

Booting DaVinci EVM From NAND Flash

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ABSTRACT

Currently, the DaVinci™ evaluation module (DVEVM) supports three boot modes: the DVEVM can boot from NOR (default), NAND, or universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter (UART). NOR Flash offers the advantages of one-byte random access and execute-in-place technology. NAND Flash is not as easy to work with since it requires Flash Translation Layer (FTL) software to make it accessible; however, due to its lower price, speed, and longer life span, many costumers want to design with NAND Flash instead of NOR Flash. This application report describes the process to follow for booting the DaVinci DVEVM from NAND Flash.

Flashwriter source code is not available. If you need to customize a Flash utility for your custom board, please see the DVFlasher utility covered in *Booting and Flashing via the DaVinci TMS320DM644x Serial Interface* ([SPRAAI4](#)).

Note: ubl_nand.bin, u-boot-nand.bin and flashwriter_nand.out type files (names may change slightly to reflect version information) are distributed as part of the official Digital Video Software Development Kit (DVSDK) software releases.

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1 Prerequisites

Software Required:

- ubl_nand.bin (14 KB first stage boot-loader)
- u-boot-567-nand.bin (second stage boot loader)
- flashwriter_nand.out CCS program
- Code Composer Studio™ version 3.2 or higher
- DaVinci EVM compatible emulator driver for Code Composer Studio
- Serial terminal application such as HyperTerminal, TeraTerm for Windows™ and Minicom or C-Kermit for Linux.™

Hardware Setup Required:

- Linux host workstation for building Linux kernel
- PC workstation for running Code Composer Studio
- IEEE Standard 1149.1-1990, IEEE Standard Test Access Port and Boundary-Scan Architecture (JTAG) Emulator connected to DaVinci EVM
- Connect included RS232 serial cable from *UART0* port of the EVM to either PC workstation or Linux host workstation

Additional Requirements:

- Code Composer Studio 3.2 has been configured and tested with JTAG emulator that works with the DaVinci EVM.
- Make sure you are familiar with the Getting Started Guide (GSG) - in particular Chapter 4.

2 Instructions

These instructions are broken down into four main sections that build on each other. Some may chose to follow only [Section 1](#) and [Section 2](#), at which point they are booting out of NAND and can configure the NAND boot loader to load desired kernels via TFTP from host, and the NFS mount file system from host; this may provide an adequate environment for development. Others may choose to complete all four sections and have not only their boot loader in NAND Flash, but also their desired Linux kernel and file system; thereby, having an environment that closely resembles their final product (no host system).

2.1 Configure DVEV Hardware for NAND Boot Mode

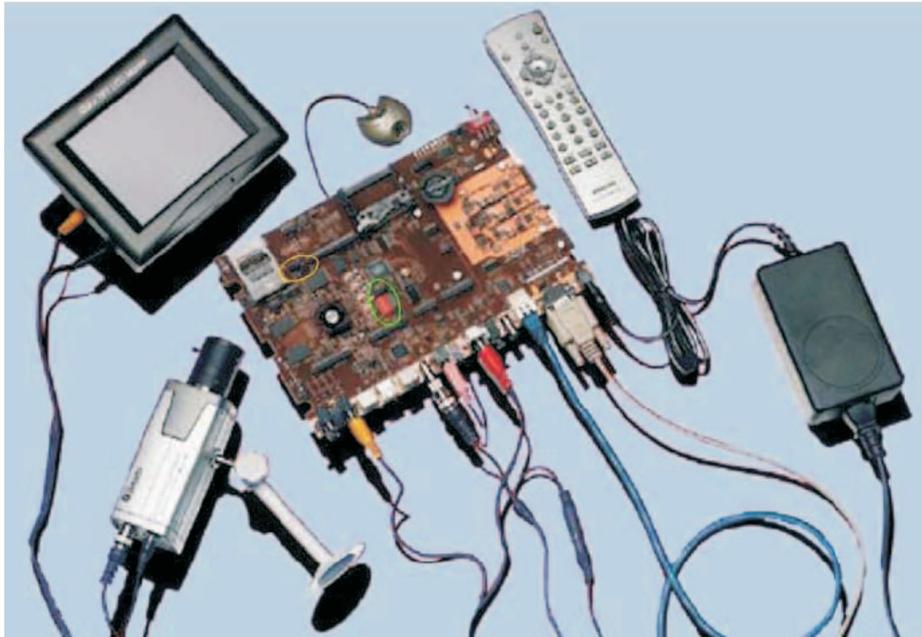


Figure 1. TMDXEVM6446, DVEV

1. Set J4 jumper (circled in yellow in [Figure 1](#)) to NAND.
2. Set S3 red switch (circled in green in [Figure 1](#)) to 0000111110, where 1=on and 0 =off.

2.2 Use Code Composer Studio to Load First and Second Stage NAND Boot Loaders

This section requires completion of [Section 2.1](#).

1. Open the ARM-side Code Composer Studio debugger. From the menu, click on File → Load Program and open the flashwriter_nand.out image as in [Figure 2](#):

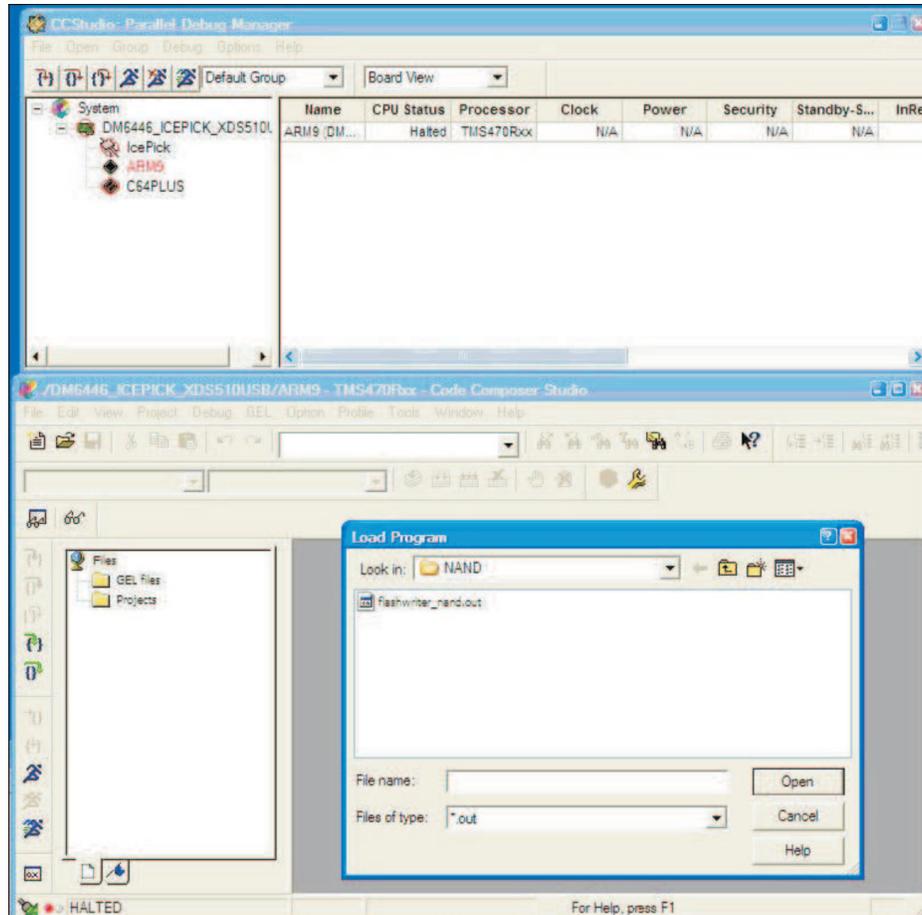


Figure 2. Loading flashwriter_nand.out

2. Run flashwriter_nand.out by either clicking Debug → Run or hit the F5 key. A dialog box will show as in [Figure 3](#). Enter the local Windows path to the first stage boot loader file, such as `c:\temp\ubl_nand.bin`. Then, it will now ask you for a second parameter, the offset; enter “1” and press return. It will now ask you for a third parameter, global erase; enter “y” and press return.

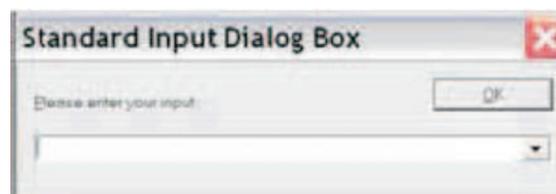


Figure 3. Standard Input Dialog Box

The process may take a few seconds; to verify, [Figure 4](#) shows a screen capture of what a successful screen log would look like:

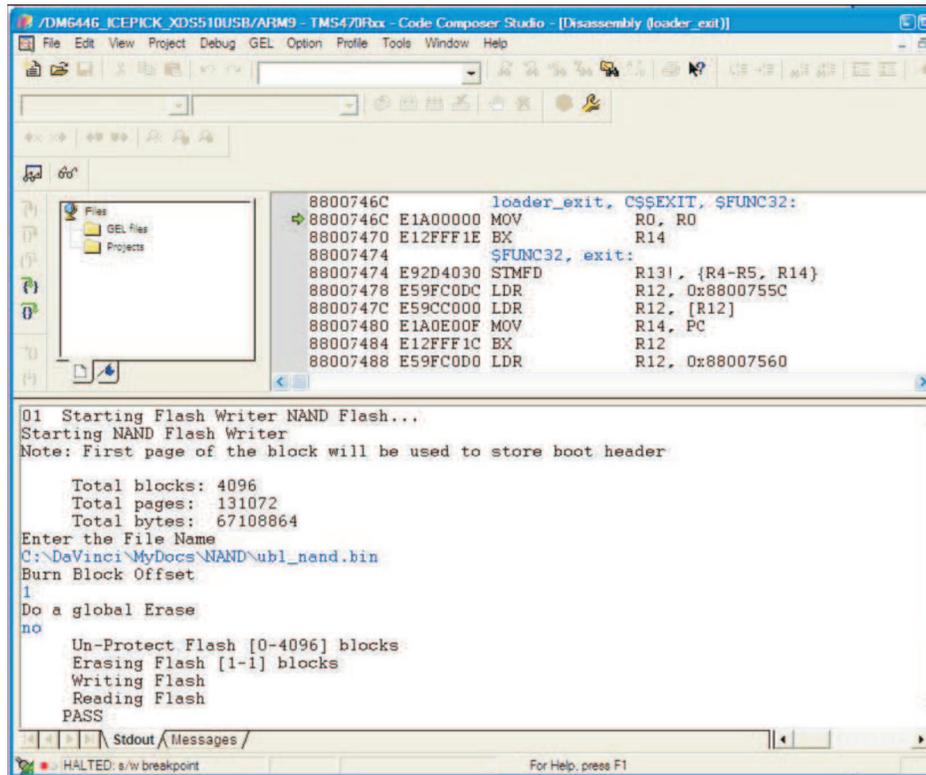


Figure 4. Successful ubl_nand.bin Flashing Screen

- Load the flashwriter_nand.out program again by selecting File → Reload Program from the Code Composer Studio menu and run it by either clicking Debug → Run or hit the F5 key. Again, a dialog box will show as in [Figure 3](#). Enter the local Windows path to the second stage boot loader file, such as c:\temp\u-boot-567-nand.bin. Then, it will ask you for a second parameter, the offset; enter 6 and press return. It will now ask you for a third parameter, global erase; enter n and press return. After that, it will ask you for a fourth parameter, application entry point; enter 0x81080000 and press return. For the fifth parameter, application load address; enter 0x81080000 and press return. This process may take several minutes; to verify, [Figure 5](#) shows a screen capture of what a successful log should look like.

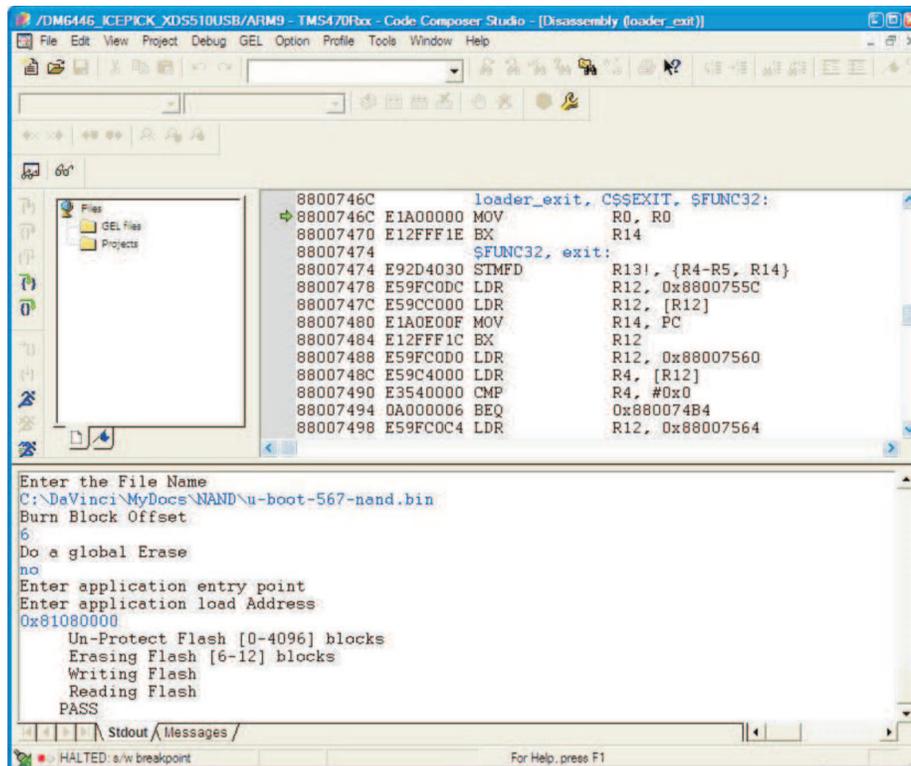


Figure 5. Successful u-boot-567-nand.bin Flashing Screen

- Verify that NAND u-boot is working properly. Power down DVEVM, disconnect the JTAG emulator and make sure the DVEVM is configured as in [Section 2.1](#). Also, make sure the terminal application settings are 115200 baud rate, 8-bit data, one stop bit, no parity and no flow control. Turn on the DVEVM and you should be greeted with a u-boot prompt on the serial terminal as in [Figure 6](#).

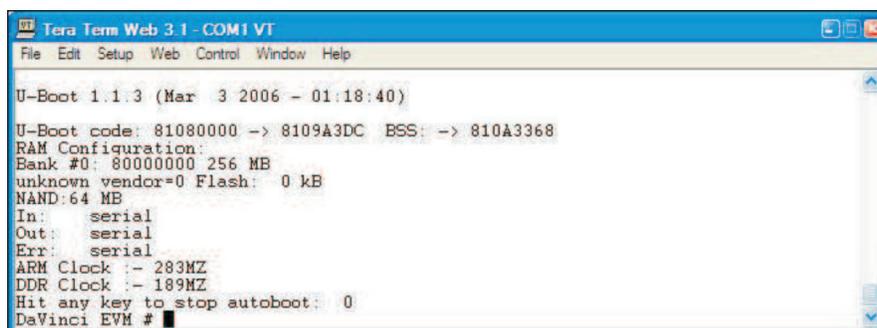


Figure 6. Serial Terminal Application Showing Successful u-boot is Flashed

At this point, you can configure the u-boot parameters to boot a desired Linux kernel stored in the host workstation via the TFTP and NFS mount file system on the host work station. This configuration provides a good development environment as it allows you to quickly make and test changes to applications (working tree could be NFS mounted) and the Linux kernel (can try different Linux kernel builds by simply copying the desired one to TFTP directory on host). For information on how to configure u-boot parameters, see the *Booting Linux Kernel and Mounting a File System on DaVinci EVM* document from the DaVinci Ease of Use Series.

2.3 Build Linux Kernel With NAND Support

This section is independent of [Section 2.1](#) and [Section 2.2](#). However, it assumes that you have gone through the Getting Started Guide (GSG) included in the DaVinci EVM kit, in particular the *DVEVM Software Setup* chapter in which you learned the process of building a Linux kernel. This section follows from that point and assumes the same directory structure defined in the GSG.

1. Go to the directory (on the host Linux workstation) where the Linux support package (LSP) is found:

```
host$cd/home/user/working/lps/ti-davinci
```
2. Launch the Linux kernel configuration utility:

```
host$makeARCH=armCROSS_COMPILE=arm_v5t_le-xconfig
```
3. Go to *ATA/ATAPI/MFM/RLL Support* (under *Device Drivers*) and uncheck the main box. This disables the ATA drivers for the HDD so that the NAND file system is included instead. Refer to [Figure 7](#).

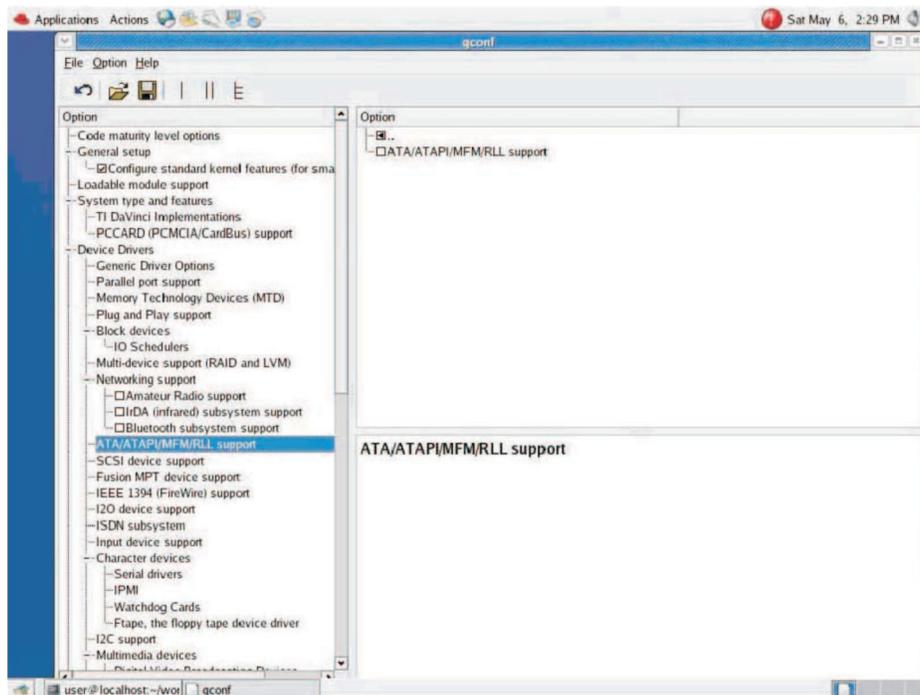


Figure 7. Disabling ATA Driver Support

- Go to the NAND Flash Device Drivers option under Memory Technology Devices (MTD). See [Figure 8](#).

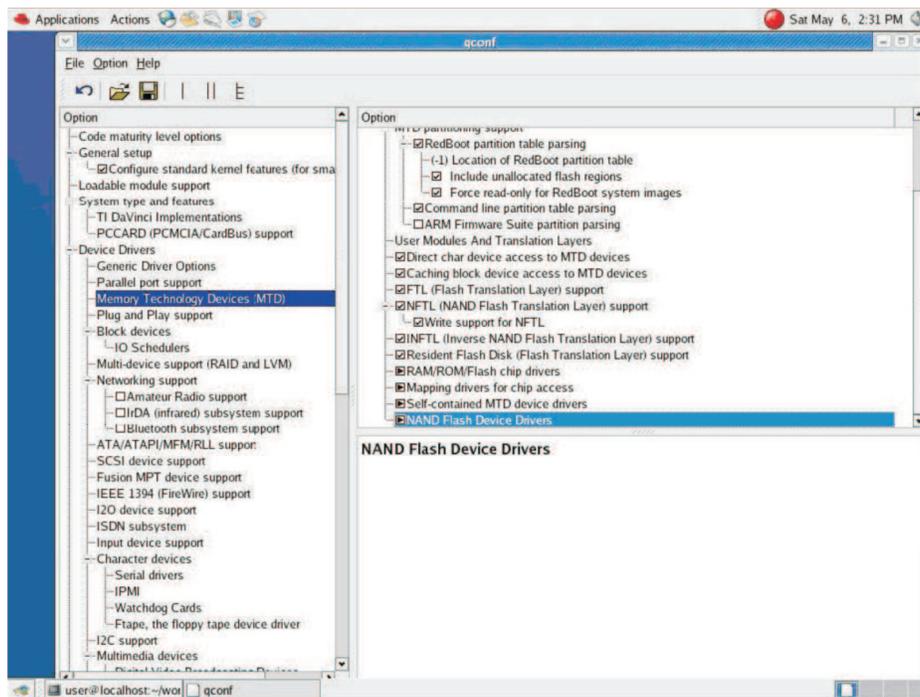


Figure 8. Selecting NAND Flash Device Drivers

- Make sure that the NAND Flash Device on the DaVinci System-on-Chip (SoC) option has a check and not a dot. Also, check the Bootloader upgrade on the NAND Device as well. See [Figure 9](#).

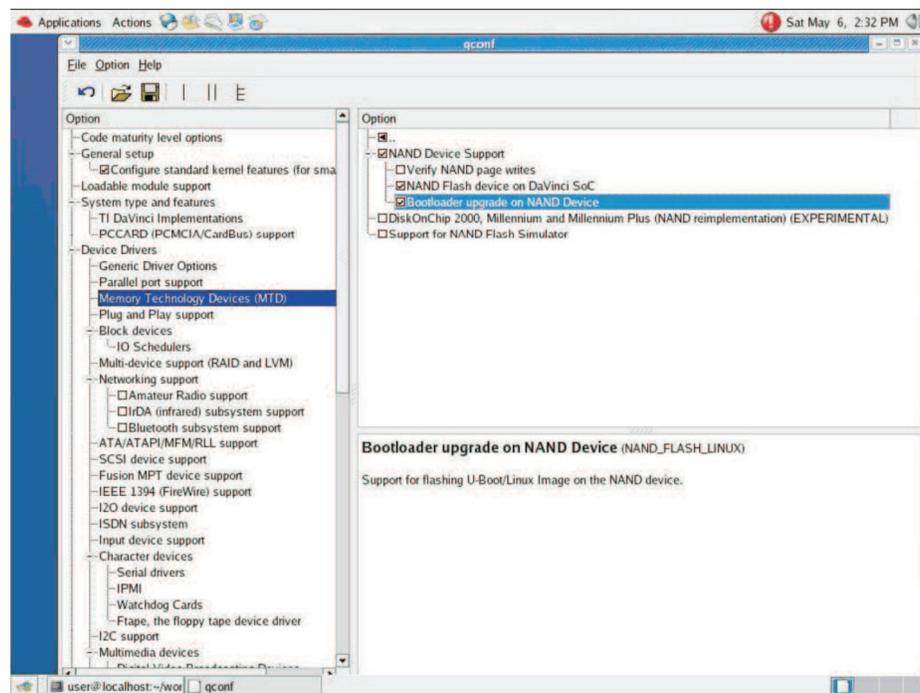


Figure 9. Enabling NAND Support

6. Log in as *user* (if you haven't already done so) prior to building the Linux Kernel in the next step (similar to the steps in the GSG).

```
host$ suuser
```

7. Build the Linux kernel with this command:

```
host$makeARCH=armCROSS_COMPILE=arm_v5t_le-uImage
```

At this point, you have a Linux kernel that has NAND Flash driver support instead of ATA HDD support. [Section 2.4](#) shows you how to use this Linux Kernel to write any desired Linux Kernel image to NAND Flash.

2.4 Use the Linux Kernel With NAND Support to Write the Desired Linux Kernel to NAND Flash

This section requires completion of [Section 2.1](#), [Section 2.2](#), and [Section 2.3](#). Keep in mind that these sections refer to two Linux kernels: one with NAND Flash support produced in [Section 2.3](#) one that you will burn into NAND Flash. These two Linux kernels could be the same, but they could also be different (e.g., perhaps you want HDD support on the DVEVM, but want to store kernel on NAND Flash instead of default NOR Flash because you envision your end product not having any NOR Flash). To this end, this section uses the Linux kernel produced in [Section 2.3](#) and the original kernel shipped with DVEVM that has HDD support. Since you will be copying over these Linux Kernels, it is suggested that a copy of each be stored in a safe place.

1. Log in as *user* on the host machine and place the Linux kernel to be burned to NAND Flash under the file system that will be NFS mounted to target the DVEVM.

```
host$cp/tftpboot/uImage~/workdir/filesys/opt
```

2. Log in as *user* on the host machine and copy Linux kernel image with NAND support to the TFTP directory and change permissions to the image file.

```
host$cp~/workdir/lsp/ti_davinci/arch/arm/boot/uImage/tftpboot
host$chmod a+r/tftpboot/uImage
```

3. Configure u-boot parameters so that the DVEVM uses TFTP to load Linux kernel from the host machine and the NFS mount file system from the host machine. This is discussed in detail in the *Booting Linux Kernel and Mounting a File System on DaVinci EVM* document from the DaVinci Ease of Use Series, but the short version will be provided here. Note that all the remaining steps in this section take place on the terminal applications window as opposed to the host workstation. With the terminal application running, power on the DVEVM and press any key on your terminal window to stop u-boot's autoboot sequence. At the u-boot prompt, type the following commands. See [Figure 10](#).

Note: Replace 00:0E:99:02:51:F4 with the MAC address found on your DVEVM board and all instances of 192.168.1.103 with the IP address on your host workstation

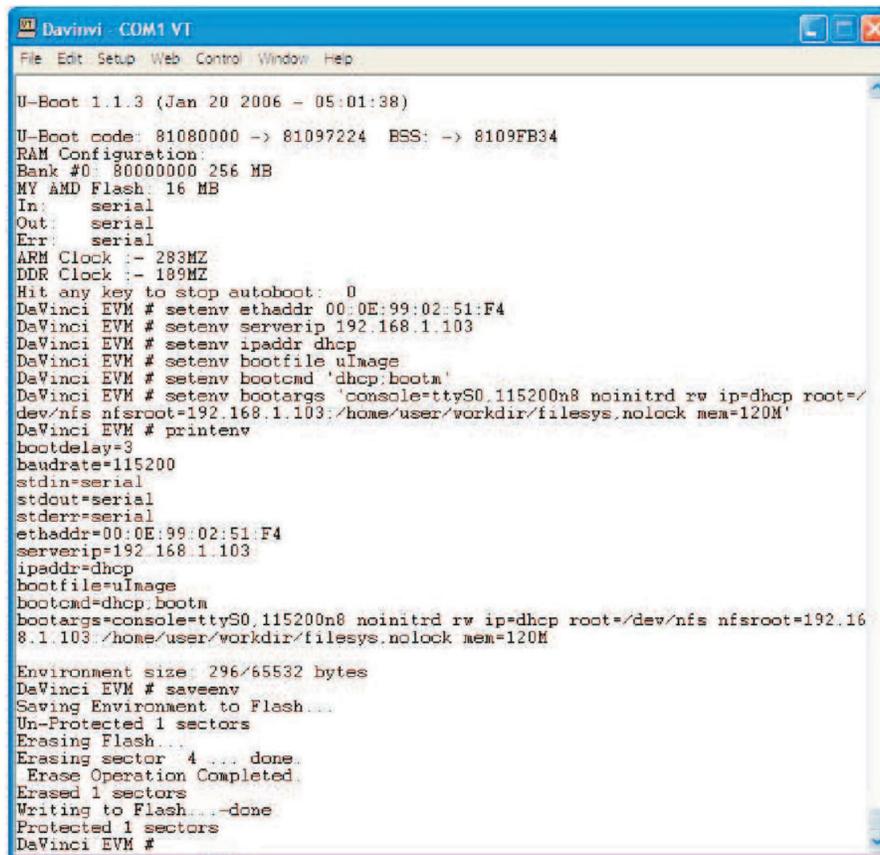
```
EVM # setenv ethaddr 00:0E:99:02:51:F4
EVM # setenv serverip 192.168.1.103
EVM # setenv ipaddr dhcp
```

```
EVM # setenv bootfile uImage
```

```
EVM # setenv bootcmd 'dhcp;bootm'
```

```
EVM # setenv bootargs 'console=ttyS0,115200n8 noinitrd rw ip=dhcp root=/dev/nfs
nfsroot=192.168.1.103:/home/user/workdir/filesys,nolock mem=120M'
```

```
EVM # saveenv
```



```

Davinci - COM1 VT
File Edit Setup Web Control Window Help

U-Boot 1.1.3 (Jan 20 2006 - 05:01:38)
U-Boot code: 81080000 -> 81097224 BSS: -> 8109FB34
RAM Configuration:
Bank #0: 80000000 256 MB
MY AMD Flash: 16 MB
In: serial
Out: serial
Err: serial
ARM Clock :- 283MHz
DDR Clock :- 189MHz
Hit any key to stop autoboot: 0
DaVinci EVM # setenv ethaddr 00:0E:99:02:51:F4
DaVinci EVM # setenv serverip 192.168.1.103
DaVinci EVM # setenv ipaddr dhcp
DaVinci EVM # setenv bootfile uImage
DaVinci EVM # setenv bootcmd 'dhcp;bootm'
DaVinci EVM # setenv bootargs 'console=ttyS0,115200n8 noinitrd rw ip=dhcp root=/
dev/nfs nfsroot=192.168.1.103:/home/user/workdir/filesys.nolock mem=120M'
DaVinci EVM # printenv
bootdelay=3
baudrate=115200
stdin=serial
stdout=serial
stderr=serial
ethaddr=00:0E:99:02:51:F4
serverip=192.168.1.103
ipaddr=dhcp
bootfile=uImage
bootcmd=dhcp;bootm
bootargs=console=ttyS0,115200n8 noinitrd rw ip=dhcp root=/dev/nfs nfsroot=192.16
8.1.103:/home/user/workdir/filesys.nolock mem=120M

Environment size: 296/65532 bytes
DaVinci EVM # saveenv
Saving Environment to Flash...
Un-Protected 1 sectors
Erasing Flash...
Erasing sector 4 ... done.
Erase Operation Completed.
Erased 1 sectors
Writing to Flash...-done
Protected 1 sectors
DaVinci EVM #
    
```

Figure 10. Booting Linux Kernel via TFTP and Root Mounting File System From NFS

4. Cycle the power on the DVEVM and log in as root on your terminal window. The DVEVM should be running the Linux Kernel with NAND support from the host workstation's /tftpboot directory. You can verify this by invoking the following command on the terminal application window and making sure this device is found. See [Figure 11](#).

```
$ ls /dev/mtd0
```

5. Format NAND Flash device. See [Figure 11](#).

```
$ ftl_format /dev/mtd0
```

6. Go to the directory where the Linux kernel to be burned to NAND Flash is stored using terminal application window. See [Figure 11](#).

```
$ cd /opt
```

7. Write Linux Kernel image to NAND Flash. See [Figure 11](#).

```
$ nandwrite -p -s 16384 /dev/mtd0 uImage
```

Note: Offset 0x4000 (16384) is block 2 of your NAND Flash /dev/mtd0 memory.

```

Tera Term Web 3.1 - COM1 VT
File Edit Setup Web Control Window Help
Linux 192.168.1.102 2.6.10_mvl402 #2 Wed Mar 29 07:28:57 PST 2006 arnvStejl GNU/
Linux
Welcome to MontaVista(R) Linux(R) Professional Edition 4.0 (0501140).
root@192.168.1.102:~# ls /dev/mtd0
/dev/mtd0
root@192.168.1.102:~# ftl_format /dev/mtd0
Partition size = 4 mb, erase unit size = 16 kb, 1 transfer units
Reserved 5%, formatted size = 3846656 bytes
Erasing all blocks...
-----+-----+
Uaand_write_ecc: Attempt to write not page aligned data
riting erase unit headers...
write failed: Invalid argument
format failed.
root@192.168.1.102:~# cd /opt
root@192.168.1.102:/opt# nandwrite -p -s 16384 /dev/mtd0 ulmage
Writing data to block 4000
Writing data to block 8000
Writing data to block c000
Writing data to block 10000
Writing data to block 14000
Writing data to block 18000

```

Figure 11. Writing Linux Kernel to NAND Flash

8. Cycle power to your DVEVM and press any key to stop u-boot's auto-boot sequence. In this step, the u-boot environment variables are set so that the u-boot knows where to find the Linux Kernel image in NAND Flash as well as configure the DVEVM to load this Linux kernel (as opposed to the one via TFTP) and use the file system in DVEVM HDD (as opposed to NFS mounting the file system from a host workstation). This configuration is what will most likely be encountered in the final product. At the u-boot prompt, type the following commands. See Figure 12.

```

EVM # setenv bootcmd 'nboot 0x80200000 0 104000'
EVM # setenv bootargs console=ttyS0,115200n8 noinitrd ip=dhcp root=/dev/hda1 mem=120M
EVM # setenv autostart yes
EVM # saveenv

```

```

Tera Term Web 3.1 - COM1 VT
File Edit Setup Web Control Window Help
Booting Application @ 0x81080000
U-Boot 1.1.3 (Mar  3 2006 - 01:18:40)
U-Boot code: 81080000 -> 8109A3DC BSS: -> 810A3368
RAM Configuration:
Bank #0: 80000000 256 MB
unknown vendor=0 Flash: 0 kB
NAND: 64 MB
In: serial
Out: serial
Err: serial
ARM Clock :- 283MZ
DDR Clock :- 189MZ
Hit any key to stop autoboot: 0
DaVinci EVM # setenv bootcmd 'nboot 0x80200000 0 104000'
DaVinci EVM # setenv bootargs console=ttyS0,115200n8 noinitrd ip=dhcp root=/dev/
hda1 mem=120M
DaVinci EVM # set autostart yes
DaVinci EVM # saveenv
Saving Environment to NAND...
Erasing Nand... Writing to Nand... done
DaVinci EVM # █

```

Figure 12. Reconfiguring u-boot to Load Linux Kernel From NAND Flash

9. Cycle power to your DVEVM and you should now have a boot loader (u-boot) and Linux kernel stored in NAND Flash.

3 References

- *Booting and Flashing via the DaVinci TMS320DM644x Serial Interface* ([SPRAA14](#))

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