

## Booting User Software from Flash

Often, HW/SW developers design solutions using a single Flash device as the source of the BIOS, OS and/or application. This document focuses on booting Linux from a single Flash chip on the ZFx86 Integrated Development System (IDS). Apply this theory to booting other operating systems such as WindRiver's VxWorks™ or other user-written special application programs.

This BIOS-independent approach utilizes ZFx86 specific features built into the latest ZFx86 Phoenix BIOS. Download the latest Phoenix BIOS from the ZF Micro Devices website:

<http://www.zfmicro.com>

### Using The Option-ROMs

ZFx86's Flash-software booting approach relies on the option-ROM scan system, a feature found in all AT-compatible PCs. The common ISA video card BIOS is considered an option-ROM; although, it is a special case which gets executed in the very early stage of the BIOS Power On Self Test (POST) sequence. Other option-ROM examples are: ROM-BASIC used on early ATs, and all firmware on PCI or ISA extension boards (for example, network interface controllers, or SCSI controllers).

During the POST sequence, the BIOS performs a so-called ROM-scan sequence:

- The BIOS looks at the beginning of every 2kbyte block in the address region C8000h through F0000h to find a "55 AA" signature.
- When it finds the "55 AA" signature, the next byte determines the option-ROM size in 512-byte increments.
- For detecting corruption, the sum of all option-ROM bytes must equal 100h. Usually achieved by setting the last byte to: 100h minus the sum of all other option-ROM bytes.
- When the BIOS validates the option-ROM is correct, it calls the routine starting at offset 03h.

The option-ROM routine completes various tasks; typically, it initializes the hardware to some known state and hooks some interrupt vectors used later by other OS services or user programs. ZFx86 uses the option-ROM code to boot Linux from Flash. We call this routine the Linux Loader (LL).

This process works for all possible HW configurations where the option-ROM *and* the BIOS may reside in the same device or in different chips on the motherboard. You must correctly set or route the ZFx86's Chip Select signals and the custom BIOS settings to the chip region where the option-ROM resides, and address the option-ROM during the POST sequence.

See the ZF Micro Device's website for compressed LinuxLoaderOptionROM.zip and VxWorksOptionROM.zip files.



## The Linux Loader Operation

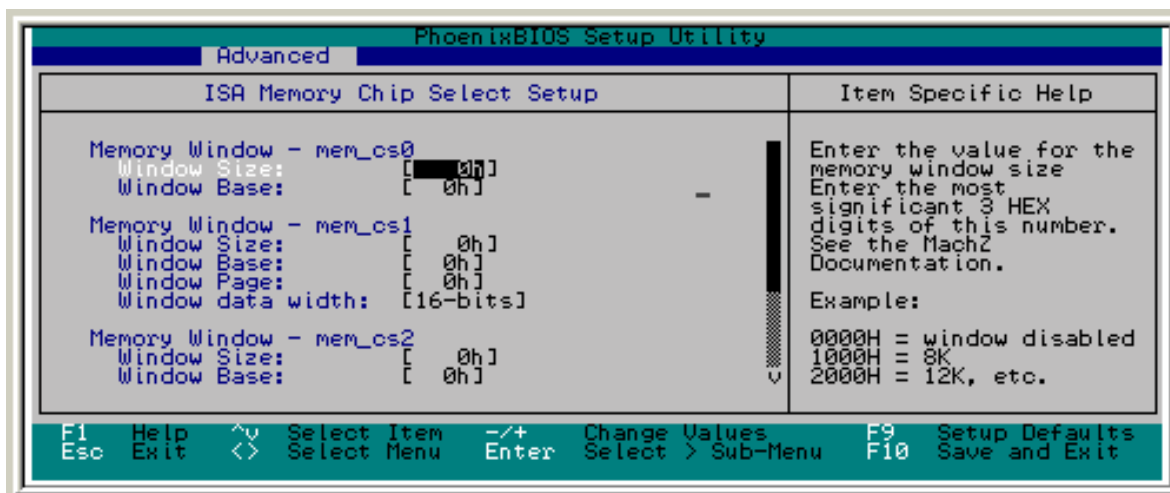
The Linux Loader (LL) copies the Linux kernel from a Flash address to a RAM address that matches the address used when Linux starts from the Hard Disk.

Also, depending on the default compiled options, the kernel identifies whether to mount its root file system from a RAM disk or from a hard disk partition. Initially, the Linux Loader stores the RAM disk root file system in Flash as a compressed “*initrd*” image (initialize RAM-disk) and copies it to the end of the available RAM. The *initrd* image begins with a 4-byte header value that indicates how many bytes to copy from Flash-to-RAM.

Download the “*Bootling Linux from Flash*” Application Note (P/N 9150-0017-00) for detailed instructions on using the Linux Loader, the ZFlash Linux Loader.zip file containing a sample *initrd* image and a Linux File System. See the ZF Micro Devices website:  
<http://www.zfmicro.com>.

The following procedure describes the internal working of the Linux Loader. Use these same concepts to launch other operating systems.

1. Invoke the Linux Loader using the special option-ROM scan routine, which gains control just before normal boot process and scans the memory window `mem_cs0` settings defined in PhoenixBIOS Setup Utility > Advanced > Advanced Chipset Control > ISA Memory Chip Select Setup menu. See [Figure 1](#).



**Figure 1. ISA Memory Chip Select Setup Menu**

Use the memory window settings to map a specific region from Flash memory to the desired address below the 1Mb boundary (by default, the chip select setting maps part of the BIOS from the end of 2Mb Flash device to address E0000h).

Set the `mem_cs0` to any needed value, because at the time point when those settings are required, the BIOS is already shadowed and no longer executing from the Flash device.

2. As a first step after execution, the LL relocates itself to the main working memory address 9B00:0000. Because in a later processing step, the LL redefines the `mem_cs0` memory



window, and if at this point the code is still working from the Flash device (that is, mapped to a memory window below 1Mb), the original mem\_cs0 value disappears from the initial memory window and a total system crash occurs.

3. The LL initializes the Serial Port to allow for diagnostic messages.
4. Then, the LL waits 3 seconds to allow for user input.
  - If the ESC key is pressed, the loader quits, and the BIOS' special option-ROM scan routine regains control.
  - If the option-ROM scan routine cannot find any other valid option-ROMs in the defined search area (defined by mem\_cs0 settings), a normal disk boot occurs.
5. After the 3 seconds elapses without the ESC key pressed, the loading sequence starts.
  - a. The kernel saves the original mem\_cs0 Flash window settings and enlarges the Flash window to 16MB using the ZFx86's chip select programming features. This Flash window is visible for all available memory addresses which are not claimed by the memory controller (that is, addresses reserved for RAM) or PCI devices due to the fact that the ISA bus has a lower priority than all the other chip devices (for example, memory controller or PCI controller).
  - b. Therefore, at the end of the DRAM memory map, the mapped Flash content is visible over the entire upper memory space at every 16MByte boundary.
    - For instance, the LL repeats the entire 16MByte Flash contents in the address range 10000000h through 10FFFFFFh (also at 11000000h through 11FFFFFFh, 12000000h through 12FFFFFFh, and so on).

**Note:** To access the entire upper memory space, enable the A20M# line.
6. Before the LL copies large amounts of data from the extended memory to the lower RAM, it must account for the processor's protected mode operation.
  - a. First the LL initializes the Global Descriptor Table (GDT) so that the data segment size increases from the normal 64KB to 4GB.
  - b. Then, it loads this GDT data.
  - c. Switches the processor to protected mode.
  - d. Sets data segment DS and extra segment ES selectors with the previously defined 4GB data range GDT entries.
  - e. Then switches the processor back to real mode again.

This allows you to access the entire 4GB memory space in real mode as long as the DS and ES registers are not overwritten.

7. Once the LL access the full memory space, it checks for the Linux kernel's signature at Flash offset 202h (in our example, visible at memory address 10000202h).
  - If the signature is not found, the LL increments the search address with a 16MB value and checks again for a signature.
  - If the kernel signature is not found after 10 checks, the LL restores the original memory window settings, prints out the "*Linux kernel setup signature not found*" message and returns.



**Note:** The LL searches the signature addresses at 10000202h, 11000202h, 12000202h, and so on,

8. The kernel header data structure contains bootstrap code, and kernel setup code. The LL copies this code from the previous address (in our example, 10000000h) to 90000h in low memory.
9. The LL reads the kernel's loading address from the header and then copies the kernel itself to the correct loading address in RAM.
  - In a normal sized kernel, it loads at address 10000h.
  - In a large sized kernel (made using "make bzImage"), it loads at the high memory address 100000h.
10. In order to load the *initrd* image to RAM, the LL requests the detected "top of memory" system address from the ZFx86 South Bridge. The Linux Loader requests that the *initrd* image start at Flash offset 80000h.
  - a. Before the *initrd* gets copied, the LL checks for its presence by reading the *initrd* size value from Flash offset 80000h (memory address 10080000h, 11080000h, and so on).
  - b. If the size value is 0 or 0FFFFFFFh, the LL skips copying the *initrd*; otherwise, it copies the *initrd* image to the end of the detected RAM without the 4-byte length header.
11. The LL writes the *initrd* size and start address to the kernel setup parameter block which resides in memory location starting at 90200h. If *initrd* was not found, the LL zeros out these values.
12. The LL now closes the previously created 16MB Flash window and restores the original mem\_cs0 window.
13. To boot the kernel normally, the LL updates the boot sector data area at 90000h with the values needed to configure the kernel. For example, those values might be that there are 4 setup sectors, that the root device is read-only, that the ram disk is 0, that the swap size is 0, and so on, also that the system size, the video mode, and the root device name are set, and that the stack is set up to the kernel setup code's stack area.
  - The root device name is based on the compiled-in root-device id value, where 100h=ram0, 301h=hda1, 302h=hda2, 303h=hda3, 304h=hda4, 0=disabled.
  - If the root device id is set to 100h, the root device will be the one contained in compressed form in our *initrd* image in Flash.
  - If root device id is set to 301h, then the loader mounts the root device from the first hard disk partition or /dev/hda1.
14. The final action to start Linux is a Far Jump to the beginning of the kernel setup code.

The kernel boot messages begin appearing on the screen or COM-port, and the root file system mounts from RAM-disk or the hard disk partition depending on the compiled-in Root\_Device variable.
15. The Linux login prompt displays.



## Linux Loader Flowchart

Figure 2 charts the Linux Loader’s logic flow.

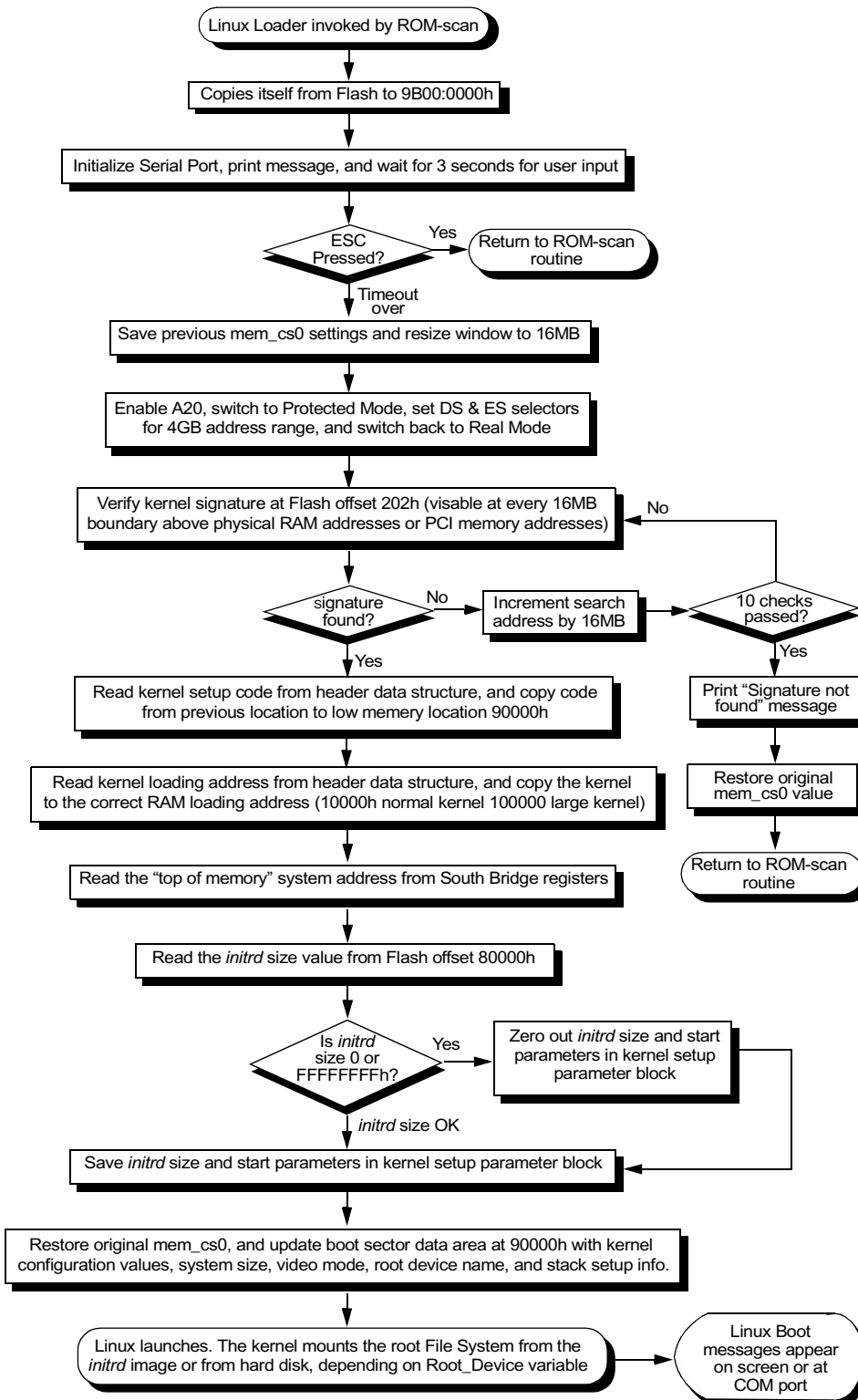


Figure 2. The Linux Loader Flow Chart



## The Flash layout

The Flash layout depends on the actual system hardware set up and the amount of available Flash memory. The following items are required:

- System BIOS or special initialization code (ZFx86 Phoenix BIOS) which supports option-ROMs
- The Linux Loader image converted to option-ROM format with the needed headers and checksums included
- The Linux kernel – exactly the same file created as the end product of the kernel compilation
- Optional *initrd* image (a compressed root File System image that expands as a RAM-disk). You may omit this optional image if the root File System resides on an alternate device (for example, IDE, Compact Flash, Disk on Chip, and so on) and mounts from the alternate device.

For example, your design may contain a large Flash chip such as the 16MByte Intel E28F128 StrataFlash. In this case, organize the Flash memory layout as follows:

Start offset	Item
FC0000	Phoenix BIOS 256K
FB8000	Linux Loader
080000	<i>initrd</i> image beginning with 4-byte header, up to address FB7FFF
000000	Linux Kernel, up to address 07FFFFh

Map the Linux Loader to D8000 using the BIOS' internal memory chip select mapping mechanism. The ZFx86 Phoenix BIOS allows the creation of up to four memory windows using chip selects mem\_cs0 through mem\_cs3. Although, the BIOS uses the mem\_cs0 to start from Flash after reset; the BIOS is then shadowed into RAM thereby allowing us to reprogram mem\_cs0 for other memory windows. During the special option-ROM scan, the Linux Loader maps to the correct location in RAM, locates it, and executes.

In order to map the Linux Loader to mem\_cs0, select the desired place in RAM using the Phoenix BIOS Setup Utility > Advanced > Advanced chipset Control > ISA Memory Chip Select Setup menu and set the following values:

<b>Window Size:</b>	1 – sets window size to 8kb
<b>Window Base:</b>	D8 – sets window base to D8000h
<b>Window Page:</b>	EE0 – sets Flash page register value to 1000000h–D8000h+FB8000h = EE0000h
<b>Window Data Width:</b>	16 or 8 based upon the data path width of the device used in your design.

## Using the Z-tag Manager

Figure 3 shows the Z-tag Manager Contents window.

Z-tag Contents - 18 items						
Id	Name	Ver	CRC	Date	Time	Body_len
02	Select Serial Device	0001	1021	20000609	2025	1
01	Strataflash Programmer	0001	C27A	20001011	1815	3435
FE	Kernel Image at 000000	0001	0000	20000724	1614	4
FE	Erase Sector =1	0001	0000	20000724	1614	4
FF	Kernel Image	0001	0000	20000925	1335	340818
01	Strataflash Programmer	0001	C27A	20001011	1815	3435
FE	Initrd Image start	0001	89A9	20000724	1626	4
FE	Erase Sector =1	0001	0000	20000724	1614	4
FF	toytest16 initrd	0001	1F2F	20000927	1031	1736134
01	Strataflash Programmer	0001	C27A	20001011	1815	3435
FE	Linux Loader at FB8000	0001	0000	20001121	1252	4
FE	Erase Sector =1	0001	0000	20000724	1614	4
FF	Linux Loader as ROM ext	0001	0000	20001201	1654	1536
01	Strataflash Programmer	0001	C27A	20001011	1815	3435
FE	BIOS start FC0000	0001	56AC	20001121	1252	4
FE	Erase Sector =1	0001	0000	20000724	1614	4
FF	Phoenix A10 BIOS Image	0001	0000	20001122	1140	262144
05	Stop Processing	0001	0000	20001121	1253	0

**Figure 3. Z-tag Manager's Contents Window Defining Data To Be Flashed**

For more detailed instructions, see “*Booting Linux From Flash*” (P/N 9150-0017-00) document on the ZF Micro Device website: <http://www.zfmicro.com>

1. Use the Z-tag Manager configured for Pass Through mode to load the data.
2. Connect the parallel port extension cable to your development host computer.
3. Connect the Z-tag dongle (JP2 pins 2-3 jumpered for PassThrough mode) to the extension cable and to your target board's Z-tag connector.
4. Verify that Chip Select 0 is jumpered to your selected target Flash chip.
5. Press the Z-tag Manager's Write-button and reset the target board to initiate the download and Flash burning sequence.

The Z-tag Manager operation is documented in the Z-tag Manager manual and in other reference documents from ZF Micro Devices.

6. To monitor the download progress, connect the serial cable from the target board's COM1 port to your development host computer's COM port. Set the COM port to the following:
  - Speed 9600 baud
  - 8 bit, no parity
  - Handshake set to none



## Conclusion

Loading and launching Linux from Flash is not a complicated task if a Linux Loader binary is contained in an option-ROM using a compatible format. You might need several images for different purposes, for example, for mounting root file system from RAM disk, or for mounting the root file system from `/dev/hda1`.

- Use the BIOS or other system initialization code to set up the hardware properly and detect the amount of memory installed in your system.
- The BIOS or system initialization code then launches the Linux Loader (or some other operating system loader which you build using the same general principles) either during the option-ROM scan or by a direct jump to it.
- In case of a complete Linux system, place both the kernel at offset 0h and the *initrd* images at offset 80000h in the Flash.
- The *initrd* image must contain a 4 byte-long image-length header before the actual image starts.
- For mounting the root file system from a hard disk, you only need the kernel in the Flash. Compile the Linux Loader with correctly defined `Root_Device` id settings.
- Generally, you can modify the current Linux Loader code to match your HW design, and the images may reside in completely different Flash offsets.





## Appendix A. The Linux Loader Source Code

```
; ORLL (Option-ROM Linux Loader) v1.00
; Last modified on 18.01.2001

        .model    tiny
        .486p

; Linux root device options:
; 100h=ram0, 301h=hda1, 302h=hda2, 303h=hda3, 304h=hda4, 0=disabled

Root_Deviceequ  301h
Serial_Addreque 03f8h           ; 3F8h = COM1, 2F8h = COM2
Screen_Outputequ 1             ; 1 = Output messages also to the screen

MSG      MACRO      text
        mov         si,offset text
        call        Output
        ENDM

PCODE    MACRO      postcode
        mov         al,postcode
        out         80h,al
        ENDM

ZFLWB    MACRO      register,value8
        mov         al,register
        mov         dx,218h
        out         dx,al
        inc         dx
        mov         al,value8
        out         dx,al
        ENDM

ZFLRB    MACRO      register
        mov         al,register
        mov         dx,218h
        out         dx,al
        inc         dx
        in          al,dx
        ENDM

ZFLWDW   MACRO      register,value32
        mov         al,register
        mov         dx,218h
        out         dx,al
        inc         dx
        inc         dx
        mov         eax,value32
        out         dx,eax
        ENDM

ZFLRDW   MACRO      register
        mov         al,register
        mov         dx,218h
        out         dx,al
        inc         dx
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        inc     dx
        in      eax,dx
    ENDM

    .code
    org      0

Start:

        db      55h,0aah          ; Extension ROM signature,
        db      3                ; and length in 512-byte pages

    PCODE     070h
    mov      ax,cs
    mov      ds,ax
    jmp      Skip_GdtArea

; Global Descriptor Table

        org      10h              ; For proper alignment

Gdt     dd      0,0                ; 1st entry, not used
GdtProt dw     0ffffh,0000h       ; 2nd entry
        db      0,93h,8fh,0
GdtDesc dw     $-Gdt              ; GDT size
GdtBasedd    0                    ; GDT base address

Skip_GdtArea:

; First we move our code out of extension ROM space, so we can open new
; 16Mb wide memory window for strataflash where we locate the kernel and
; initrd images. Since this overrides memory window settings of our extension
; ROM, we need to get out of here.
; Bootsector & linux kernel setup goes to 9000:0000, length 0A00h bytes,
; linux kernel itself goes to 1000:0000, max length 08000h bytes,
; which leaves safe location for us below 1000:0000 or above 9000:0A00,
; so I chose 9200:0000. We don't have to worry about this if we have big
; kernel which goes above 1Mb.

New_Segequ      9200h

        mov     ax,New_Seg
        mov     es,ax
        lea    si,Start
        mov     di,si
        mov     cx,offset Loader_End-Start
        cld
        rep     movsb

        db      0eah                ; Far jump to Start
        dw      offset Loader_Start,New_Seg

Loader_Start:

    PCODE     71h

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; Initialize serial port

    mov     dx,Serial_Addr+3
    mov     al,80h
    out     dx,al                ; Set DLAB
    mov     dx,Serial_Addr
    mov     ax,12                ; 12 = 9600 bps
    out     dx,ax                ; Baud rate divisor
    mov     dx,Serial_Addr+3
    mov     al,3                 ; 3 = 8N1
    out     dx,al                ; Line mode (8N1)
    mov     dx,Serial_Addr+4
    xor     al,al
    out     dx,al                ; Clear DTR & RTS
    MSG     T_Loader_Start       ; Output loader startup message

; Here we wait 3 seconds for user input, if ESC key is pressed, loader quits
; with jump to the original Int 19h vector

    mov     ax,40h
    mov     es,ax
    mov     ebx,es:[6ch]
    add     ebx,55                ; We wait 55 timer ticks, ca 3 seconds
@@:
    cmp     ebx,es:[6ch]
    jl     @f
    in     al,60h                ; Check if ESC key has been pressed
    cmp     al,0
    jz     @b
    cmp     al,1
    jne    @f                    ; No, go check again have 3 seconds passed yet
    MSG     T_Cancel

; Exit loader

    retf
@@:
    MSG     T_Start

    PCODE   73h

; Save current memory window settings

    lea     edi,offset MemWinISA24
    ZFLRB   5Bh                ; ISA 24-bit address calculation
    stosb
    ZFLRDW  26h                ; Window base
    stosd
    ZFLRDW  2Ah                ; Window size
    stosd
    ZFLRDW  2Eh                ; Window page
    stosd

; Define 16Mb wide memory window for chip select 0

    ZFLWB   5Bh,1              ; Set ISA 24-bit address calculation
    ZFLWDW  26h,0              ; Set base address (actual ports 27h and 28h)
    ZFLWDW  2Ah,1000000h-1    ; Window size is 16MB (strataflash)
    ZFLWDW  2Eh,0              ; Page address

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; Enable A20 line

        PCODE      74h

        cli
        in         al,92h
        jmp$+2
        jmp$+2
        or         al,2           ; Enable A20 bit
        out        92h,al

; Initialize and load GDT

        PCODE      75h

        sub        eax,eax
        mov        ax,cs
        shl        eax,4
        add        eax,offset Gdt
        mov        cs:GdtBase,eax
        lgdt       fword ptr cs:GdtDesc

; Switch processor to protected mode

        mov        eax,cr0
        mov        ebx,eax
        or         ax,1           ; Set PE bit
        mov        cr0,eax       ; Enable protected mode
        jmp        $+2           ; Flush instruction cache
        mov        ax,(GdtProt-Gdt)
        mov        ds,ax         ; Define selectors for DS

; Switch processor back to real mode

        mov        cr0,ebx       ; Clear PE bit, back to real mode
        jmp        $+2           ; Flush instruction cache

; Check for Linux kernel setup signature. If we cant find the signature in
; first try, we perform a scan loop on higher addresses just to be sure that
; the address space where we were looking was not claimed by any other device
; with higher priority. This scanning technique is possible because of ISA bus
; being only 24 bits wide and its 16Mb address space gets repeated after every
; 16Mb block through entire 4GB adress space. We start from 10000000h, thats
; above 256Mb, maximum amount of RAM that ZFx86 can be configured with.

        PCODE      76h

        mov        esi,10000000h   ; Start address
        mov        cx,10           ; Number of cycles
@@:
        add        esi,202h        ; Start address + kernel setup signature offset
        mov        eax,[esi]
        cmp        eax,053726448h ; Look for 'HdrS'
        je         SigFound
        add        esi,01000000h   ; Add 16Mb to the address and try again
        loop       @b
        jmp        NoSignature     ; No signature found, skip the whole thing

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; Now copy kernel setup and bootstrap code

SigFound:

    sub     esi,202h
    mov     ebp,esi          ; EBP = kernel setup start address

PCODE    77h

    add     si,1f1h
    xor     ax,ax
    mov     al,[esi]        ; Get setup sector size
    inc     al              ; Add bootstrap sector
    shl     ax,9            ; Multiply by 512 for size in bytes
    mov     bx,ax           ; Store value for kernel start address
    sub     esi,1f1h       ; Start address of the kernel setup code
    mov     edi,90000h     ; Destination address
    mov     cx,ax

@@:
    mov     eax,ds:[esi]
    mov     ds:[edi],eax
    add     esi,4
    add     edi,4
    sub     cx,4
    jnz     @b

; Now copy kernel image

PCODE    78h

    mov     esi,ebp
    add     esi,211h
    mov     al,[esi]        ; Kernel boot option
    add     esi,3
    mov     edi,[esi]      ; Kernel load offset in system memory
    sub     esi,214h
    mov     si,bx           ; Start address of the kernel image
    mov     ecx,080000h    ; Maximum kernel size to copy
    or     al,al
    jnz     @f
    shl     edi,4          ; Start address of kernel (10000h or 100000h)

@@:
    mov     eax,[esi]
    mov     [edi],eax
    add     esi,4
    add     edi,4
    sub     ecx,4
    jnz     @b

PCODE    79h

; Read top of system memory address from south bridge
; This is specific to the ZFx86 BIOS'es

    mov     eax,8000904ch   ; PCI south-bridge top of system memory register
    mov     dx,0cf8h
    out     dx,eax

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        mov     dx,0cfch
        in     eax,dx
        and    al,0f0h           ; We have to clear lower 4 bits (SB speciality)
        dec    eax

; Check for initrd size/presence in flash rom,
; and copy it to the top of system memory

        PCODE   7Ah

        mov     edi,eax
        mov     esi,ebp
        add     esi,80000h       ; Start address of the initrd image in memory
                                   ; window
        mov     ecx,[esi]       ; Get size of the initrd image
        cmp     ecx,0           ; Skip initrd if size is zero, means it's
disabled
        jz     SkipInitrd
        cmp     ecx,-1          ; Also skip initrd if the memory is pobably
        jz     SkipInitrd       ; not initialized

        PCODE   7Bh

        add     esi,4           ; Skip first 4 bytes of image (initrd size)
        neg     ecx
        add     edi,ecx         ; Calculate start address of the image in system
memory
        neg     ecx
        xor     di,di
        mov     ebx,edi         ; Save start address of the image
@@:
        mov     eax,[esi]
        mov     [edi],eax
        add     esi,4
        add     edi,4
        sub     ecx,4
        jc     @f
        jnz    @b
@@:
        mov     esi,ebp
        add     esi,80000h       ; Start address of the initrd image in
                                   ; memory window
        mov     ecx,[esi]       ; Get size of the initrd image
        jmp     @f

SkipInitrd:

        PCODE   7Ch

        sub     ebx,ebx         ; Set zeroes if initrd was not found in flash
        sub     ecx,ecx

; Write start address and size of ramdisk image (initrd) to the kernel setup
; parameters block

@@:
        PCODE   7Dh

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    mov     ax,9020h                ; Kernel setup segment
    mov     ds,ax
    mov     ds:[24],ebx            ; Start address of initrd image
    mov     ds:[28],ecx            ; Initrd image size

; Restore original memory window

    ZFLWB   5Bh,0                  ; Clear full 24-bit ISA addressing
    ZFLWDW  2Eh,0F00000h          ; Set page
    ZFLWDW  2Ah,10000h-1         ; Window size is 64k
    ZFLWDW  26h,0F0000h          ; Set base address

; Setup parameters

    mov     ax,9000h                ; Bootsector data area
    mov     ds,ax
    mov     byte ptr ds:[1f1h],4   ; Setup sectors
    mov     word ptr ds:[1f2h],1   ; Root flags (read only)
    mov     word ptr ds:[1f4h],8000h ; System size
    mov     word ptr ds:[1f6h],0   ; Swap device
    mov     word ptr ds:[1f8h],0   ; Ramdisk
    mov     word ptr ds:[1fah],0f00h ; VGA screen mode
    mov     word ptr ds:[1fch],Root_Device; Root file system device

; Command line patch

    mov     ds:[020h],0a33fh
    mov     ds:[022h],8cc1h

; Root device name

    cld
    mov     si,offset T_Root_Device
    mov     di,08cc1h
    mov     ax,ds
    mov     es,ax                ; ES=9000h
    mov     ax,cs
    mov     ds,ax                ; DS=CS
@@:
    lodsb
    stosb
    or     al,al
    jne    @b

    mov     ax,9020h                ; Kernel setup segment
    mov     ds,ax

    mov     byte ptr ds:[16],61h    ; Set loader type and version

; Everything is done, now lets jump into kernel setup code

    PCODE   7Eh

    db     0eah                    ; Far jump into kernel setup code
    dw     0,09020h

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NoSignature:

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        PCODE      7Fh
        MSG        T_SigNotFound

; Restore original memory window

        lea        si,offset MemWinISA24
        lodsb
        ZFLWB      5Bh,al          ; Clear full ISA addressing bit
        lodsd
        ZFLWDW     2Eh,eax        ; Window page
        lodsd
        ZFLWDW     2Ah,eax        ; Window size
        lodsd
        ZFLWDW     26h,eax        ; Window base
        retf

;-----
;
; Output string from CS:SI ending with zero
;

Output:
        mov        dx,Serial_Addr+5
@@:
        in         al,dx
        test       al,20h
        jz         @b
        mov        al,byte ptr cs:[si]
        inc        si
        cmp        al,0
        jne        @f
        ret

@@:
        sub        dx,5
        out        dx,al
IF Screen_Output EQ 1
        mov        ah,0eh
        int        10h
ENDIF
        jmp        short Output

MemWinISA24db  0
MemWinBasedd  0
MemWinSizedd  0
MemWinPagedd  0

IF Root_Device EQ 100h
T_Root_Devicedb '/dev/ram0 ',0
ENDIF
IF Root_Device EQ 301h
T_Root_Devicedb '/dev/hda1 ',0
ENDIF
IF Root_Device EQ 302h
T_Root_Devicedb '/dev/hda2 ',0
ENDIF

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IF Root_Device EQ 303h
T_Root_Devisedb  '/dev/hda3 ',0
ENDIF
IF Root_Device EQ 304h
T_Root_Devisedb  '/dev/hda4 ',0
ENDIF
IF Root_Device EQ 0
T_Root_Devisedb  0
ENDIF

T_Loader_Startdb 13,10,'Option-ROM Linux loader 1.00, press ESC to cancel...',0
T_Start         db      'starting.',13,10,10,0
T_Canceldb      'cancel.',13,10,0
T_SigNotFounddb 'Linux kernel setup signature not found.',13,10,10,0

Loader_End:
                end      Start
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