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FSP and MinPlatform for Sapphire
Rapids Intel® Xeon® Scalable
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Agenda

- FSP & MinPlatform Overview
- Recent Development Progress
- Plans for Sapphire Rapids
- Project Opportunities
- Call to Action

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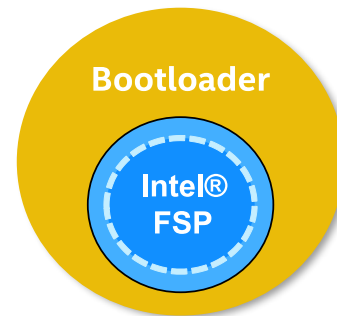


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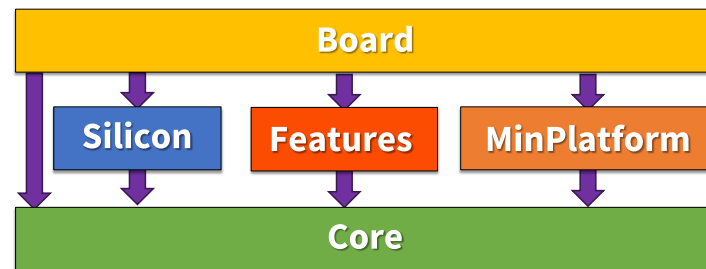


FSP & MinPlatform Overview

- Intel® FSP is a silicon initialization binary
 - Easily integrable into diverse OSF solutions.
- MinPlatform is a sub-project of TianoCore with 2 primary goals:
 1. Improve the architecture, modularity, and consistency of UEFI Firmware
 2. Run open source EDK II on real systems



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OSF on Intel Xeon



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- Intel provides industry leading support for diverse OSes (RHEL, Debian, Windows, VMware...) on Xeon.
 - Now... that extends to OSF:
- * LinuxBoot coreboot SLIM BOOTLOADER U-Boot
- Intel makes diverse OSF possible with:
 1. Publicly redistributable FSP binaries
 2. MinPlatform as an example OSF that can be referenced/modified

Targeting a best-in-class OSF experience!

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Better Together

- FSP + MinPlatform creates an OSF solution that meets the OCP Accepted Checklist requirements.
- FSP & MinPlatform derive from the same codebase and fit together exactly.

FSP + MinPlatform = Fastest TTM for OSF on Xeon

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coreboot vs. MinPlatform APIs



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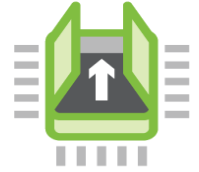
- MinPlatform board APIs offer a similar experience to the coreboot mainboard APIs:

coreboot	MinPlatform
<code>bootblock_mainboard_init()</code>	<code>BoardInitBeforeMemoryInit()</code>
<code>mainboard_init()</code>	<code>BoardInitBeforeSiliconInit()</code>
<code>mainboard_memory_init_params()</code>	<code>SiliconPolicyUpdatePreMem()</code>
<code>mainboard_silicon_init_params()</code>	<code>SiliconPolicyUpdatePostMem()</code>

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Recent Progress



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- Ice Lake and Cooper Lake MinPlatform is now open-source
- Includes publicly redistributable FSP binaries

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<https://github.com/tianocore/edk2-platforms/tree/master/Platform/Intel/WhitleyOpenBoardPkg>

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Recent Progress (Cont.)



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- Since OCP Tech Week 2020, 5 new boards have been liberated!

Machine Name	Chipset	Build Target Name
Intel Wilson City RVP	IceLake-SP	WilsonCityRvp
Intel Cooper City RVP	Cooper Lake	CooperCityRvp
Facebook Tioga Pass	Purley-R	BoardTiogaPass
Intel TGL-U DDR4 RVP	Tiger Lake	TigerlakeURvp
Acer Aspire VN7-572G	Sky Lake	AspireVn7Dash572G

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- Native support for LinuxBoot is now upstream
- 64-bit handoff via the kernel's EFI stub boot protocol

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<https://github.com/tianocore/edk2-platforms/tree/master/Platform/Intel/PurleyOpenBoardPkg/Features/LinuxBoot>

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Planned LinuxBoot Improvements



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- Move from PurleyOpenBoardPkg to a unified LinuxBootFeaturePkg.
- Support kernel 5.7+ arch-agnostic EFI initrd load.
<https://lore.kernel.org/linux-efi/20200207202637.GA3464906@rani.riverdale.lan/T/#m4a25eb33112fab7a22faa0fd65d4d663209af32f>
- LinuxBoot customized/optimized BdsDxe.
- Open Question to Community: What should we do about the kernel command line? We currently have:

```
char CmdLine[] = " ";
```

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Plans for 4th Gen Xeon[®] Scalable

- Improved support for FSP API mode
- More open-source advanced features for MinPlatform available out-of-box
- Gradual progress on evolving traditional UEFI BIOS towards the lightweight and open MinPlatform design



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Project Opportunities

- Unified LinuxBoot Advanced Feature
- Phase Agnostic Serial Logging (PEI/DXE/SMM)
- Binary silicon init policy abstraction
- Universal Payload use



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Call to Action



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1. Use FSP + MinPlatform to build OSF for your upcoming OCP design.
 - We are happy to help merge new board ports upstream to TianoCore!
 - Its open source – contributions from other silicon vendors are welcome!
2. Collaborate with us on Project Opportunities!
 - LinuxBoot Advanced Feature, Phase Agnostic Logging, Universal Payload, etc.
3. Join the TianoCore Development Mailing list.
 - <https://edk2.groups.io/g/devel>
4. Check out the MinPlatform training material.
 - https://github.com/tianocore-training/Presentation_FW/blob/main/FW/Presentations/_D_05_EDK_II_Open_Source_MinPlatform_pres.pdf
 - https://github.com/tianocore-training/Presentation_FW/blob/main/FW/Presentations/_U4_07_EDK_II_OpenBoard_MinPlatform_Porting_pres.pdf

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Thank you!



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