

Uefi.inc

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`uefi.inc` a library for UEFI written in assembly for fasm. It's main goal was small code, and to achieve that it gives only limited access to UEFI. It was designed to fulfill all the needs of a boot loader, namely

- provide user input interface
- exactly one way to load and save sectors
- framebuffer services for output

It is not intend to be an universal UEFI library.

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Hello World from UEFI

This shows how to import and use the library.

```
format pe64 dll efi
entry main

section '.text' code executable readable

include 'uefi.inc'

main:
    ; initialize UEFI library
```

```

InitializeLib
jc @f

; call uefi function to print to screen
uefi_call_wrapper ConOut, OutputString, ConOut, _hello

@@: mov eax, EFI_SUCCESS
    retn

section '.data' data readable writeable

_hello                                du 'Hello World',13,10,0

section '.reloc' fixups data discardable

```

Case studies: usage in a boot loader

Please note that these are only tutorials. They focus on a specific topic only. They do not allocate buffers they use for example. You'll have to write that part on your own. They were written for those who wants to roll their own UEFI boot loader in assembly. I hope it will save them some sleepless nights and headaches.

Reading a character from keyboard

```

@@:          uefi_call_wrapper      ConIn, ReadKeyStroke, Co
            cmp                    dword [key.scancode], 0
            jz                      @b

;data
key:
key.scancode:  dw                    0
key.unicode:  du                    0

```

Detecting Memory Map

```

            mov                    dword [memmapdescsize],
uefi_call_wrapper BootServices, GetMemoryM
            cmp                    dword [memmapdescsize],
            jnz                    @f
            mov                    dword [memmapdescsize],
@@:        clc
            cmp                    rax, EFI_SUCCESS
            je                      @f
            stc

@@:

```

```

;data
memmapsize:      dq      MEMMAP_BUFFSIZE
memmapkey:       dq      0
memmapdescsize: dq      0
memmapdescver:  dq      0
memmapbuff:     rb      MEMMAP_BUFFSIZE

```

Note that memmapkey is needed for ExitBootServices. If you use memory allocation or free, you'll have to query again map to get a valid key.

Iterating on disks

```

; query device handles
mov     dword [tmp], DEVICEHANDL
uefi_call_wrapper BootServices, LocateHand
cmp     rax, EFI_SUCCESS
jne     .error

; iterate on handles
mov     r15, devicehandle_buff
mov     r14, qword [tmp]
.nexthandle: mov     rcx, qword [r15]
or      rcx, rcx
jz      .end
; open handle
push   r14
push   r15
uefi_call_wrapper BootServices, OpenProtoc
pop    r15
pop    r14
cmp    rax, EFI_SUCCESS
jne    .skipdev
; save results
mov    rax, qword [tmp]
mov    qword [bootdiskblkio], r
; FIXME: do some checks here to decide if it's y
; I load GPT from each device and look for a spe
; cmp ismydevice, 1
; je .end

.skipdev: xor    rax, rax
mov    qword [bootdiskblkio], r
pop    r15
pop    r14
add    r15, 8
sub    r14, 8

```

```

        js                .error
        jnz              .nexthandle

.end:    clc
        ret

.error:  stc
        ret

;data
tmp:     dq                0
blkiouid: db             EFI_BLOCK_IO_PROTOCOL_UU
bootdiskblkio: dq        0

```

Loading a sector from device

```

        mov              rax, qword [bootdiskblkio]
        stc
        or               rax, rax
        jz               @f
        mov              rbx, rax
        mov              rcx, rax
        mov              rax, qword [rax+EFI_BLOC
        or               rax, rax
        jz               @f
        mov              edx, dword [rax+EFI_BLOC
        or               edx, edx
        jz               @f
        xor              rax, rax
        uefi_call_wrapper
        stc
        cmp              rax, EFI_SUCCESS
        jne              @f
        clc

@@:

;data
lba:     dq                0
sizeinbytes: dq          0
diskbuff: rb              DISK_BUFSIZE

```

Get sorted list of available video modes

```

; installation check on GOP. This must return bu

```

```

xor                                rax, rax
mov                                qword [tmp], rax
uefi_call_wrapper                    BootServices, LocateHand
cmp                                rax, EFI_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL
jne                                .error
; query available video modes
mov                                dword [tmp], MODE_BUFFER_SIZE
uefi_call_wrapper                    BootServices, LocateHand
cmp                                rax, EFI_SUCCESS
jne                                .error
; iterate on each handle, store sorted result to
mov                                rsi, qword [tmpbuff]
lea                                rdi, [gopmodes]
.getnextinfo:                        lodsq
or                                rax, rax
jz                                .nomore
mov                                qword [tmp], rax
mov                                qword [rdi], rax
push                               rsi
push                               rdi
uefi_call_wrapper                    BootServices, HandleProt
pop                                rdi
pop                                rsi
cmp                                rax, EFI_SUCCESS
jne                                .error
; iterate on each mode for a handle
; get number of modes
mov                                rcx, qword [gopinterface
mov                                r10, qword [rcx + EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT_PROTOCOL_DESCRIPTOR_SIZE]
mov                                r10, qword [r10 + EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT_PROTOCOL_DESCRIPTOR_SIZE]
xor                                rdx, rdx
.nextmode:                           mov                                rcx, qword [gopinterface
mov                                qword [rdi+8], rcx
push                               rsi
push                               rdi
mov                                dword [tmp], 8
lea                                r8, [tmp]
lea                                r9, [gopinfo]
push                               rcx
push                               rdx
push                               r10
uefi_call_wrapper                    rcx, EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT
pop                                r10
pop                                rdx
pop                                rcx
pop                                rdi
pop                                rsi
cmp                                rax, EFI_SUCCESS
jne                                .error

```

```

; save info to gopmodes
mov     r9, qword [gopinfo]
mov     eax, dword [r9+EFI_GRAPH
mov     word [rdi+16], ax
mov     eax, dword [r9+EFI_GRAPH
mov     word [rdi+18], ax
mov     eax, dword [r9+EFI_GRAPH
mov     word [rdi+20], ax
mov     ax, word [r9+EFI_GRAPHIC
mov     word [rdi+22], ax
mov     dword [rdi+24], edx
;bubble up mode
mov     rbx, rdi
.bubble:
        mov     ax, word [rdi+16]
        cmp     word [rdi+16-32], ax
        ja     .ok2
        jb     .switch
        mov     ax, word [rdi+18]
        cmp     word [rdi+18-32], ax
        jae    @f
.switch:
        mov     rax, qword [rdi]
        xchg   qword [rdi-32], rax
        mov     qword [rdi], rax
        mov     rax, qword [rdi+8]
        xchg   qword [rdi-32+8], rax
        mov     qword [rdi+8], rax
        mov     rax, qword [rdi+16]
        xchg   qword [rdi-32+16], rax
        mov     qword [rdi+16], rax
        mov     rax, qword [rdi+24]
        xchg   qword [rdi-32+24], rax
        mov     qword [rdi+24], rax
        sub    rdi, 32
        cmp    rdi, gopmodes
        jae    .bubble
@@:
        mov    rdi, rbx
        add   rdi, 32
.loop:
        inc   rdx
        cmp   edx, r10d
        jb   .nextmode
        jmp  .getnextinfo
.error:
        xor   rax, rax
        mov   qword [gopinterface], ra
        stc
.nomore:

;data
tmp:    dq    0
tmpbuff: dq    0

```

```

gopuuid:          db          EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT_PROT
gop_handle:       dq          0
gopinterface:    dq          0
gopinfo:         dq          0
;output, sorted list of 32 byte entries
; 8 bytes handle
; 8 bytes interface
; 2 bytes horizontal resolution
; 2 bytes vertical resolution
; 2 bytes scanline
; 2 bytes pixelformat
; 8 bytes mode number
gopmodes:        rb          MODE_BUFFSIZE

```

To access framebuffer, you'll have to get it's address. This code returns it in rbx, and buffer's size in rcx:

```

mov     rax, qword [gopinterface]
mov     rax, qword [rax + EFI_GR
mov     rbx, qword [rax + EFI_GR
mov     rcx, qword [rax + EFI_GR

```

The include file

And finally the library that makes the magic alive:

```

;*****
;*
;*          UEFI library for fasm by bzt, Public Domain
;*
;*****

; include x86asm.net's efi.inc
#include 'efi.inc'
struc int8 {
    . db ?
}
struc int16 {
    align 2
    . dw ?
}
struc int32 {
    align 4
    . dd ?
}
struc int64 {

```

```

    align 8
    . dq ?
}
struct intn {
    align 8
    . dq ?
}
struct dptr {
    align 8
    . dq ?
}

;symbols

EFIERR = 0x8000000000000000
EFI_SUCCESS = 0
EFI_LOAD_ERROR = EFIERR or 1
EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER = EFIERR or 2
EFI_UNSUPPORTED = EFIERR or 3
EFI_BAD_BUFFER_SIZE = EFIERR or 4
EFI_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL = EFIERR or 5
EFI_NOT_READY = EFIERR or 6
EFI_DEVICE_ERROR = EFIERR or 7
EFI_WRITE_PROTECTED = EFIERR or 8
EFI_OUT_OF_RESOURCES = EFIERR or 9
EFI_VOLUME_CORRUPTED = EFIERR or 10
EFI_VOLUME_FULL = EFIERR or 11
EFI_NO_MEDIA = EFIERR or 12
EFI_MEDIA_CHANGED = EFIERR or 13
EFI_NOT_FOUND = EFIERR or 14
EFI_ACCESS_DENIED = EFIERR or 15
EFI_NO_RESPONSE = EFIERR or 16
EFI_NO_MAPPING = EFIERR or 17
EFI_TIMEOUT = EFIERR or 18
EFI_NOT_STARTED = EFIERR or 19
EFI_ALREADY_STARTED = EFIERR or 20
EFI_ABORTED = EFIERR or 21
EFI_ICMP_ERROR = EFIERR or 22
EFI_TFTP_ERROR = EFIERR or 23
EFI_PROTOCOL_ERROR = EFIERR or 24

;helper macro for definition of relative structure member offset

macro struct name
{
    virtual at 0
        name name
    end virtual
}

```

```

;structures
EFI_SYSTEM_TABLE_SIGNATURE      equ      49h, 42h, 49h, 20h, 53h, 59h,
struct EFI_TABLE_HEADER {
    .Signature          int64
    .Revision           int32
    .HeaderSize         int32
    .CRC32              int32
    .Reserved           int32
}
struct EFI_TABLE_HEADER

struct EFI_SYSTEM_TABLE {
    .Hdr                EFI_TABLE_HEADER
    .FirmwareVendor     dptr
    .FirmwareRevision   int32
    .ConsoleInHandle    dptr
    .ConIn              dptr
    .ConsoleOutHandle   dptr
    .ConOut             dptr
    .StandardErrorHandle dptr
    .StdErr             dptr
    .RuntimeServices    dptr
    .BootServices       dptr
    .NumberOfTableEntries intn
    .ConfigurationTable dptr
}
struct EFI_SYSTEM_TABLE

struct SIMPLE_TEXT_OUTPUT_INTERFACE {
    .Reset          dptr
    .OutputString   dptr
    .TestString     dptr
    .QueryMode      dptr
    .SetMode        dptr
    .SetAttribute   dptr
    .ClearScreen    dptr
    .SetCursorPosition dptr
    .EnableCursor   dptr
    .Mode           dptr
}
struct SIMPLE_TEXT_OUTPUT_INTERFACE

;---include ends

struct SIMPLE_INPUT_INTERFACE {
    .Reset          dptr
    .ReadKeyStroke  dptr
    .WaitForKey     dptr
}

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struct SIMPLE_INPUT_INTERFACE
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```
struc EFI_BOOT_SERVICES_TABLE {  
  .Hdr                               EFI_TABLE_HEADER  
  .RaisePriority                      dptr  
  .RestorePriority                    dptr  
  .AllocatePages                     dptr  
  .FreePages                          dptr  
  .GetMemoryMap                      dptr  
  .AllocatePool                      dptr  
  .FreePool                           dptr  
  .CreateEvent                       dptr  
  .SetTimer                           dptr  
  .WaitForEvent                      dptr  
  .SignalEvent                       dptr  
  .CloseEvent                        dptr  
  .CheckEvent                        dptr  
  .InstallProtocolInterface dptr  
  .ReInstallProtocolInterface dptr  
  .UnInstallProtocolInterface dptr  
  .HandleProtocol                   dptr  
  .Void                              dptr  
  .RegisterProtocolNotify dptr  
  .LocateHandle                      dptr  
  .LocateDevicePath                  dptr  
  .InstallConfigurationTable dptr  
  .ImageLoad                         dptr  
  .ImageStart                        dptr  
  .Exit                              dptr  
  .ImageUnLoad                       dptr  
  .ExitBootServices                  dptr  
  .GetNextMonotonicCount dptr  
  .Stall                             dptr  
  .SetWatchdogTimer                 dptr  
  .ConnectController                dptr  
  .DisconnectController              dptr  
  .OpenProtocol                      dptr  
  .CloseProtocol                     dptr  
  .OpenProtocolInformation dptr  
  .ProtocolsPerHandle                dptr  
  .LocateHandleBuffer                dptr  
  .LocateProtocol                    dptr  
  .InstallMultipleProtocolInterfaces dptr  
  .UnInstallMultipleProtocolInterfaces dptr  
  .CalculateCrc32                    dptr  
  .CopyMem                           dptr  
  .SetMem                             dptr  
}
```

```
struct EFI_BOOT_SERVICES_TABLE
```

```
struc EFI_RUNTIME_SERVICES_TABLE {
```

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.Hdr                EFI_TABLE_HEADER
.GetTime            dptr
.SetTime            dptr
.GetWakeUpTime     dptr
.SetWakeUpTime     dptr
.SetVirtualAddressMap dptr
.ConvertPointer     dptr
.GetVariable        dptr
.GetNextVariableName dptr
.SetVariable        dptr
.GetNextHighMonoCount dptr
.ResetSystem        dptr
}
struct EFI_RUNTIME_SERVICES_TABLE

struct EFI_TIME {
.Year                int16
.Month               int8
.Day                 int8
.Hour                int8
.Minute              int8
.Second              int8
.Pad1                int8
.Nanosecond          int32
.TimeZone            int16
.Daylight            int8
.Pad2                int8
.sizeof             rb 1
}
struct EFI_TIME

EFI_LOADED_IMAGE_PROTOCOL_UUID equ 0A1h, 31h, 1bh, 5bh, 62h, 95h, 0d2h
struct EFI_LOADED_IMAGE_PROTOCOL {
.Revision            int32
.ParentHandle        int64
.SystemTable         dptr
.DeviceHandle        int64
.FilePath            dptr
.Reserved            int64
.LoadOptionsSize     int32
.ImageBase           dptr
.ImageSize           int64
.ImageCodeType       int32
.ImageDataType       int32
.UnLoad              dptr
}
struct EFI_LOADED_IMAGE_PROTOCOL

EFI_BLOCK_IO_PROTOCOL_UUID equ 21h, 5bh, 4eh, 96h, 59h, 64h, 0d2h, 11h,
struct EFI_BLOCK_IO_PROTOCOL {
.Revision            int64

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.Media                dptr
.Reset               dptr
.ReadBlocks          dptr
.WriteBlocks         dptr
.FlushBlocks         dptr
}
struct EFI_BLOCK_IO_PROTOCOL

struc EFI_BLOCK_IO_MEDIA {
.MediaId              int32
.RemovableMedia      int8
.MediaPresent        int8
.LogicalPartition    int8
.ReadOnly           int8
.WriteCaching        int8
.BlockSize           int32
.IoAlign             int32
.LastBlock           int64
}
struct EFI_BLOCK_IO_MEDIA

EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT_PROTOCOL_UUID equ 0deh, 0a9h, 42h, 90h, 0dch, 0
struc EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT_PROTOCOL {
.QueryMode           dptr
.SetMode             dptr
.Blt                 dptr
.Mode                dptr
}
struct EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT_PROTOCOL

struc EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT_PROTOCOL_MODE {
.MaxMode             int32
.CurrentMode         int32
.ModeInfo            dptr
.SizeOfModeInfo     intn
.FrameBufferBase     dptr
.FrameBufferSize    intn
}
struct EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT_PROTOCOL_MODE

struc EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT_MODE_INFORMATION {
.Version             int32
.HorizontalResolution int32
.VerticalResolution  int32
.PixelFormat         int32
.RedMask             int32
.GreenMask           int32
.BlueMask            int32
.Reserved            int32
.PixelsPerScanline  int32
}

```

```

}
struct EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT_MODE_INFORMATION
;---macros to make life easier---
;call it early, after entry point is the best
macro InitializeLib
{
    clc
    or                rdx, rdx
    jz                .badout
    cmp                dword [rdx], 20494249h
    je                @f
.badout:          xor                rcx, rcx
                    xor                rdx, rdx
                    stc
@@:              mov                [efi_handler], rcx
                    mov                [efi_ptr], rdx
}

;invoke an UEFI function
macro uefi_call_wrapper                interface,function,arg1,
{
numarg = 0
if ~ arg11 eq
    numarg = numarg + 1
    if ~ arg11 eq rdi
        mov                rdi, arg11
    end if
end if
if ~ arg10 eq
    numarg = numarg + 1
    if ~ arg10 eq rsi
        mov                rsi, arg10
    end if
end if
if ~ arg9 eq
    numarg = numarg + 1
    if ~ arg9 eq r14
        mov                r14, arg9
    end if
end if
if ~ arg8 eq
    numarg = numarg + 1
    if ~ arg8 eq r13
        mov                r13, arg8
    end if
end if
if ~ arg7 eq
    numarg = numarg + 1
    if ~ arg7 eq r12

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        mov                r12, arg7
    end if
end if
if ~ arg6 eq
    numarg = numarg + 1
    if ~ arg6 eq r11
        mov                r11, arg6
    end if
end if
if ~ arg5 eq
    numarg = numarg + 1
    if ~ arg5 eq r10
        mov                r10, arg5
    end if
end if
if ~ arg4 eq
    numarg = numarg + 1
    if ~ arg4 eq r9
        mov                r9, arg4
    end if
end if
if ~ arg3 eq
    numarg = numarg + 1
    if ~ arg3 eq r8
        mov                r8, arg3
    end if
end if
if ~ arg2 eq
    numarg = numarg + 1
    if ~ arg2 eq rdx
        mov                rdx, arg2
    end if
end if
if ~ arg1 eq
    numarg = numarg + 1
    if ~ arg1 eq rcx
        if ~ arg1 in <ConsoleInHandle, ConIn, ConsoleOutHandle, ConOut, St
            mov                rcx, arg1
        end if
    end if
end if
        xor                rax, rax
        mov                al, numarg
if interface in <ConsoleInHandle, ConIn, ConsoleOutHandle, ConOut, S
        mov                rbx, [efi_ptr]
        mov                rbx, [rbx + EFI_SYSTEM_T
else
    if ~ interface eq rbx
        mov                rbx, interface

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```

end if
end if
if arg1 in <ConsoleInHandle, ConIn, ConsoleOutHandle, ConOut, Standa
        mov                rcx, rbx
end if
if defined SIMPLE_INPUT_INTERFACE.#function
        mov                rbx, [rbx + SIMPLE_INPUT
else
if defined SIMPLE_TEXT_OUTPUT_INTERFACE.#function
        mov                rbx, [rbx + SIMPLE_TEXT_
else
if defined EFI_BOOT_SERVICES_TABLE.#function
        mov                rbx, [rbx + EFI_BOOT_SER
else
if defined EFI_RUNTIME_SERVICES_TABLE.#function
        mov                rbx, [rbx + EFI_RUNTIME_
else
if defined EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT_PROTOCOL.#function
        mov                rbx, [rbx + EFI_GRAPHICS
else
if defined EFI_GRAPHICS_OUTPUT_PROTOCOL_MODE.#function
        mov                rbx, [rbx + EFI_GRAPHICS
else
        mov                rbx, [rbx + function]
end if
end if
end if
end if
end if
end if
        call                uefifunc
}

;*****
;*                               Library functions
;*****

section '.text' code executable readable

uefifunc:        ;save stack pointer
                mov                qword [uefi_rsptmp], rsp
                ;set up new aligned stack
                and                esp, 0FFFFFFF0h
                ;alignment check on arguments
                bt                eax, 0
                jnc                @f
                push                rax
                ;arguments
@@:            cmp                al, 11

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        jb                @f
        push             rdi
@@:    cmp                al, 10
        jb                @f
        push             rsi
@@:    cmp                al, 9
        jb                @f
        push             r14
@@:    cmp                al, 8
        jb                @f
        push             r13
@@:    cmp                al, 7
        jb                @f
        push             r12
@@:    cmp                al, 6
        jb                @f
        push             r11
@@:    cmp                al, 5
        jb                @f
        push             r10
@@:
        ;space for
        ;r9
        ;r8
        ;rdx
        ;rcx
        sub                rsp, 4*8
        ;call function
        call               rbx
        ;restore old stack
        mov                rsp, qword [uefi_rsptmp]
        ret

section '.data' data readable writeable
efi_handler:    dq                0
efi_ptr:        dq                0
uefi_rsptmp:   dq                0

```

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