



STM32MP15 TF-A



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1 Purpose

This section details the process used to build TF-A from sources and to deploy it on your target.

The build example is based on the OpenSTLinux environment:

- Developer Package
- Distribution Package

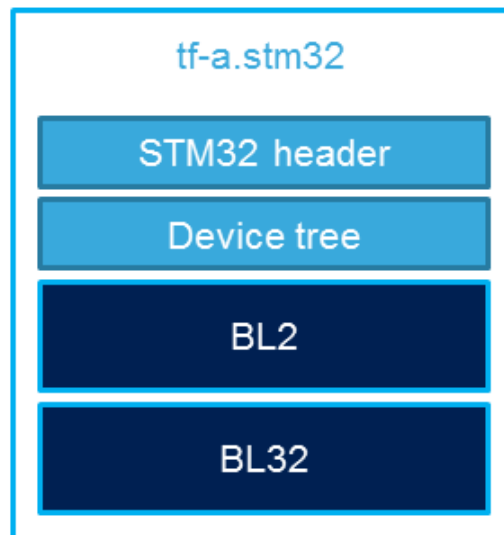
2 Overview

TF-A is the FSBL for the ST trusted boot chain. It must be configured or updated depending on your platform.

Cross compilation of TF-A is only required if it is to be modified. By default, in the Starter Package, the TF-A image is named: tf-<board>-trusted.stm32.

In changes are made, you must rebuild TF-A and update all the FSBL partitions of your boot device with this new image. A second FSBL image is used as a backup image.

The build process creates a full STM32 image that can be used for Flash integrating a specific header. This trusted firmware-A image contains a device tree, a BL2 and a BL32 stage. These binaries are built in a single step during the build process.



3 Developer Package

3.1 Install sources

The Developer Package contains OpenSTLinux and TF-A sources: [TF-A Installation](#)

3.2 Official source tree



The STM32MP1 platform is not yet fully upstreamed. So features are not available from this repository

Download source code from the official github

```
PC $> git clone https://github.com/ARM-software/arm-trusted-firmware.git
```

3.3 Build Process

3.3.1 Initialise the cross compile environment

Setup Cross compile environment

3.3.2 TF-A Build flags

Mandatory flags:

- `ARM_ARCH_MAJOR=7`: the major version of ARM Architecture to target (STM32MP15 is ARMv7 architecture based)
- `ARCH=aarch32`: specify aarch32 architecture to be built
- `PLAT=stm32mp1`: builds an stm32mp1 platform
- `DTB_FILE_NAME=<fdt file name>.dtb`: this must be defined to build the proper target and include the correct DTB file into the final file

Optional flags:

- `AARCH32_SP=sp_min`: builds the BL32 secure monitor if required
- `AARCH32_SP=optee`: do not include BL32 and prepare BL2 for optee-specific load
- `DEBUG=1`: add debug information in all binaries
- `V=1`: print verbose compilation traces

3.4 Build command

From the Developer Package tarball, a `Makefile.sdk` is present and must be used to build the target. It automatically sets the proper configuration for the TF-A build.

```
PC $> make -f Makefile.sdk DTB_FILE_NAME=stm32mp157c-<board>.dtb
```

The latest version of the helper file is also available in this user guide: [README.HOW_TO.txt](#).



The `DTB_FILE_NAME` flag must be set to select the correct board configuration.

The device tree file for the target must be located in `fdts` folder (`stm32mp157c-<board>.dts`)

If no `Makefile.sdk` exists, you must add your own environment flags:

```
PC $> unset LDFLAGS;  
PC $> unset CFLAGS;  
PC $> make ARM_ARCH_MAJOR=7 ARCH=aarch32 PLAT=stm32mp1 AARCH32_SP=sp_min DTB_FILE_NAME  
=stm32mp157c-<board>.dtb
```

3.5 Final image

Final image is available for Flash or SD card update in the corresponding folder:

```
build/<target>/<debug|release>/tf-a-<target>.stm32  
Ex:  
build/stm32mp1/debug/tf-a-stm32mp157c-ev1.stm32
```

4 Distribution Package

For an OpenSTLinux distribution, the TF-A image is built in release mode by default. The yocto recipe can be found in:

```
meta-st/meta-st-stm32mp/recipes-bsp/trusted-firmware-a/tf-a-stm32mp_<version>.bb
```

If you want to modify the TF-A code source, use the following steps starting from an already downloaded and built OpenSTLinux distribution.

4.1 Access sources

You can use devtool to access the source. [devtool](#)

```
PC $> cd <baseline root directory>  
PC $> devtool modify tf-a-stm32mp sources/boot/tf-a
```

By going to the sources/boot/tf-a folder, you can manage and modify the TF-A sources. To rebuild it, go back to the build-<distribution> folder and launch the TF-A recipe:

```
PC $> bitbake tf-a-stm32mp
```

The final image is deployed in the image default output folder.

5 Update software on board

5.1 Partitioning of binaries

The TF-A build provides a binary named tf-a-stm32mp157c-<board>.stm32 that MUST be copied to a dedicated partition named "fsblX" (X depends of needed backup).



TF-A must be located in the first partition of your boot device.

You can just update the first partition for a simple test, but all backup partitions must contain the same image at the end.

5.2 Update via SDCARD

If you use an SD card, you can simply update TF-A using the dd command on your host.

Plug your SD card into the computer and copy the binary to the dedicated partition; on an SDCard/USB disk the "fsbl1" partition is partition 1:

- SDCARD: /dev/mmcblkXp1 (where X is the instance number)
- SDCARD via USB reader: /dev/sdX1 (where X is the instance number)

- Linux

```
PC $> dd if=<tf-a file> of=/dev/<device partition> bs=1M conv=fdatasync
```

To find the partition associated to a specific label, just plug the SDCARD/USB disk into your PC and call the following command:



```
PC $> ls -l /dev/disk/by-partlabel/
total 0
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 10 Jan 17 17:38 bootfs -> ../../mmcblk0p4
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 10 Jan 17 17:38 fsbl1 -> ../..
/mmcblk0p1      -> FSBL1 (TF-A)
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 10 Jan 17 17:38 fsbl2 -> ../..
/mmcblk0p2      -> FSBL2 (TF-A backup – same content as FSBL)
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 10 Jan 17 17:38 rootfs -> ../../mmcblk0p5
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 10 Jan 17 17:38 ssbl -> ../..
/mmcblk0p3      -> SSBL (U-Boot)
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 10 Jan 17 17:38 userfs -> ../../mmcblk0p6
```

- Windows

There is an existing dd for Windows that makes binary copying possible.

5.3 Update via USB mass storage on U-boot

See [How to use USB mass storage in U-Boot](#)

Follow the previous section to put tf-a-<board>.stm32 onto SDCard/USB disk

5.4 Update your boot device (including SD card on the target)

Refer to the [STM32CubeProgrammer](#) documentation to update your target.

Trusted Firmware for Arm Cortex-A

First Stage Boot Loader



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Boot Loader stage 2

Boot Loader stage 3-2

Device Tree Binary (or Blob)

SD memory card (<https://www.sdcard.org>)

Second Stage Boot Loader

Das U-Boot -- the Universal Boot Loader (see [U-Boot_overview](#))