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# **Using the DiskOnChip<sup>®</sup> with Linux OS**

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## 1 Introduction

M-Systems' DiskOnChip<sup>®</sup> is a family of flash disks. It contains built-in firmware that provides full hard disk emulation and allows the DiskOnChip to operate as a boot device.

When used under Linux, the DiskOnChip is managed by a device driver, based on M-Systems' TrueFFS<sup>®</sup> (True Flash File System) technology. The TrueFFS driver is attached to the standard Linux file system [ext 2].

M-Systems provides two different TrueFFS drivers for Linux. One driver supports kernel versions 2.0.## and the other driver supports kernel versions 2.2.##. This Installation Manual can be used for both drivers. When there are differences in the installation, it will be pointed out in the text.

This Installation Manual note is intended for system integrators designing with the DiskOnChip 2000 or DiskOnChip Millennium and describes how the DiskOnChip can be installed as an additional disk or as a boot device under Linux.

It is assumed that the reader is familiar with the Operating System in use.

While the hardware requirements of the DiskOnChip will be briefly discussed, the main part of this installation manual is related to software installation. This will include basic driver installation and boot issues.

## 2 Hardware Requirements for the DiskOnChip

Originally designed for PC environments, the DiskOnChip can also be used in different hardware environments. The minimum requirements are a 12-bit address bus, an 8-bit data bus, and three active low control signals (CE#, OE#, WR#). Following is a drawing of the DiskOnChip and its pins. For more detailed information of the DiskOnChip hardware environment, refer to the various DiskOnChip Datasheets or to the following Application Notes:

- AP-DOC-10 "Designing with the DiskOnChip"
- AP-DOC-30 "Designing with the DiskOnChip Millennium in a RISC Environment"
- AP-DOC-31 "Designing with the DiskOnChip Millennium in a PC Environment"

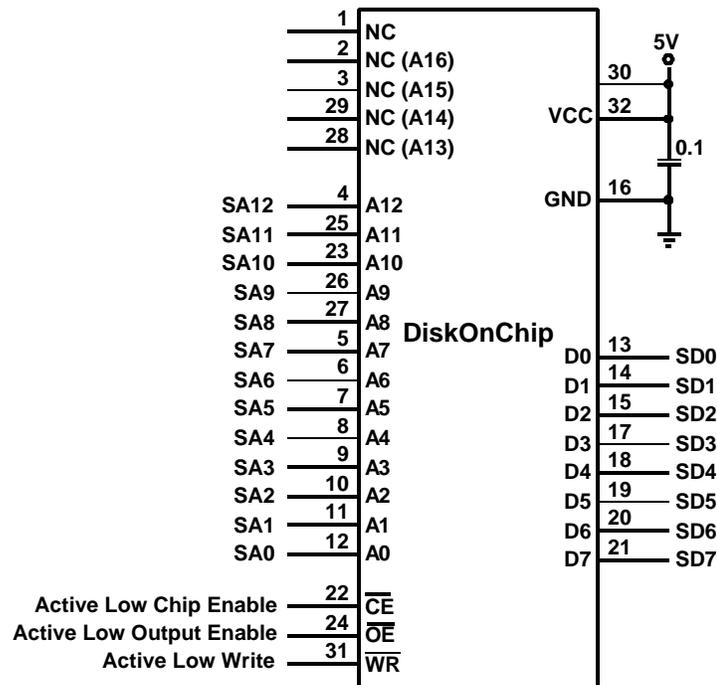


Figure 1: DiskOnChip Pins

### 3 Requirements for Installation of the DiskOnChip into Linux

In order to prepare the DiskOnChip to boot Linux, the following software programs and tools are required:

- Linux should be installed on your HDD. It is possible to check the kernel version by typing the command `uname -r`.
- The Linux kernel sources should be installed in Linux (if you don't have them, refer to kernel-HOWTO at <http://sunsite.unc.edu/LDP/>).

If you are about to install Linux, make sure that you also install the kernel sources package and that it is possible to pass a full compilation of your sources.

- A DOS boot diskette or a HDD that boots DOS.
- M-Systems' DiskOnChip DOS utilities diskette.
- M-Systems' TrueFFS driver for Linux.

**Note:** The latest Disk OnChip DOS utilites can be downloaded from M-System' website: [www.m-sys.com](http://www.m-sys.com).

#### 3.1 Utilities Diskette Content

The following files are needed from the DiskOnChip DOS utilities diskette:

<code>dformat</code>	DiskOnChip formatting utility
<code>dupdate</code>	Utility for updating DiskOnChip firmware
<code>docpmap</code>	Utility to retrieve information about the DiskOnChip
<code>doc121.exb</code>	DiskOnChip firmware image. "121" is the firmware version, the actual diskette might contain higher versions of the firmware, e.g. <code>doc122.exb</code> , <code>doc123.exb</code> , etc.
<code>doc2.fff</code>	Alternative firmware image for the DiskOnChip

**Note:** The file `doc2.fff` can be found in the `\AP012` directory when using DiskOnChip DOS utilities version 1.21 or higher.

## 3.2 Linux Driver for DiskOnChip

The compressed file `driver.tgz` contains the following files:

<code>/usr/src/linux/drivers/block/flash_doc/flobj.obj</code>	TrueFFS device driver core object file
<code>/usr/src/linux/drivers/block/flash_doc/fldrvlnx.c</code>	Source code for driver integration with kernel
<code>/usr/src/linux/drivers/block/flash_doc/makefile</code>	TrueFFS driver's makefile
<code>/tmp/doc-driver/lilo-patch</code>	Patch for Lilo to make pLilo
<code>/tmp/doc-driver/plilo</code>	Linux loader, patched to use with the DiskOnChip
<code>/tmp/doc-driver/lilo.conf</code>	Lilo sample configuration file
<code>/tmp/doc-driver/boot.b</code>	Boot loader, updated to use with DiskOnChip
<code>/tmp/doc-driver/copy2doc</code>	Sample scripts, aid tool to create a root file system
<code>/tmp/doc-driver/pam.d/other</code>	File meant only for Redhat & Caldera, defines permission access
<code>/tmp/doc-driver/samplefs.txt</code>	Sample root file system listing
<code>/tmp/doc-driver/doc-patch-2.0.##</code>	Patch for kernel sources 2.0.## (only attached to TrueFFS driver for kernel versions 2.0.##)
<code>/tmp/doc-driver/doc-patch-example</code>	Example patch for kernel sources 2.2.## (only attached to TrueFFS driver for kernel versions 2.2.##)

**Note:** The included patch files are different for the two TrueFFS drivers. When using the TrueFFS driver for kernel versions 2.2.##, the kernel needs to be patched manually and only an example patch file (`/tmp/doc-driver/doc-patch-example`) is provided. Refer to appendix III on how to manually patch your kernel.

## 4 Installing the DiskOnChip as an Additional Drive

Before the DiskOnChip can be used as the boot disk for Linux (see Chapter 5), it first needs to be installed as an additional disk in the system (Linux is booted from a HDD). This chapter describes how to prepare the DiskOnChip and Linux to configure the DiskOnChip as an additional disk in the system. To achieve this, the firmware on the DiskOnChip needs to be updated (par. 4.1) and then the TrueFFS device driver needs to be integrated into Linux (par. 4.2). This is done as follows:

1. Configure Linux with the required devices (par. 4.2.1 *Preparing Linux for Integration*).
2. Add the TrueFFS driver to the kernel and recompile the kernel (par. 4.2.2 *Adding the Driver to the Kernel*).
3. Boot the compiled kernel from your HDD (par. 4.2.3 *Booting the Compiled Kernel from HDD*).
4. Create a Linux partition on the DiskOnChip (par. 4.2.4 *Creating a Linux Partition on the DiskOnChip*).
5. Create a native Linux file system on the DiskOnChip (par. 4.2.5 *Creating a Native Linux File System on the DiskOnChip*).

### 4.1 Updating the Firmware

Before the DiskOnChip can be used as the boot disk or as an additional disk in Linux, it needs to be formatted with the alternative firmware image.

1. Plug the DiskOnChip into its socket and boot DOS from your HDD.
2. Format the DiskOnChip with the alternative firmware:

```
dformat /win:d000 /s:doc2.fff /y
```

**Note:** If you receive the error: “No DiskOnChip 2000 (R) was found at D000:0”, then run the DOS command `docpmap /i` to find out at which address the DiskOnChip is located.

### 4.2 Integrating the TrueFFS driver into Linux

#### 4.2.1 Preparing Linux for Integration

To prepare Linux for integration of the driver, perform the following steps:

**Note:** To perform these steps, you must be logged in as the superuser (root).

1. The floppy drive must be active. Verify this by typing:

```
# mount
```

If the `/dev/fd0` doesn't appear in the first column, type:

```
# mount /dev/fd0 /mnt
```

From this point, it is assumed that the diskette that contains the TrueFFS driver for Linux is mounted at `/mnt`.

2. The kernel sources must be installed. To check this, type:

```
# ls /usr/src/linux
```

If this directory exists, then the kernel sources are installed. If not, refer to <http://sunsite.unc.edu/LDP/> or type:

```
zcat /usr/doc/HOWTO/Kernel-HOWTO.gz | more
```

3. Unzip and untar the file `driver.tgz`, located on your diskette, as follows:

```
# cd /tmp
```

```
# mkdir temp
```

```
# cd temp
```

```
# tar -zxvf /mnt/driver.tgz
```

```
# cp -rf . /
```

```
# cd ..
```

```
# rm -fr temp
```

```
# cd /usr/src/linux/
```

4. If you are installing the TrueFFS driver for kernel versions 2.0.##, type the following command:

```
# patch -p0 < /tmp/doc-driver/doc-patch-2.0.##
```

This will patch the current kernel sources to include the TrueFFS driver for Linux (with ## = kernel version). Notice that the patch for the kernel is working only on original kernel sources, and that the patch is version specific. In case the utility `patch` is not available in your Linux environment, refer to Chapter 6 "Troubleshooting".

**Note:** If you are installing the TrueFFS driver for kernel versions 2.2.##, the kernel sourced need to be patched manually (see Appendix III "Applying a patch manually"). For your reference, an example patch file is included with the driver.

5. Configure the kernel as follows:

```
# cd /usr/src/linux
# make menuconfig

or

# make config if the last command doesn't work.
```

Define your system by marking the correct devices. If you aren't sure what the purpose of the device is, then leave it as it is. Make sure that you mark the DiskOnChip as "Y"es under 'Floppy, IDE and other devices'. When you are finished, exit and the new configuration will be saved.

For further details about compiling the kernel or how to apply a patch, refer to <http://sunsite.unc.edu/LDP/> or type:

```
# zcat /usr/doc/HOWTO/Kernel-HOWTO.gz | more
```

6. Remove the old object files:

```
# make clean
```

## 4.2.2 Adding the Driver to the Kernel

To compile the TrueFFS driver for Linux:

1. Type the following command:

```
# cd /usr/src/linux/drivers/block/flash_doc
# make
```

2. Check dependencies:

```
# cd /usr/src/linux
# make dep
```

3. Compile the kernel (this may take up to 15 minutes):

```
# make zImage
```

If the kernel is compiled successfully, a message similar to the one below should be shown:

```
Root device is (3, 3)
Boot sector 512 bytes
Setup is 4332 bytes
System is 374 kB
Sync
```

```
Make[1]:Leaving directory `/usr/src/  
linux-2.0.32/arch/i386/boot'
```

If there are any compilation errors, refer to Chapter 6 “*Troubleshooting*”.

### 4.2.3 Booting the Compiled Kernel from HDD

The new compiled kernel needs to be booted from the HDD. The following steps need to be performed:

1. Type the following commands:

```
# cp /usr/src/linux/arch/i386/boot/zImage/doc2000  
# vi /etc/lilo.conf
```

2. Add the following lines at the bottom of the file (press ‘INS’ to edit the file and save and exit by typing <Esc>, ‘:’, ‘w’, ‘q’):

```
image = /doc2000  
root = /dev/hda1  
label = doc2000  
read-only
```

**Note:** The device /dev/hda1 points to the HDD that Linux boots from. hda1 is the *first* partition (1) on the *first* IDE hard disk (a), hdb2 is the *second* partition (2) on the *second* IDE hard disk (b), etc. If it is not clear which device it is, look at the start of the file lilo.conf and search for the line `first root = ...`

3. Make the inodes for the DiskOnChip:

```
# cd /dev  
# mknod fla b 62 0  
# mknod fla1 b 62 1  
# mknod fla2 b 62 2  
# mknod fla3 b 62 3  
# mknod fla4 b 62 4
```

Number 62 stands for major device number. Since it is hard coded into the driver, no other number would work.

4. Run Lilo (Linux Loader) to create the map for the kernel and make sure that “doc2000” is listed (if not, return to the beginning of paragraph 4.2.3):

```
# lilo
```

5. Load the updated kernel with the TrueFFS, perform the following steps:

6. Reboot the computer and load Linux.

7. When the Lilo prompt is displayed, press <Ctrl> or <Alt> or <Tab>. The screen will show :

```
Lilo boot:
```

8. Load the recompiled kernel:

```
Lilo boot:doc2000
```

## 4.2.4 Creating a Linux Partition on the DiskOnChip

To create a Linux partition on the DiskOnChip, all the DOS partitions on the DiskOnChip need to be removed and a Linux partition with the native Linux File system [ext 2] needs to be created.

1. Run the `fdisk` utility.

```
# fdisk /dev/fla
```

**Note:** You may create more than one primary partition. Just make sure that the boot flag of the main partition boot is active.

**Note:** For further information on the `fdisk` utility, refer to the *man* pages.

2. Display the contents of the partition table:

```
Command(m for help):p
```

3. Delete all existing partitions, enter each partition number for deletion:

```
Command(m for help):d
```

4. Create a new Linux native partition:

```
Command(m for help): n
```

```
Command action e extended
```

```
p primary partition (1-4)p
```

```
Partition number (1-4): 1
```

```
First cylinder (1-XXX): 1
```

```
Last cylinder or +size or +sizeM or +sizeK ([1] XXX):XXX
```

5. Change the type of the partition to Linux native:

```
Command (m for help): t
```

```
Partition number (1-4): 1
```

```
Hex code (type L to list codes): 83
```

6. Make the partition bootable:

```
Command (m for help): a
```

```
Partition number (1-4): 1
```

#### 7. Recheck the partition table:

```
Command (m for help): p
Disk /dev/fla: 16 heads, 9 sectors, 1002
Cylinder units = cylinders of 144 * 512 bytes
Device    boot begin Start End Blocks Id System
/dev/fla1 *      1      1  1002 72139+ 83 Linux native
```

#### 8. Save the new partition table (disregard any fdisk warnings):

```
Command (m for help): w
```

#### 9. Reboot the machine to let the new partition table load into memory and load Linux again with the new compiled kernel. If there is more than one partition, this step is vital.

### 4.2.5 Creating a Native Linux File System on the DiskOnChip

To initialize the file system on the newly created Linux partition on the DiskOnChip

#### 1. Type the following command:

```
# mke2fs /dev/fla1
```

**Note:** When a small capacity DiskOnChip is used (4MB or smaller), more space for inodes needs to be allocated. Type the following command:

```
# mke2fs -i 2048 /dev/fla1
```

#### 2. Mount the file system to a directory:

```
# mkdir /diskonchip
# mount /dev/fla1 /diskonchip
```

From now on, it is possible to use the DiskOnChip as an additional disk in your system.

**Note:** If you have created more than one partition, repeat the last step for each partition (dev/fla1, /dev/fla2, etc.).

## 5 Booting Linux from the DiskOnChip

Being able to boot Linux from the DiskOnChip makes it possible to use the DiskOnChip as the only disk in the system, holding the OS itself in addition to all other applications and files.

In order to make a block device bootable on Linux, the kernel and the Lilo program should be copied to the block device and a root file system needs to be created. Creating a root file system on Linux is necessary, as from this root file system the kernel is activating several programs, such as:

<code>Init</code>	Initialize all processes
<code>Swapon</code>	Activate swapping
<code>Mount</code>	Mount the root and proc filesystems
<code>Sh</code>	Shell

For further details refer to <http://sunsite.unc.edu/LDP/> or type:

```
#zcat /usr/doc/HOWTO/Bootdisk-HOWTO.gz | more
```

**Warning:** Notice that the DiskOnChip firmware (i.e. `doc121.exb`) collides with Lilo. This means that it is not possible to load Linux from the HDD after the original firmware is restored (see par. 5.1.4). This doesn't mean that the HDD is non-functional. It only means that the alternate firmware (`doc2.fff`) needs to be reloaded (see par. 4.1).

If it is required to boot Linux from both the HDD and the DiskOnChip, it is necessary to use both `pLilo` and `boot.b` (provided with the TrueFFS driver). For further details, refer to Appendix II.

### 5.1 Creating a Root File System

#### 5.1.1 Introduction

This section is based on `Bootdisk-HOWTO` and other experiments. Since each distribution has a different file location and different installations, it is possible that you won't succeed in booting Linux the first time from the DiskOnChip. When you receive errors, follow each error and try to fix things, but reload Linux from the HDD and remount the DiskOnChip each time.

**Note:** There are several programs that create a root file system. It is not possible to say that any of them is complete right now, but they are worth trying. The following program is recommended:

*Yard:* Yard creates rescue disks (also called boot disks) for Linux. A rescue disk usually contains utilities for diagnosing and manipulating hard disks and file systems. It is used when it is not possible (or if it is not required) to boot from your HDD. This package contains mainly perl scripts. Refer to <http://www.croftj.net/~fawcet/yard/>.

**Note:** For a sample root file system, refer to the file `/tmp/doc-driver/samplefs.txt` which is part of the compressed file `driver.tgz`.

## 5.1.2 Overview

A root file system must contain everything that is needed to support a full Linux system. To achieve this, the disk must include the minimum requirements for a Linux system:

- Basic file system structure
- Minimum set of directories: /dev, /proc, /bin, /etc, /lib, /usr, /tmp
- Basic set of commands: sh, ls, cp, mv, etc.
- Minimum set of config files: rc, inittab, fstab, etc.
- Devices: /dev/hd\*, /dev/tty\*, /dev/fd0, etc.
- Runtime libraries to provide basic functions used by utilities

## 5.1.3 Populating the File System

From this point on, it is assumed that the DiskOnChip is mounted to the /diskonchip directory.

The sample script `copy2doc` that is provided with the driver is located in directory /tmp/doc-driver. This sample script is created for RedHat 5, SuSE 5.2 and Caldera and is customized for RedHat 5. It might be necessary to change the script according to your distribution. Files that are specific to a distribution can be found in the script with the distribution name written after it. To exclude a file, make sure the '#' mark is present at the beginning of the line. To include a file, make sure the '#' mark is removed.

The sample script only copies the basic files that are needed for booting. For any other operation, it is necessary to add more files.

To create a root file system based on the sample script `copy2doc`, perform the following steps:

1. Go to the /diskonchip directory:

```
# cd /diskonchip
```

2. If necessary, customize the sample script (for other distributions):

```
# vi /tmp/doc-driver/copy2doc
```

3. Run the script:

```
# sh /tmp/doc-driver/copy2doc
```

4. Create the list of files to be mounted:

```
# vi /diskonchip/etc/fstab
```

5. Press <INS> to start editing and insert the following lines:

```
/dev/fla1 / ext2 defaults 1 1  
/proc /proc proc defaults 0 0
```

Press <ESC>, `:`, `w`, `q` to save the file. It is possible to add more devices here (for more information, refer to the *man* pages).

6. For RedHat and Caldera it is also necessary to copy the configuration file for the pam library (responsible for making authentic users):

```
# cp /tmp/doc-driver/pam.d/other
/diskonchip/etc/pam.d/other
```

**Note:** Appendix I explains how to create your own root file system manually. Although this is more complicated than using the above mentioned sample script, it is highly recommended.

All modules should be placed in `/lib/modules/`. It is necessary to include at least the programs `insmod`, `rmmmod` and `lsmmod`. If it is required to load the modules automatically, then also include `modprobe`, `depmod` and `swapout`. When using `kernelld`, include it along with `/etc/conf.modules`.

Some system programs, such as `login`, complain when the file `/var/run/utmp` and the directory `/var/log` do not exist. To solve this, type the following commands:

```
# mkdir -p /diskonchip/var/{log,run}
# touch /diskonchip/var/run/utmp
```

After all the needed libraries and programs are set up, run `ldconfig` to remake `/etc/ld.so.cache` on the root file system. The cache tells the loader where to find the libraries. To remake `ld.so.cache`, type the following command:

```
# cd /diskonchip
# chroot /diskonchip /sbin/ldconfig
```

The command `chroot` is necessary, because `ldconfig` always remakes the cache for the root file system.

## 5.1.4 Copying the Kernel, Updating the Boot Sector and Rebooting

To copy the kernel and to update the boot loader files.

1. Type the following commands:

```
# mkdir /diskonchip/boot
# cp /usr/src/linux/arch/i386/boot/zImage
/diskonchip/boot/doc2000
# rdev /diskonchip/boot/doc2000 /dev/fla1
# cp /tmp/doc-driver/plilo /diskonchip/sbin
```

```
# cp /tmp/doc-driver/boot.b /diskonchip/boot
# cp /tmp/doc-driver/lilo.conf /diskonchip/etc
# /diskonchip/sbin/plilo -C /diskonchip/etc/lilo.conf -i
  /diskonchip/boot/boot.b -m /diskonchip/boot/map
```

2. Verify that after the last command, the device `doc2000` is listed on the screen.
3. If it is required to load other partitions, then the file `/diskonchip/etc/lilo.conf` should be edited.

**Note:** pLilo is the patched Lilo, which ensures that the DiskOnChip firmware will not collide with the Linux bootloader.

The final steps in the process of making the DiskOnChip bootable for Linux are as follows:

1. Unmount the DiskOnChip:

```
# cd /
# umount /dev/fla1
```

2. Reboot and load DOS, and reinstall the original firmware:

```
A:> dupdate /win:D000 /s:doc121.exb
```

**Note:** Always use the latest firmware version. The latest version can be downloaded from M-Systems website ([www.m-sys.com](http://www.m-sys.com))

3. Reboot the machine and disable the HDD in the BIOS setup or make the DiskOnChip the first boot device in the system by using the following command:

```
A:> dupdate /win:D000 /s:DOC110.EXB /FIRST
```

4. Linux will now boot from the DiskOnChip.

## 6 Troubleshooting

Adding more programs to Linux root file system

If the DiskOnChip boots Linux without a problem and it is required to add more programs to the Linux root file system, then mount the HDD and copy the required files.

DiskOnChip does not boot Linux

There are several errors that you can encounter during boot:

- If the DiskOnChip does not boot at all, follow all the instructions from the start of this Installation Manual. In addition, remember to update the original firmware of the DiskOnChip (i.e. `doc121.exb`) with the alternate firmware (`doc2.fff`) in order to boot Linux from your HDD.
- If the kernel boots, but it gets stuck on:

```
VFS: Unable to mount -.
```

Most likely, you forgot to do:

```
# rdev /diskonchip/boot/doc2000 /dev/fla1
```

- If the DiskOnChip boots and the kernel is loading, but it gets stuck after:

```
VFS: Mounted root (ext 2 filesystem) readonly.
```

Most likely, the `init` program or some of its configuration files weren't copied.

### Cannot log in

If you cannot login when booting Linux from the DiskOnChip, make sure that:

- Your default shell is installed.
- The pam libraries were placed as explained in par. 5.1.3 (only for RedHat and Caldera).

Refer to Appendix II in order to solve this problem.

### Kernel does not compile correctly or patch utility is not available

If the kernel does not compile correctly, and the problem is not caused by the TrueFFS driver, refer to <http://sunsite.unc.edu/LDP/> or type:

```
#zcat /usr/doc/HOWTO/Kernel-HOWTO.gz | more
```

### Kernel is too big

When you run pLilo and you receive the error 'Kernel xxx is too big', recompile the kernel with the `bzImage` option (In step 0, use `make bzImage` instead of `make zImage`).

For further information, refer to <http://sunsite.unc.edu/LDP/> or type:

```
#zcat /usr/doc/HOWTO/Kernel-HOWTO.gz | more
```

## 7 Additional Information and Tools

Additional information about the DiskOnChip, including Application Notes, can be found at <http://www.m-sys.com>.

Additional tools and documents are listed in the following table:

Document/Tool	Description
AP-DOC-10	Designing with the DiskOnChip 2000
AP-DOC-15	Obtaining DiskOnChip 2000 Information
AP-DOC-30	Designing with the DiskOnChip Millennium in a RISC Environment
AP-DOC-31	Designing with the DiskOnChip Millennium in a PC Environment
DiskOnChip 2000 Data Sheet	DiskOnChip 2000 Data Sheet
DiskOnChip Millennium Data Sheet	DiskOnChip Millennium Data Sheet
DiskOnChip Utilities	DiskOnChip Utilities User Manual
DiskOnChip DIP EVB	DiskOnChip Evaluation Board
DiskOnChip2000-PIK	DiskOnChip DIP Programmer and Integrators Kit
DiskOnChip-GANG	1+8 DIP Socket Gang Programmer

## Appendix I: Making a Root File System

To create your own root file system, perform the following steps:

1. Make the following directories:

```
# cd /diskonchip
# mkdir bin dev etc lib mnt proc sbin tmp usr var
```

2. Create devices in the `/dev` directory. You can either do this manually or just copy the `/dev` directory from the HDD. If you wish to save space, it is possible to remove non-required devices (i.e. if you don't have a SCSI drive, then remove all the `sd*` devices).

```
# cp -dpR /dev /diskonchip
```

This command copies many unnecessary inodes to the DiskOnChip. Removing them causes no problem, as long as you make sure that the ones listed in the sample file system are present.

3. Copy and configure the files in the `/etc` directory:

```
# cp -dr /etc/rc.d /diskonchip/etc (for RedHat)
or
# cp -dr /sbin/init.d /diskonchip/sbin (for SuSE)
# cp -d /etc/inittab /diskonchip/etc
```

4. Copy the password file and make sure that each user has its default shell installed:

```
# cp /etc/passwd /diskonchip/etc
# cp /etc/shadow /diskonchip/etc (it is possible that you do not have this)
# cp /etc/group /diskonchip/etc
```

5. Create the file `/etc/fstab` that contains the list of files to be mounted:

```
# vi /diskonchip/etc/fstab
```

6. Press `<INS>` to start editing and insert the following lines:

```
/dev/fla1 /          ext2          defaults 1 1
/proc      /proc    proc          defaults 0 0
```

Press `<ESC>`, `':'`, `'w'` and `'q'` to save the file.

**Note:** It is possible to add more devices here. For more information, refer to the *man* pages.

7. There are several programs that need to be copied to have a functional environment. Other programs are not as important, although it would be rather difficult to work without them. All other programs that are

not listed below are considered optional. Copy these programs to the directories `/bin` or `/sbin` as follows:

```
# cp /bin/{program_name}
/diskonchip/bin/{program_name}
```

#### **/bin directory:**

cat	echo	mount
chmod	hostname	mv
chown	kill	ps
cp	Ln	rm
cut	login	rmdir
dd	Ls	sh
df	mkdir	su
dircolors	mke2fs	sync
du	mknod	umount
e2fsck	more	uname

#### **/sbin directory:**

halt	Shutdown
init	Swapoff
ldconfig	Swapon
mingetty	Telinit
mkswap	Update
reboot	
rdev	
runlevel	

The file name of `mingetty` varies with the distribution, i.e. RedHat and SuSE use `mingetty`, Slackware uses `agetty`. To find out what the name of this file in your distribution is, perform a `grep` on “`getty`”:

```
# grep getty /etc/inittab
```

8. The `/lib` directory contains all the shared libraries and loaders. Only the appropriate libraries need to be copied to the `/lib` directory. To check which libraries are needed, type the following command for each file in these two directories:

```
# ldd /sbin/{filename}
```

or

```
# ldd /bin/{filename}
```

For example:

```
# ldd /sbin/mke2fs
libext2fs.so.2  /lib/libext2fs.so.2
libcom_err.so.2  /lib/libcom_err.so.2
libuuid.so.1   lib/libuuid.so.1
libc.so.5     /lib/libc.so.5
```

This will show which libraries are needed for the program `mke2fs`. In this example, it is necessary to copy the following four libraries:

```
# cp /lib/ext2fs.so.2  /diskonchip/lib
# cp /lib/libcom_err.so.2  /diskonchip/lib
# cp /lib/libuuid.so.1  /diskonchip/lib
# cp /lib/libc.so.5  /diskonchip/lib
```

If you have a long list of files to be copied, it is also possible to run the following command:

```
# ldd /bin/* > lib_list
# more lib_list
```

Copy the library loaders as follows:

```
# cp lib/ld.so /diskonchip/lib          (a.out loader)
# cp /lib/ld_linux.so /diskonchip/lib    (elf loader)
```

It is possible to use `objcopy` to reduce the size of the libraries. For example:

```
# objcopy -strip-debug /diskonchip/lib/lib.so.5
```

## Appendix II: Booting from a HDD when the DiskOnChip Firmware is Active

Since Lilo and the DiskOnChip firmware (i.e. `doc121.exb`) share the same area in RAM, the system will hang during boot when using an unpatched Lilo. Updating Lilo solves this problem. The existing boot loader needs to be updated as follows:

```
# /tmp/doc-driver/plilo -i /tmp/doc-driver/boot.b
```

This command uses the patched Lilo supplied by the TrueFFS driver and patched `boot.b`, and your default `/etc/lilo.conf`. Make sure that you run this command in the Linux that booted from the HDD.

pLilo is actually forcing you to use smaller kernels because it allocates part of the physical memory to the driver. Therefore, big kernels (around 470 KB) will have a problem with pLilo (pLilo will stop with an error 'Kernel xxx is too big'). There are two solutions to this problem:

1. Compile the kernel with the `bzImage` option ('make `bzImage`'). Refer to `/usr/doc/HOWTO/Kernel-HOWTO.gz` for more information.
2. Comment out all big kernels from `lilo.conf` (only during the installation procedure).

M-Systems provides a patch file to Lilo sources to make pLilo. To activate the patch, you must have the Lilo sources available on your system. After you verify that the sources are available, type the following command:

```
# patch -p0 < lilo-patch
```

You now have pLilo sources.

## Appendix III: Applying a Patch Manually

There are two ways to integrate the TrueFFS driver into the kernel: manually or with a patch utility.

The TrueFFS driver for kernel versions 2.0.## contains patch files for kernel versions 2.0.29-2.0.35 (/tmp/doc-driver/doc-patch-2.0.##). See paragraph 4.2.1 for detailed information on how to patch your kernel with these patch files.

When using the TrueFFS driver for kernel versions 2.2.##, the kernel needs to be patched manually. For your reference, the driver contains an example patch file (/tmp/doc-driver/doc-patch-example). This appendix explains how to patch the kernel manually.

To patch your kernel manually, go to your local kernel sources:

```
# cd /usr/src/linux
```

There are 5 files that you will need to patch:

```
/usr/src/linux/include/linux/blk.h  
/usr/src/linux/include/linux/major.h  
/usr/src/linux/drivers/block/Makefile  
/usr/src/linux/drivers/block/Config.in  
/usr/src/linux/drivers/block/ll_rw_blk.c
```

Review the example patch file (/tmp/doc-driver/doc-patch-example) provided with the TrueFFS driver (driver.tgz). The file will look something like this.

```
--- include/linux/major.h      Tue Aug 12 23:57:23 1997  
+++ /tmp/package/usr/src/linux/include/linux/major.h  Mon Aug  
17 14:05:19 1998  
@@ -69,6 +69,8 @@  
#define APBLOCK_MAJOR    60    /* AP1000 Block device */  
#define DDV_MAJOR        61    /* AP1000 DDV block device */  
+#define IGEL_FLASH_MAJOR 62 /* tom@igel.de 2.6.98 */  
+  
#define SPECIALIX_NORMAL_MAJOR 75  
#define SPECIALIX_CALLOUT_MAJOR 76
```

Each of the above mentioned files needs to be edited to create the correct patch for your kernel.

In the above example, the file `/usr/src/linux/include/linux/major.h` is patched. The two lines that start with the '+' mark are added to the current source code, and the lines that start with the '-' mark are removed from the source code. Repeat this process for all five of the above-mentioned files.

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