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# Android 12 BSP for MSC SM2S-IMX8M Modules

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## Description

Android BSP for SM2S-IMX8M SOMs version 2.1.5- based on imx-android 12.0.0\_1.0.0 (Android 12).

## Package Contents

- README  
contains quick instructions
- bsp\_init.sh  
script to download and install the BSP tree on the build host
- bsp\_build.sh  
script to build the BSP
- patches.tar.bz2  
Patchset against imx-android
- required\_packages\_ubuntu\_focal  
list of required packages for Ubuntu Focal Fossa

## Supported Hardware

- SOMs
  - SM2S-IMX8PLUS-QC-14N0740I
  - SM2S-IMX8MINI-QC-14N0261I
- Baseboards
  - SM2-MB-EP1-001
- Displays
  - MSC DIS-AM1280800-101-KIT (lvds)

## Supported Features

- WiFi (802.11ac/b/g/n)
- Bluetooth/BLE



HCI device suspending had to be disabled in order to get the driver working. Expect additional power consumption!

- Ethernet
- USB Host
- USB Client



- For user-builds ADB has to be enabled in userspace before it becomes available. [5]
- Data transfer functions like e.g. mtp have to be explicitly selected in userspace under *Settings->Connected devices->USB*

- MSC SMARC MIPI Camera Kit001
- Audio Output and Input via SGTL5000 sound codec
- SDHC-Slot

- Volume Control via LID and SLEEP Buttons



Disabled for IMX8PLUS Modules due to missing PullUp

## Prerequisites

### imx-android

This BSP requires the imx-android tarball from [\[1\]](#)

### Toolchain

Certain parts of the original imx-android require the GNU ARM toolchain [\[2\]](#) to compile.

### WiFi drivers

We also require access to git repository at

```
git+ssh://gitolite@msc-git02.msc-ge.com:9418/thirdparty/linux-sdio-driver-209a .
```

Please confer with Avnet Embedded Support about this.

## OS

This BSP was tested on Ubuntu 20.04 Focal Fossa with the following additional packages:

```
uuid uuid-dev zlib1g-dev liblz-dev liblzo2-2 liblzo2-dev lzop git-core curl u-boot-tools \  
mtd-utils openjdk-8-jdk device-tree-compiler gdisk m4 libz-dev bison \  
flex libssl-dev rsync android-sdk-libsparse-utils android-sdk-ext4-utils \  
libncurses5:i386 libncurses5 libncurses5-dev python-is-python3 python bc cpio zip
```



libncurses5:i386 is only available in universe repositories, which may not be active:

```
sudo add-apt-repository universe
```

Additionally, the Universal Update Utility [\[3\]](#) is needed.

## Build Hardware

AOSP and therefore imx-android and this BSP contain a lot of code that needs to be compiled. A rather potent machine is advisable. For comparison: A full build of this BSP from scratch takes about 140 Minutes on a dual Xeon E5-2650 v2 (16C/32T). 1GiB of RAM per logical CPU is recommended. This BSP requires up to 310GiB of drive space for source tree, intermediates and results.

## Initialization



In case you have not configured git yet (i.e. fresh installation) you need to supply some information:

```
git config --global user.email your mail address  
git config --global user.name your name
```

To install and set up, unzip the BSP tarball to a folder of your choice and place the imx-android package and the GNU ARM toolchain in this folder. Then use the bsp\_init.sh script to download and prepare the sources:

```
./bsp_init.sh -r
```

This will install imx-android and the GNU ARM toolchain to PWD and then patch imx-android to support IMX8M SMARC modules. Depending on your internet connection this may take a while as imx-android installation involves cloning a lot of git repositories over the internet.

The script accepts several options:

- -r | --localrepo  
Do not expect repo tool to be in PATH, download it to PWD and use it from there.

## Building

### Scripted Build

To build the binaries for a device run

```
./bsp_build.sh
```

This script takes several options:

- -t | --type  
SOM-Type. Default: sm2s
- -m | --model  
SOM-Model. Default: imx8plus
- -d | --display  
Display to run on. Default: ama121a01 (MSC DIS-AM1280800-101-KIT)
- -v | --variant  
SOM-variant. Default: 14N0740I
- -j | --jobs  
Number of concurrent build threads to run. Default: 1
- -b | --buildvariant  
Build variant of Android (eng/user/userdebug). Default: user
- -c | --tc\_path  
Path to GNU ARM Toolchain. Default: \$PWD/gcc-arm-8.3-2019.03-x86\_64-aarch64-linux-gnu  
The default is correct for installation via bsp\_init.sh.

### Manual Build by example of IMX8PLUS

1. change into build directory

```
$ cd android_build/
```

2. source build environment

```
$ . build/envsetup.sh
```

3. select device using launch command

```
$ lunch
```

You're building on Linux

Lunch menu... pick a combo:

1. aosp\_arm-eng
2. aosp\_arm64-eng
3. aosp\_barbet-userdebug
4. aosp\_blueline-userdebug

5. aosp\_blueline\_car-userdebug
6. aosp\_bonito-userdebug
7. aosp\_bonito\_car-userdebug
8. aosp\_bramble-userdebug
9. aosp\_bramble\_car-userdebug
10. aosp\_car\_arm-userdebug
11. aosp\_car\_arm64-userdebug
12. aosp\_car\_x86-userdebug
13. aosp\_car\_x86\_64-userdebug
14. aosp\_cf\_arm64\_auto-userdebug
15. aosp\_cf\_arm64\_phone-userdebug
16. aosp\_cf\_x86\_64\_foldable-userdebug
17. aosp\_cf\_x86\_64\_pc-userdebug
18. aosp\_cf\_x86\_64\_phone-userdebug
19. aosp\_cf\_x86\_64\_tv-userdebug
20. aosp\_cf\_x86\_auto-userdebug
21. aosp\_cf\_x86\_phone-userdebug
22. aosp\_cf\_x86\_tv-userdebug
23. aosp\_coral-userdebug
24. aosp\_coral\_car-userdebug
25. aosp\_crosshatch-userdebug
26. aosp\_crosshatch\_car-userdebug
27. aosp\_crosshatch\_vf-userdebug
28. aosp\_flame-userdebug
29. aosp\_flame\_car-userdebug
30. aosp\_redfin-userdebug
31. aosp\_redfin\_car-userdebug
32. aosp\_redfin\_vf-userdebug
33. aosp\_sargo-userdebug
34. aosp\_sargo\_car-userdebug
35. aosp\_sunfish-userdebug
36. aosp\_sunfish\_car-userdebug
37. aosp\_trout\_arm64-userdebug
38. aosp\_trout\_x86-userdebug
39. aosp\_x86-eng
40. aosp\_x86\_64-eng
41. arm\_krait-eng
42. arm\_v7\_v8-eng
43. armv8-eng
44. armv8\_cortex\_a55-eng
45. armv8\_kryo385-eng
46. beagle\_x15-userdebug
47. beagle\_x15\_auto-userdebug
48. car\_x86\_64-userdebug
49. db845c-userdebug
50. evk\_6sl-user
51. evk\_6sl-userdebug
52. evk\_7ulp-user
53. evk\_7ulp-userdebug
54. evk\_7ulp\_revb-user
55. evk\_7ulp\_revb-userdebug
56. evk\_8mm-user
57. evk\_8mm-userdebug
58. evk\_8mm\_drm-user
59. evk\_8mm\_drm-userdebug
60. evk\_8mn-user
61. evk\_8mn-userdebug
62. evk\_8mp-user
63. evk\_8mp-userdebug
64. evk\_8mq-user
65. evk\_8mq-userdebug
66. evk\_8mq\_drm-user
67. evk\_8mq\_drm-userdebug
68. evk\_8ulp-user
69. evk\_8ulp-userdebug

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70. fuchsia_arm64-eng
71. fuchsia_x86_64-eng
72. gsi_car_arm64-userdebug
73. gsi_car_x86_64-userdebug
74. hikey-userdebug
75. hikey64_only-userdebug
76. hikey960-userdebug
77. hikey960_tv-userdebug
78. hikey_tv-userdebug
79. mek_8q-user
80. mek_8q-userdebug
81. mek_8q_car-user
82. mek_8q_car-userdebug
83. mek_8q_car2-user
84. mek_8q_car2-userdebug
85. pixel3_mainline-userdebug
86. poplar-eng
87. poplar-user
88. poplar-userdebug
89. qemu_trusty_arm64-userdebug
90. sabreauto_6q-user
91. sabreauto_6q-userdebug
92. sabresd_6dq-user
93. sabresd_6dq-userdebug
94. sabresd_6dq_car-user
95. sabresd_6dq_car-userdebug
96. sabresd_6sx-user
97. sabresd_6sx-userdebug
98. sabresd_7d-user
99. sabresd_7d-userdebug
100. sdk_car_arm-userdebug
101. sdk_car_arm64-userdebug
102. sdk_car_x86-userdebug
103. sdk_car_x86_64-userdebug
104. silvermont-eng
105. sm2s_imx8mini_13N4200I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-user
106. sm2s_imx8mini_13N4200I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-userdebug
107. sm2s_imx8mini_14N0261I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-user
108. sm2s_imx8mini_14N0261I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-userdebug
109. sm2s_imx8plus_14N0740I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-user
110. sm2s_imx8plus_14N0740I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-userdebug
111. uml-userdebug
112. yukawa-userdebug
113. yukawa_sei510-userdebug

```

Which would you like? [aosp\_arm-eng] 109

10:09:27 Build sandboxing disabled due to nsjail error.

10:09:28 Build sandboxing disabled due to nsjail error.

```

=====
PLATFORM_VERSION_CODENAME=REL
PLATFORM_VERSION=12
TARGET_PRODUCT=sm2s_imx8plus_14N0740I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01
TARGET_BUILD_VARIANT=user
TARGET_BUILD_TYPE=release
TARGET_ARCH=arm64
TARGET_ARCH_VARIANT=armv8-a
TARGET_CPU_VARIANT=cortex-a53
TARGET_2ND_ARCH=arm
TARGET_2ND_ARCH_VARIANT=armv7-a-neon
TARGET_2ND_CPU_VARIANT=cortex-a9
HOST_ARCH=x86_64
HOST_2ND_ARCH=x86
HOST_OS=linux
HOST_OS_EXTRA=Linux-6.5.0-gentoo-x86_64-Ubuntu-20.04.6-LTS

```

```

HOST_CROSS_OS=windows
HOST_CROSS_ARCH=x86
HOST_CROSS_2ND_ARCH=x86_64
HOST_BUILD_TYPE=release
BUILD_ID=SQ1A.220105.002
OUT_DIR=out
PRODUCT_SOONG_NAMESPACES=device/generic/goldfish device/generic/goldfish-opengl external/mesa3d
    vendor/nxp-opensource/imx/power hardware/google/pixel hardware/google/camera vendor/nxp-
    opensource/imx/camera vendor/partner_gms
=====

```

(replace 109 with correct index number for your board)

#### 4. build i.MX specific parts (“vendor” parts)

```

AARCH64_GCC_CROSS_COMPILE="$(realpath ../gcc-arm-8.3-2019.03-x86_64-aarch64-linux-gnu)"/\
bin/aarch64-linux-gnu- \
./imx-make.sh kernel bootloader bootimage vendorimage dtboimage -j1

```

#### 5. build AOSP

```
make -j1 droid fastboot
```

## Cleaning

To clean artifacts for a specific device:

```
rm -rf android_build/out/target/product/${your device}/*
```

(Replace \${your device} with your devices name. E.g. “sm2s\_imx8mini” or “sm2s\_imx8plus”)

To also clean artifacts that are not device specific:

```
rm -rf android_build/out/target/*
```

To start the next build completely from scratch:

```
rm -rf android_build/out/*
```

## Installation on target

Connect the target via USB to the build host, set the FORCE\_RECOVERY switch on the target and apply power to it.



Make sure to reset all other switches.

Change into the output directory, e.g. from the directory where bsp\_build.sh resides:

```
cd android_build/out/target/product/sm2s_imx8plus/
```

And run uuu on uuu.lst:

```
sudo uuu uuu.lst
```

Reset the FORCE\_RECOVERY switch and power cycle the target to boot.

## Usage

## Customization

### Adding your own device by example of an IMX8PLUS based device

To add a device named “my\_own\_device” do the following:

1. navigate to android\_build/device/nxp/imx8m/sm2s\_imx8plus/

```
cd android_build/device/nxp/imx8m/sm2s_imx8plus/
```

2. Fire up an editor of your choice to create the file “my\_own\_device.mk”

```
nano my_own_device.mk
```

3. Select your display connection by adding the following lines:

```
MSC_DISPLAY_STR := lvds0_native_single_mode
```

4. Select your display by adding the following lines:

```
MSC_DISPLAY := ama121a01
TARGET_BOARD_DTO_CONFIG += overlay-lvds0-ama-121a01.dtb
```

5. Select your SMARC-module by adding the following lines:

```
include device/fsl/imx8m/sm2s_imx8plus/sm2s_imx8plus_14N0740I.mk
include device/fsl/imx8m/sm2s_imx8plus/sm2s_imx8plus_common.mk
```

6. include SMARC general definitions by adding the following line:

```
include device/fsl/imx8m/sm2s_common/sm2s.mk
```

7. set your product’s name, model and device by adding the following lines:

```
PRODUCT_NAME := ${MSC_SOM_FAM}_${MSC_SOM_TYPE}_${MSC_SOM_VARIANT}_${MSC_DISPLAY_STR}_${MSC_DISPLAY}
PRODUCT_MODEL := ${MSC_SOM_FAM}_${MSC_SOM_TYPE}_${MSC_SOM_VARIANT}_${MSC_DISPLAY_STR}_${MSC_DISPLAY}
PRODUCT_DEVICE := ${MSC_SOM_FAM}_${MSC_SOM_TYPE}
```

8. save the file and exit the editor.

9. navigate into parent directory

```
cd ..
```

10. edit AndroidProducts.mk:

```
nano AndroidProducts.mk
```

11. under “PRODUCT\_MAKEFILES :=  
” add the following line:

```
$(LOCAL_DIR)/sm2s_imx8plus/my_own_device.mk \
```

12. under “COMMON\_LUNCH\_CHOICES :=  
” add the following lines:

```
my_own_device-user \
my_own_device-userdebug
```

It should now look like this:



```

PRODUCT_MAKEFILES := \
$(LOCAL_DIR)/evk_8mq/evk_8mq.mk \
$(LOCAL_DIR)/evk_8mq/evk_8mq_drm.mk \
$(LOCAL_DIR)/evk_8mm/evk_8mm.mk \
$(LOCAL_DIR)/evk_8mm/evk_8mm_drm.mk \
$(LOCAL_DIR)/evk_8mn/evk_8mn.mk \
$(LOCAL_DIR)/evk_8mp/evk_8mp.mk \
$(LOCAL_DIR)/sm2s_imx8plus/sm2s_imx8plus_14N0740I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01.mk \
$(LOCAL_DIR)/sm2s_imx8mini/sm2s_imx8mini_14N0261I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01.mk \
$(LOCAL_DIR)/sm2s_imx8mini/sm2s_imx8mini_13N4200I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01.mk \
$(LOCAL_DIR)/sm2s/my_own_device.mk

COMMON_LUNCH_CHOICES := \
evk_8mq-user \
evk_8mq-userdebug \
evk_8mq_drm-user \
evk_8mq_drm-userdebug \
evk_8mm-user \
evk_8mm-userdebug \
evk_8mm_drm-user \
evk_8mm_drm-userdebug \
evk_8mn-user \
evk_8mn-userdebug \
evk_8mp-user \
evk_8mp-userdebug \
sm2s_imx8plus_14N0740I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-user \
sm2s_imx8plus_14N0740I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-userdebug \
sm2s_imx8mini_13N4200I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-user \
sm2s_imx8mini_13N4200I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-userdebug \
sm2s_imx8mini_14N0261I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-user \
sm2s_imx8mini_14N0261I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-userdebug \
sm2s_imx8mini_14N0261I_lvds0_native_single_mode_ama121a01-userdebug \
my_own_device-user \
my_own_device-userdebug

```



Mind the backslashes (“\”)!

13. Build the system as described in [Manual Build by example of IMX8PLUS](#)

## Known Issues

### Wireless

Bluetooth and Wireless LAN connectivity seems to be impaired by the heatsink ontop of the SOM. We recommend using a suitable Antenna.

### Display

When switching between displays their respective pixel density has to be taken into account. The pixel density can be set via the *ro.sf.lcd\_density* property [\[4\]](#).

### USB Client

It has been observed that USB Client connection does not always work. Exact circumstances are currently unknown.

## Further Reading

- WiFi and Bluetooth driver and firmware license agreement  
`android_build/vendor/msc/linux-sdio-driver-209a/HDW Software Use License Agreement Template.pdf`
- Freescale imx-android Documentation  
[https://www.nxp.com/docs/en/supporting-information/android\\_Q{12.0.0\\_1.0.0}\\_docs.zip](https://www.nxp.com/docs/en/supporting-information/android_Q{12.0.0_1.0.0}_docs.zip)
- Android App Developer Documentation  
<https://developer.android.com/docs>

## References

- [1] imx-android 12.0.0\_1.0.0 (NXP Login required): [https://www.nxp.com/webapp/sps/download/license.jsp?colCode=12.0.0\\_1.0.0\\_ANDROID\\_SOURCE&appType=file1&DOWNLOAD\\_ID=null&](https://www.nxp.com/webapp/sps/download/license.jsp?colCode=12.0.0_1.0.0_ANDROID_SOURCE&appType=file1&DOWNLOAD_ID=null&)
- [2] gcc-arm toolchain: [https://developer.arm.com/-/media/Files/downloads/gnu-a/8.3-2019.03/binrel/gcc-arm-8.3-2019.03-x86\\_64-aarch64-linux-gnu.tar.xz?revision=2e88a73f-d233-4f96-b1f4-d8b36e9bb0b9&hash=C6CE74D7E1189F53EAC2D9DB08AADE29](https://developer.arm.com/-/media/Files/downloads/gnu-a/8.3-2019.03/binrel/gcc-arm-8.3-2019.03-x86_64-aarch64-linux-gnu.tar.xz?revision=2e88a73f-d233-4f96-b1f4-d8b36e9bb0b9&hash=C6CE74D7E1189F53EAC2D9DB08AADE29)
- [3] Universal Update Utility (uuu): <https://github.com/NXPmicro/mfgtools/releases>
- [4] AOSP documentation about dpi: <https://source.android.com/docs/automotive/hmi#density>
- [5] HowTo enable Android Debug Bridge: <https://developer.android.com/tools/adb#Enabling>