61153 glrg24ww.exe"
ME8_5M_PRODUCTION_SHA256SUM="821c6fa16e62e15bc902ce2e958ffb61f63349a471685bed0dc78ce721a01bfa app/ME8_5M_Production.bin"

if [ -z "$MECLEAN" ]; then
  MECLEAN=command -v $BLOBDIR/../../build/coreboot-*/util/me_cleaner/me_cleaner.py 2>&1|head -n1
  if [ -z "$MECLEAN" ]; then
    echo "me_cleaner.py required but not found or specified with -m. Aborting."
    exit 1;
  fi
fi

echo "### Creating temp dir"
extractdir=$(mktemp -d)
cd "$extractdir"

echo "### Downloading https://download.lenovo.com/pccbbs/mobiles/glrg24ww.exe..."
wget https://download.lenovo.com/pccbbs/mobiles/glrg24ww.exe || { echo "ERROR: wget not found" && exit 1; }
echo "### Verifying expected hash of glrg24ww.exe"
echo "$ME_EXE_SHA256SUM" | sha256sum --check || { echo "Failed sha256sum verification on downloaded binary..." && exit 1; }

echo "### Extracting glrg24ww.exe..."
innextract ./glrg24ww.exe || { echo "Failed calling innextract. Tool installed on host?" && exit 1; }
echo "### Verifying expected hash of app/ME8_5M_Production.bin"
echo "$ME8_5M_PRODUCTION_SHA256SUM" | sha256sum --check || { echo "Failed sha256sum verification on extracted binary..." && exit 1; }

echo "###Applying me_cleaner to neuter+deactivate+maximize reduction of ME on $bioscopy, outputting minimized ME under $BLOBDIR/me.bin..."
MECLEAN -r -t -0 "$BLOBDIR/me.bin" app/ME8_5M_Production.bin
echo "### Verifying expected hash of me.bin"
echo "$FINAL_ME_BIN_SHA256SUM" | sha256sum --check || { echo "Failed sha256sum verification on final binary..." && exit 1; }

echo "###Cleaning up..."
cd -
rm -r "$extractdir"
```

# Maximized boards

## CircleCI downloads/clean/put blobs in place

The screenshot shows a browser window displaying a CircleCI pipeline job. The browser's address bar shows the URL `https://app.circleci.com/pipelines/github/osresearch/heads/511/work/`. The page title is `prep_env (6857) - osrese`. The main content area shows a job step titled `Download and neuter xx30 ME (keep generated GBE and extracted IFD in tree)`. The job output is a log of commands and their results, showing the removal of various modules and the installation of the ME blob.

```
63 FTPR (0x00180000 - 0x00024a000, 0x000ca000 total bytes): NOT removed
64 NFTP (0x0024a000 - 0x0004a4000, 0x0025a000 total bytes): removed
65 Removing partition entries in FPT...
66 Removing EFFS presence flag...
67 Correcting checksum (0xed)...
68 Reading FTFR modules list...
69 UPDATE (LZMA , 0x1cc508 - 0x1cc6c6 ): removed
70 ROMP (Huffman, fragmented data, ~2 KiB ): NOT removed, essential
71 BUP (Huffman, fragmented data, ~56 KiB ): NOT removed, essential
72 KERNEL (Huffman, fragmented data, ~135 KiB ): removed
73 POLICY (Huffman, fragmented data, ~91 KiB ): removed
74 HOSTCOMM (LZMA , 0x1cc6c6 - 0x1d343f ): removed
75 RSA (LZMA , 0x1d343f - 0x1d872a ): removed
76 CLS (LZMA , 0x1d872a - 0x1ddec0 ): removed
77 TDT (LZMA , 0x1ddec0 - 0x1e45be ): removed
78 FTCS (Huffman, fragmented data, ~18 KiB ): removed
79 ClsPriv (LZMA , 0x1e45be - 0x1e499f ): removed
80 SESSMGR (LZMA , 0x1e499f - 0x1f32cb ): removed
81 Relocating FTFR from 0x180000 - 0x24a000 to 0xd00 - 0xcad00...
82 Adjusting FPT entry...
83 Adjusting LUT start offset...
84 Adjusting Huffman start offset...
85 Adjusting chunks offsets...
86 Moving data...
87 The ME minimum size should be 98304 bytes (0x18000 bytes)
88 Truncating file at 0x18000...
89 Checking the FTFR RSA signature... VALID
90 Done! Good luck!
91 ### Verifying expected hash of me.bin
92 /root/project/blobs/xx30/me.bin: OK
93 ###Cleaning up...
94 /root/project
```



# Maximized boards

## CircleCI stitches the ROM together

Duration / Finished	Queued	Executor / Resource Class	Branch	Commit	Author & message
🕒 2m 40s / 6d ago	🕒 0s	🚢 Docker / Large 🔗 ⓘ	🔗 master	🔗 268767d, 1c68bef	👤 Merge pull request #1296 from tlaurion/new_tails_key

STEPS TESTS TIMING ARTIFACTS RESOURCES **NEW**

### Parallel runs

 0 02:39  Use parallelism to run faster tests  
Parallelism speeds up tests by splitting them across multiple executors. [Go to Docs](#) ✕

▶  Spin up environment	2s		
▶  Preparing environment variables	0s		
▶  Attaching workspace	54s		
▶  Install dependencies	38s		
▶  Make Board	1m 2s		
▶  Output hashes	0s		
▶  Archiving build logs.	0s		
▶  Output build failing logs	0s		
▶  Uploading artifacts	1s		

# Maximized boards

## CircleCI stitches the ROM together

Make Board

1m 2s

Your output is too large to display in the browser.

Only the last 400000 characters are displayed.

Download the full output as a file

```
754 built ienovo/x230 [(IN)KPAD X230]
755 rm x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/util/cbfstool/fmd_scanner.c x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/util/cbfstool/fmd_parser.c
756 make[1]: Leaving directory '/root/project/build/x86/coreboot-4.13'
757 ***** 14:06:22-05:00 DONE coreboot
758 touch /root/project/build/x86/coreboot-4.13/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/.build
759 # Use coreboot.rom, because custom output files might not be processed by cbfstool
760 "/root/project/build/x86/coreboot-4.13/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/cbfstool" "/root/project/build/x86/coreboot-4.13/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/coreboot.rom" print
761 FMAP REGION: COREBOOT
762
763 Name                Offset      Type        Size  Comp
764 cbfs master header  0x0        cbfs header 32    none
765 fallback/romstage   0x80       stage       85100 none
766 cpu_microcode_blob.bin 0x14d80    microcode   26624 none
767 fallback/ramstage   0x1b600    stage       97672 none
768 config              0x333c0    raw         848    none
769 revision            0x33780    raw         691    none
770 fallback/dsdt.aml   0x33a80    raw         14615  none
771 vbt.bin             0x37400    raw         1433   LZMA (4281 decompressed)
772 cmos_layout.bin     0x37a00    cmos_layout 1884   none
773 fallback/postcar    0x381c0    stage       25816  none
774 fallback/payload    0x3e700    simple elf   7330247 none
775 (empty)             0x73c100   null        4340888 none
776 bootblock          0xb5fdc0   bootblock   65536  none
777 ***** 14:06:22-05:00 INSTALL build/x86/coreboot-4.13/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/coreboot.rom => build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef.rom
778 if cmp --quiet "/root/project/build/x86/coreboot-4.13/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/coreboot.rom" "/root/project/build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef.rom"
779 e2466eb66fd8a76d15abdfd6ef4d8bc14d64a7f997beb31dbec81b8bd43a049a build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef.rom
780 ***** 14:06:22-05:00 DD 8MB build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef-bottom.rom
781 dd of=/root/project/build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef-bottom.rom if=/root/project/build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef-bottom.rom
782 96b33730b63197a5a7fe9bd34795feb603f97600d4018a799b24a0a6211e8daf /root/project/build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef-bottom.rom
783 ***** 14:06:22-05:00 DD 4MB build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef-top.rom
784 dd of=/root/project/build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef-top.rom if=/root/project/build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef-top.rom
785 e3eea39a050ccf166842881b19659d2dc9982139d18ed794e0ebc2495c0829 /root/project/build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef-top.rom
786 e2466eb66fd8a76d15abdfd6ef4d8bc14d64a7f997beb31dbec81b8bd43a049a /root/project/build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef.rom
```

# Maximized boards

## CircleCI keeps artifacts for each built commit (30 days)

Dashboard Project Branch Workflow Job

All Pipelines > heads > master > build\_and\_test > x230-hotp-maximized\_usb-kb (6916)

**x230-hotp-maximized\_usb-kb** Success

Duration / Finished	Queued	Executor / Resource Class	Branch	Commit	Author & Message
2m 40s / 6d ago	0s	Docker / Large	master	268767d, 1c68bef	Merge pull request #1296 from tlaurion/new_tails_key

STEPS TESTS TIMING **ARTIFACTS** RESOURCES NEW

Parallel Run 0

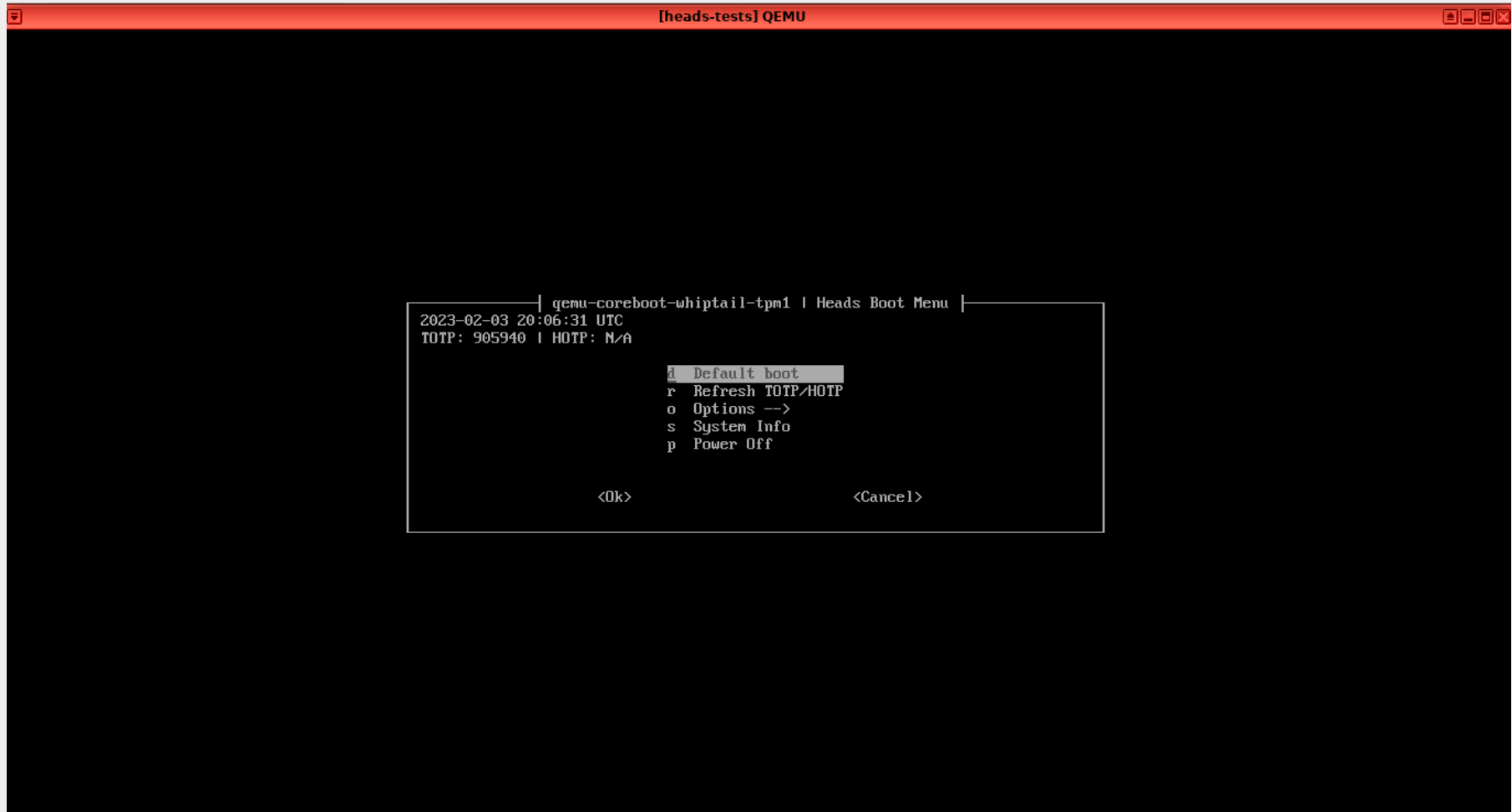
- [build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb/bzImage](#)
- [build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb/hashtes.txt](#)
- [build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef-bottom.rom](#)
- [build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef-top.rom](#)
- [build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb/heads-x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb-v0.2.0-1357-g1c68bef.rom](#)
- [build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb/heads.cpio](#)
- [build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb/initrd.cpio.xz](#)
- [build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb/logs.tar.gz](#)
- [build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb/modules.cpio](#)
- [build/x86/x230-hotp-maximized\\_usb-kb/tools.cpio](#)

# What's new

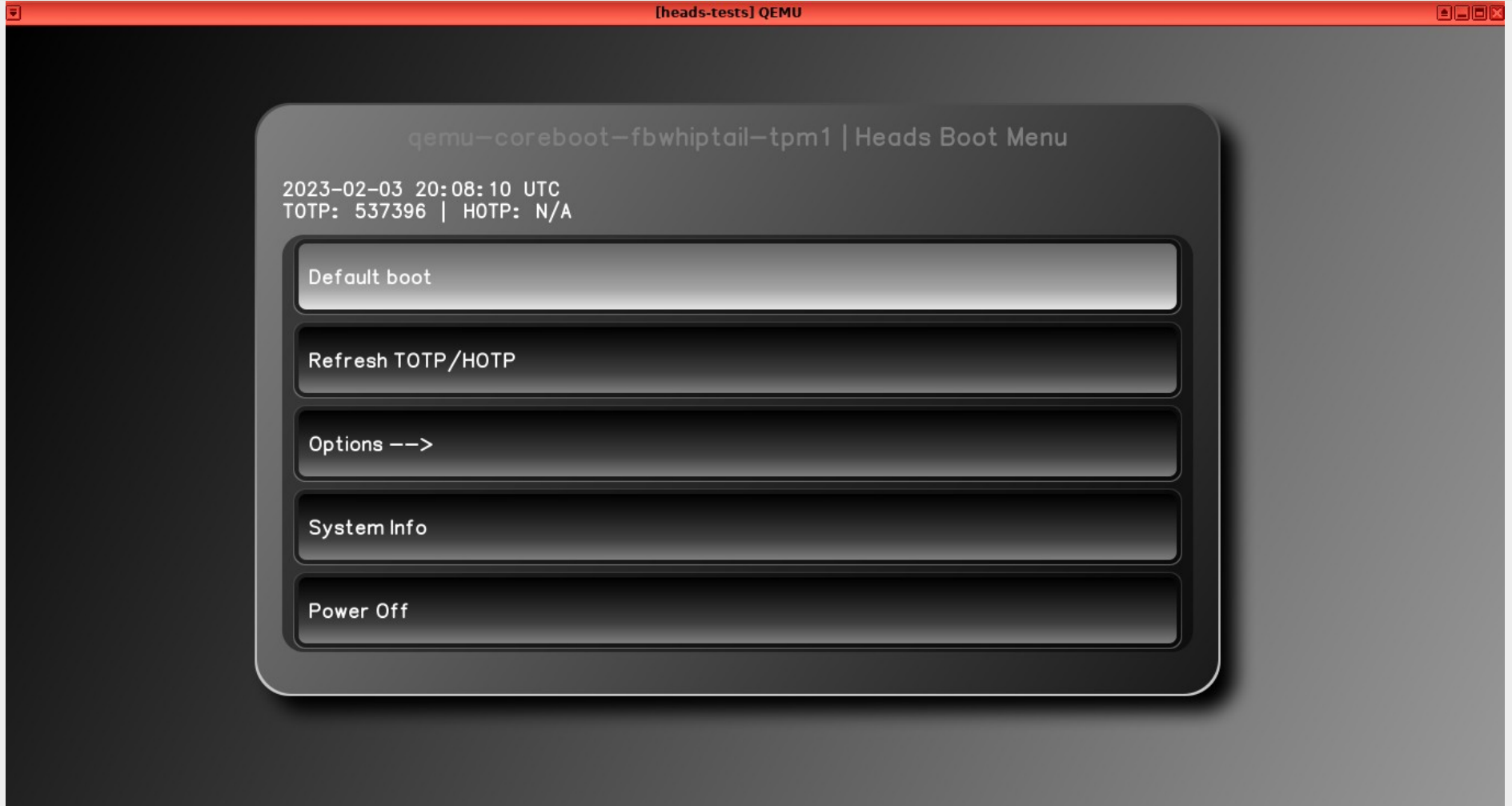
- Maximized boards vs Legacy boards, or how to dodge blob redistribution legal limitations
- **Whiptail/FBWhiptail: one graphical interface (GUI) to rule them all**
- OEM Factory reset/Re-Ownership wizard upstreamed
- QEMU/KVM board configurations with swtpm and USB Security dongle support to ease development/testing



# Whiptail : console (server/BMC)



# FBWhiptail : Desktop/Laptops



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# OEM Factory Reset / Re-Ownership wizard

Clean Boot Detected – Perform OEM Factory Reset / Re-Ownership?

This operation will automatically:

- \* ERASE the TPM and own it with a password
- \* ERASE any keys or passwords on the GPG smart card, reset it to a factory state, generate new keys and optionally set custom PIN(s)
- \* Add the new GPG key to the firmware and reflash it
- \* Sign all of the files in /boot with the new GPG key

It requires that you already have an OS installed on a dedicated /boot partition. Do you wish to continue?

Continue

Cancel

# OEM Factory Reset / Re-Ownership wizard

```
Would you like to change the current LUKS Disk Recovery Key passphrase?  
(Highly recommended if you didn't install the Operating System yourself, so that past provisioned passphrase would not permit to access content.  
Note that without re-encrypting disk, a backedup header could be restored to access encrypted content with old passphrase) [y/N]: y

Would you like to re-encrypt LUKS encrypted container and generate new Disk Recovery key?  
(Highly recommended if you didn't install the operating system yourself: this would prevent any LUKS backedup header to be restored to access encrypted data) [y/N]: n
The following security components will be provisioned with defaults or chosen PINs/passwords:
LUKS Disk Recovery Key passphrase
TPM Ownership password
GPG Admin PIN
GPG User PIN

Would you like to set a single custom password that will be provisioned to previously stated security components? [y/N]: n
Would you like to set distinct PINs/passwords to be provisioned to previously stated security components? [y/N]: n

Enter desired replacement for current Disk Recovery Key passphrase (At least 8 characters long):
Insurgo Open Technologies

Enter current Disk Recovery Key passphrase (Provisioned at OS installation or by OEM):
Insurgo Open Technologies

Would you like to set custom user information for the GnuPG key? [y/N]: n
Would you like to export your public key to an USB drive? [y/N]: n

Checking for USB Security Dongle...

Detecting and setting boot device...

Boot device set to /dev/sda1

Reencrypting /dev/sda1 LUKS encrypted drive content with current Recovery Disk Key passphrase...
```

# OEM Factory Reset / Re-Ownership wizard

## Provisioned secrets

TPM Owner Password: 12345678

GPG Admin PIN: 12345678

GPG User PIN: 123456

OK

# OEM Factory Reset / Re-Ownership wizard

OEM Factory Reset / Re-Ownership Complete

OEM Factory Reset / Re-Ownership has completed successfully

After rebooting, you will need to generate new TOTP/HOTP secrets when prompted in order to complete the setup process.

Press Enter to reboot.

OK

# What's new

- Maximized boards vs Legacy boards, or how to dodge blob redistribution legal limitations
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# QEMU/KVM boards

- Permit easy testing and debugging (debian-12 recommended)

- After having followed instructions:

<https://osresearch.net/Emulating-Heads/#comprehensive-test>

- make BOARD=qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpm2  
PUBKEY\_ASC=~/.QubesIncoming/Insurgo/Insurgo\_2023\_pub.asc  
USB\_TOKEN=NitrokeyStorage ROOT\_DISK\_IMG=~/.QubesIncoming/heads-tests/root.qcow2  
QEMU\_MEMORY\_SIZE=1G inject\_gpg
- make BOARD=qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpm2  
PUBKEY\_ASC=~/.QubesIncoming/Insurgo/Insurgo\_2023\_pub.asc  
USB\_TOKEN=NitrokeyStorage ROOT\_DISK\_IMG=~/.QubesIncoming/heads-tests/root.qcow2  
QEMU\_MEMORY\_SIZE=1G run

# QEMU/KVM boards

```
2023-02-04 05:09:47-05:00 INSTALL build/x86/coreboot-4.13/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp/coreboot.rom => build/x86/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp/heads-qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp-v0.2.0-1359-g411ca09.rom
7bc038ef939b66b3b247093efc0a2813d374a67d453d464c85138fa2eca8aee6 build/x86/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp/heads-qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp-v0.2.0-1359-g411ca09.rom
cp "/home/user/heads/build/x86/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp/heads-qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp-v0.2.0-1359-g411ca09.rom" \
"/home/user/heads/build/x86/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp/heads-qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp-v0.2.0-1359-g411ca09-gpg-injected.rom"
./bin/inject_gpg_key.sh --cbfstool "/home/user/heads/build/x86/coreboot-4.13/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp/cbfstool" \
"/home/user/heads/build/x86/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp/heads-qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp-v0.2.0-1359-g411ca09-gpg-injected.rom" "/home/user/QubesIncoming/Insurgo/Insurgo_2023_pub.asc"
Inserting /home/user/QubesIncoming/Insurgo/Insurgo_2023_pub.asc into /home/user/heads/build/x86/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp/heads-qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-hotp-v0.2.0-1359-g411ca09-gpg-injected.rom...
gpg: keybox '/tmp/tmp-inject_gpg_key.sh-80V/pubring.kbx' created
gpg: /tmp/tmp-inject_gpg_key.sh-80V/trustdb.gpg: trustdb created
gpg: key E7B4A71658E36A93: public key "Insurgo Technologies Libres / Open Technologies <insurgo@riseup.net>" imported
gpg: Total number processed: 1
gpg: imported: 1
gpg: inserting ownertrust of 6
gpg: inserting ownertrust of 6
gpg: inserting ownertrust of 6
gpg: marginals needed: 3 completes needed: 1 trust model: pgp
gpg: depth: 0 valid: 3 signed: 0 trust: 0-, 0q, 0n, 0m, 0f, 3u
gpg: next trustdb check due at 2023-04-20
Success
user@heads-tests:~/heads$ make BOARD=qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml PUBKEY_ASC~/QubesIncoming/Insurgo/Insurgo_2023_pub.asc USB_TOKEN=NitrokeyStorage ROOT_DISK_IMG~/QubesIncoming/heads-tests/root.qcow2 QEMU_MEMORY_SIZE=1G run
swtpm socket \
--tpmstate dir="/home/user/heads/build/x86/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml/vtpm" \
--flags "startup-clear" \
--terminate \
--ctrl type=unixio,path="/home/user/heads/build/x86/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml/vtpm/socket" &
sleep 0.5
qemu-system-x86_64 -drive file="/home/user/QubesIncoming/heads-tests/root.qcow2",if=virtio \
--machine q35,accel=kvm:tcg \
-rtc base=utc \
-smp "${nproc}" \
-vga virtio \
-full-screen \
-m "${(cat "/home/user/heads/build/x86/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml/memory")}" \
-serial stdio \
-bios "/home/user/heads/build/x86/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml/heads-qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml-v0.2.0-1359-g411ca09-gpg-injected.rom" \
-object rng-random,filename=/dev/urandom,id=rng0 \
-device virtio-rng-pci,rng=rng0 \
-netdev user,id=u1 -device e1000,netdev=u1 \
-chardev socket,id=chrtpm,path="/home/user/heads/build/x86/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml/vtpm/socket" \
-tpmdev emulator,id=tpm0,chardev=chrtpm \
-device tpm-tis,tpmdev=tpm0 \
-device qemu-xhci,id=usb \
-device usb-tablet \
-drive file="/home/user/heads/build/x86/qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpml/usb_fd.raw",if=none,id=usb-fd-drive,format=raw \
-device usb-storage,bus=usb.0,drive=usb-fd-drive \
-device usb-host,vendorid=8352,productid=16649 \

```

Could not access KVM kernel module: No such file or directory  
qemu-system-x86\_64: failed to initialize kvm: No such file or directory

```

7.540900] ata4: SATA max UDMA/133 abar m4096@0xc0882000 port 0xc0882200 irq 21
7.548189] ata5: SATA max UDMA/133 abar m4096@0xc0882000 port 0xc0882300 irq 21
7.569618] ata6: SATA max UDMA/133 abar m4096@0xc0882000 port 0xc0882300 irq 21
7.593248] i8042: PNP: PS/2 Controller [PNP0303:KBD,PNP0f13:MOU] at 0x00,0x64 irq 1,12
7.621566] serio: i8042 KBD port at 0x00,0x64 irq 1
7.624590] serio: i8042 AUX port at 0x00,0x64 irq 12
7.647184] rtc_cmos 00:04: RTC can wake from S4
7.663185] input: AT Translated Set 2 keyboard as /devices/platform/i8042/serio0/input/input2
7.698243] rtc_cmos 00:04: registered as rtc0
7.702342] rtc_cmos 00:04: setting system clock to 2023-02-04T10:12:45 UTC (1675505565)
7.724213] rtc_cmos 00:04: alarms up to one day, y3k, 242 bytes nvram, hpet irqs
7.740848] i2c /dev entries driver
7.764239] i801 smbus 0000:00:1f.3: SMBus using PCI interrupt
7.784829] i2c i2c-0: 1/1 memory slots populated (from DMI)
7.789289] i2c i2c-0: Memory type 0x07 not supported yet, not instantiating SPD
7.814381] IR NEC protocol handler initialized
7.827132] IR RC5(x/sz) protocol handler initialized
7.838211] IR RC6 protocol handler initialized
7.858644] IR JVC protocol handler initialized
7.869455] IR Sony protocol handler initialized
7.890646] IR SANYO protocol handler initialized
7.901690] ata1: SATA link down (SStatus 0 SControl 300)
7.912889] ata3: SATA link up 1.5 Gbps (SStatus 113 SControl 300)
7.919305] ata2: SATA link down (SStatus 0 SControl 300)
7.929866] ata3.00: ATAPI: QEMU DVD-ROM, 2.5+, max UDMA/100
7.934021] ata3.00: applying bridge limits
7.944067] ata4: SATA link down (SStatus 0 SControl 300)
7.948206] ata5: SATA link down (SStatus 0 SControl 300)
7.951994] ata6: SATA link down (SStatus 0 SControl 300)
7.955687] IR Sharp protocol handler initialized
7.958866] IR MCE Keyboard/mouse protocol handler initialized
7.968067] IR XMP protocol handler initialized
7.977375] tsc: Refined TSC clocksource calibration: 2893.429 MHz
7.981025] clocksource: tsc: mask: 0xffffffffffff max_cycles: 0x29b503c3395, max_idle_ns: 440795255992 ns
7.991361] ata3.00: configured for UDMA/100
8.009847] device-mapper: ioctl: 4.43.0-ioctl (2020-10-01) initialised: dm-devel@redhat.com
8.017346] clocksource: Switched to clocksource tsc
8.028336] scsi 2:0:0:0: CD-ROM QEMU QEMU DVD-ROM 2.5+ PQ: 0 ANSI: 5
8.043865] NET: Registered protocol family 17
8.058136] IPI shorthand broadcast: enabled
8.062245] sched clock: Marking stable (7999771960, 61963165)->(8089676705, -27941580)
8.112856] sr 2:0:0:0: [sr0] scsi3-mmc drive: 4x/4x cd/rw xa/form2 tray
8.117067] cdrom: Uniform CD-ROM driver Revision: 3.20
8.159959] sr 2:0:0:0: Attached scsi CD-ROM sr0
8.178569] sr 2:0:0:0: Attached scsi generic sg0 type 5
8.463339] Freeing unused kernel image (initmem) memory: 920K
8.480467] Write protecting the kernel read-only data: 14336k
8.506846] Freeing unused kernel image (text/rodata gap) memory: 2044K
8.528331] Freeing unused kernel image (rodata/data gap) memory: 1968K
8.537976] Run /init as init process
8.543498] with arguments:
8.547074] /init
8.550311] with environment:
8.553746] HOME=/
8.557139] TERM=linux
8.653267] [U] hello world
Hit enter to proceed to recovery shell:[ 11.558335] EXT4-fs (vdal): mounting ext2 file system using the ext4 subsystem
[ 11.589414] EXT4-fs (vdal): mounted filesystem without journal. Opts: (null)
[ 11.923401] random: tpm: uninitialized urandom read (20 bytes read)
[ 11.977919] random: shred: uninitialized urandom read (312 bytes read)
[ 11.992360] random: shred: uninitialized urandom read (312 bytes read)
[ 43.537196] random: crng init done
[ 43.547041] random: 7 urandom warning(s) missed due to ratelimiting

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!!!! Console recovery shell
New value of PCR[4]: 8a6a96fdela8dd96271479dc40742b36aba3c2b3
!!!! Starting recovery shell
~ # Do your tests here under Heads recovery shell!!!!

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qemu-coreboot-fbwhiptail-tpm1 | Heads Boot Menu

2023-02-04 10:13:36 UTC  
TOTP: 455670 | HOTP: N/A

Default boot

Refresh TOTP/HOTP

Options --&gt;

System Info

Power Off

# What's Next

- TPM2 support on QEMU/KVM and SWTPM (skeleton: <https://github.com/osresearch/heads/pull/1292>)
- A better build system to guarantee reproducible builds based on NixOS if everything goes well (**PoCs started**)
- Clean room, in ram GPG key generation with backup/restore/USB thumb drive emergency usage capabilities (No more USB Security dongle strong requirement to use Heads while still highly recommended).
  - Authenticated Heads recovery shell, USB boot and more! (under design!)
- Finally: flash write protection options!
  - Platform chipset locking (only Heads can flash firmware) (PoC: <https://github.com/osresearch/heads/pull/326#issuecomment-1019684512>)
  - SPI Write protection, permitting to write protect coreboot's bootblock region (requires external flashing when coreboot version bumps happen under Heads. For the most paranoid only!)
    - 3mdeb dasharo/flashrom merge soon : <https://github.com/osresearch/heads/pull/1251>
- International keyboard support (PoC started: <https://github.com/osresearch/heads/issues/555>)
- On demand MAC randomization inside of Heads, overwriting GBE region inside of firmware. Persistence across firmware upgrades. (PoC started: <https://github.com/osresearch/heads/pull/1195>)
- Even more space for Maximized roms! (additional ~0.3-0.6mb): (PoC : <https://github.com/osresearch/heads/pull/1298>)

# References / Links

## References:

- Differences between linuxboot, Heads NERF
- Heads conference (Hudson, 33c3, 2016)
- Linuxboot conference (Hudson, 34c3, 2017)
- Heads: a call for collaboration (Laurion, FOSDEM, 2020)
- Coreboot measured boot, SRTM mode (coreboot doc)
- Heads current measured boot scheme (Heads doc)

## Project homes

- Heads searchable documentation
- Heads project's home (GitHub code/features/issues)
- Heads documentation's home (GitHub documentation/issues)
- Heads community direct link

# Questions/Comments?

## • BIOS Software Supply Chain Breakdown

Definition:  
**IBV**

- Independent BIOS Vendors are 3rd-party UEFI developers that sell value-added UEFI, toolkits, and custom development services

CPU Mfg +  
TianoCore

AMD

intel

\* tianocore

IBV

American  
Megatrends

insyde

phoenix

ODM

COMPAL

FOXCONN

PEGATRON

wistron

flex

Inventec

OEM's typically  
generate < 10%  
of BIOS Code

OEM

Lenovo

NEC

acer

ASUS

DELL

hp

Microsoft

Apple

Lenovo

Typical