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About This Book

This document describes the package contents and provides instructions for building the libraries that are based on the Gstreamer architecture. Gstreamer is a powerful, versatile framework for creating streaming media applications.

Audience

This document is intended for software, hardware, and system engineers who are planning to use the Multimedia codecs with Gstreamer architecture and for anyone who wants to understand more about the Multimedia codecs. A basic understanding of Gstreamer and LTIB architecture is required.

Organization

This document contains the following chapters.

- Chapter 1 Identifies the BSP requirements, and explains how to build the multimedia components from LTIB or install multimedia components on Ubuntu OS
- Chapter 2 Explains how to test and use the multimedia codecs.

Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

- Courier* Is used to identify commands, explicit command parameters, code examples, expressions, data types, and directives.
- Italic* Is used for emphasis, to identify new terms. For replaceable command parameters it will start with *\$*.

References

The following documents were referenced to build this document.

1. i.MX Linux User's Guide
2. i.MX Linux Multimedia Framework Release Notes
3. i.MX Advanced ToolKit Standard User's Guide

Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

The following list defines the abbreviations used in this document.

FSL	F reescale
Codec	c oder- d ecoder
LTIB	L inux T arget I mage B uilder
ARM	A dvanced R ISC M achine
ASRC	A synchronous S ample R ate C onverter
APT	A dvanced P ackaging T ool
Gst	Gstreamer (open source multimedia framework)
gplay	Freescale command line player with Gstreamer backend

Chapter 1

Installing and Building the Plugins

This chapter describes how to build/install Freescale multimedia core libraries and Freescale Gstreamer plugins.

Freescale multimedia core libraries are released in binary only. Freescale Gstreamer plugins include source code.

Freescale provides two types of release packages; LTIB packages are for Freescale core libraries and Gstreamer plugins, while Debian packages are for Ubuntu system.

The LTIB packages contain Freescale multimedia core binary libraries and Freescale Gstreamer plugins source code. (Refer to [section 1.1](#))

Debian binary packages are used to install Freescale core libraries and Gstreamer plugins binaries into an i.MX series board running Ubuntu OS. Debian source packages are used to build Freescale Gstreamer plugins on an i.MX series board. (Refer to [section 1.2](#))

1.1 Building the Plugins with LTIB

1.1.1 BSP Requirements

Requirements:

- i.MX series board
- Compliant i.MX series Linux BSP 12.08 or above.
- Gstreamer
 - Gstreamer (version \geq 0.10.35)
 - Gstreamer-plugins-base (version \geq 0.10.35)
 - Gstreamer-plugins-good (version \geq 0.10.30)

NOTE

The Freescale Gstreamer plugins are dependent on the Gstreamer framework including the Gstreamer Core, Gst-Plugins-base, and Gst-Plugins-good.

1.1.2 Building the Plugins with LTIB

Following LTIB related procedures are running on a PC(x86) with a Linux OS.

To install LTIB and extract the package files, please follow these steps:

1. Install LTIB on PC.

```
./<ltib_release>/install
```

This command installs LTIB to your directory.

For instructions, see the *i.MX Linux User's Guide* for the target platform.

2. Obtain the following packages included in the release

There are two standard packages for building the Freescale multimedia Linux codecs.

Standard packages:

- `gst-fsl-plugin-$VERSION.tar.gz` is **gststreamer plugin source package** that contains source code for the multimedia Gstreamer-based plugin for the i.MX application processor.
- `fsl-mm-codeclib-$VERSION.tar.gz` is **codec/parser binary package** that contains the Freescale multimedia core codec/parser libraries for the i.MX application processor.

NOTE

These two packages **MUST** be compliant with LTIB specifications.

3. Copy these two standard packages to the LPP directory, which by default is set to `/var/tmp/pkgs` (please see `litb/.ltibr %ldirs`).

NOTE

For the first LTIB installation create this directory manually.

To build the package, please follow these steps:

1. Select the platform

Please refer to corresponding chapter in `<i.MX [board_name] Linux User Guide.pdf>` on “Building the Linux Platform”.

2. Select **Package List > Freescale Multimedia Plugins/Codecs**.

```

Package list
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---. Highlighted letters are
hotkeys. Pressing <Y> selects a feature, while <N> will exclude a feature. Press <Esc><Esc>
to exit, <?> for Help. Legend: [*] feature is selected [ ] feature is excluded

--- Platform specific package selection
[ ] csr-bt-bin
[ ] csr-wifi-bin
[*] fsl-gui-imx31
[ ] hantro-binary
[ ] mx-bin
[ ] imx-test
[*] imx-lib
[ ] gl-gps
[ ] vte
[ ] wpa supplicant
[*] Freescale Multimedia Plugins/Codecs ---
--- Common package selection list
[ ] atk
[ ] autoconf
[ ] automake
--- alsa-lib
[*] alsa-utils
[ ] bash
[ ] bind
[ ] binutils
[ ] bison
[ ] bluez-hcidump
[ ] bluez-libs
[ ] bluez-utils
v(+)

<Select> < Exit > < Help >

```

Figure 1 LTIB Package Selection Menu

3. Select the gstreamer-fsl-plugins, the fsl-mm-codec-libs will be automatically selected. (Figure 2).

```

Freescale Multimedia Plugins/Codecs
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---.
Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> selects a feature,
while <N> will exclude a feature. Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for
Help. Legend: [*] feature is selected [ ] feature is excluded

--- fsl-mm-codec-libs
[ ] fsl-mm-ms-codec-libs (NEW)
[ ] fsl-mm-aacpdec-codec-libs (NEW)
[ ] fsl-mm-mp3enc-codec-libs (NEW)
[ ] fsl-mm-ac3dec-codec-libs (NEW)
[ ] fsl-mm-flv-codec-libs (NEW)
[*] gstreamer-fsl-plugins

<Select> < Exit > < Help >

```

Figure 2 Selecting the Plugins

4. Select **gstreamer-plugins-good** package (Figure 3)

```
Package list
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus --->. Highlighted letters
are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> selects a feature, while <N> will exclude a feature.
Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help. Legend: [*] feature is selected [ ]
feature is excluded
^ (-)
[ ] groff
--- gstreamer
---  *gstreamer-plugins-base
[*] gstreamer-plugins-good
[ ]  *gstreamer-plugins-bad
[ ]  *gstreamer-plugins-ugly
[ ]  *gstreamer FFmpeg plugins
[ ]  *gstreamer farsight plugins
[ ] gtk+
[ ] htparm
[ ] hello world
[ ] hello world module example
[ ] hesiod
--- hotplug
[ ] httpd (apache) web server
[ ] i2c-tools
[ ] lozone
[ ] input-utils
[ ] iproute(2)
w(+)
<Select> < Exit > < Help >
```

Figure 3 Selecting gstreamer-plugins-good package

5. Follow the LTIB compilation instructions.

After a successful build, uImage and rootfs will be created. The rootfs is located in LTIB directory. It includes the Freescale multimedia Linux codecs and Freescale Gstreamer plugins. The uImage is located in rootfs/boot in LTIB build directory.

For each platform's detail information, please refer to *i.MX Linux User's Guide*.

1.2 Installing/Building the Plugins on Ubuntu

1.2.1 BSP Requirements

Requirements:

- i.MX51/ i.MX53/ i.MX6 board runs Ubuntu OS (11.10 Oneiric).
- imx-lib Debian package (version \geq 12.08).
- firmware-imx Debian package (version \geq 12.08).
- Gstreamer
 - Gstreamer (version=0.10.35 on Ubuntu 11.10)
 - Gstreamer-plugins-good (version=0.10.30 on Ubuntu 11.10)

1.2.2 Installing/Building the Plugins

The Freescale Multimedia core libraries and Freescale Gstreamer plugins are released in Debian release package format. Ubuntu OS uses APT to manage all these packages. For detailed information about how to use/manage packages by APT, please refer to <http://www.debian.org/doc/manuals/apt-howto/index.en.html>.

This chapter describes how to build and generate debian packages on the i.MX series board natively.

Following steps illustrate how to install Freescale Multimedia Plugins on Ubuntu and also how to build a Debian package from the source.

1. Prepare an i.MX51/ i.MX53/ i.MX6 board running Ubuntu OS(11.10 Oneiric)
2. Install BSP support libraries package, the package is released with BSP. (you need to have the .deb file available to the board, a USB-Key or copying the file to the board in some other way should be fine)

```
sudo dpkg -i imx-lib-$VERSION-$RELEASE.deb
```

3. Install aptitude package by running command:

```
sudo apt-get update
```

```
sudo apt-get install aptitude
```

4. Install dpkg-dev package by running command.

```
sudo aptitude install dpkg-dev
```

```
sudo aptitude install devscripts
```

```
sudo aptitude install dh-autoreconf
```

5. Obtain the following packages, which are included in the Debian release. (i.e. you can copy them to a USB-Key that will be connected to the board)
 - gstreamer0.10-plugins-base_0.10.35-1-0ubuntu0+ppa1_armel.deb is **Gst-plugins-base libraries** modified by Freescale.
 - gstreamer0.10-fsl-mm-plugins_\${VERSION}\$RELEASE_armel.deb is **Freescale gstreamer plugin binary package** which contains binaries for the multimedia plugin for the i.MX application processor.
 - libfsl-mm-core1_\${VERSION}\$RELEASE_armel.deb is **Freescale Multimedia core binaries** that contains the Freescale multimedia core codec/parser libraries for the i.MX application processor.
 - libgst-fsl-plugins0_\${VERSION}\$RELEASE_armel.deb is **Freescale Multimedia library binary package** which contains binaries for the multimedia Gstreamer-based plugin for the i.MX application processor.

To build the codec and plugin deb packages from source, the following packages are also needed.

- libfsl-mm-core-dev_\${VERSION}\$RELEASE_armel.deb is the **Freescale Multimedia core libraries** development support package.
 - fsl-mm-codeclib-\${VERSION}.orig.tar.gz, fsl-mm-codeclib-\${VERSION}\$RELEASE.debian.tar.gz, fsl-mm-codeclib-\${VERSION}\$RELEASE.dsc are **codec/parser binary packages** that contain the Freescale multimedia core codec/parser libraries for the i.MX application processor.
 - gst-plugins-base0.10_0.10.35-1-0ubuntu0+ppa1.dsc, gst-plugins-base0.10_0.10.35-1.orig.tar.bz2, gst-plugins-base0.10_0.10.35-1-0ubuntu0+ppa1.debian.tar.gz are **gstreamer plugin source packages** that contain source code of the multimedia Gstreamer-based plugin for the i.MX application processor.
6. Create a local directory /root/debs in the rootfs and copy all these packages to this directory.
 7. Change directory to /root and run following commands to generate package/source list files for these packages.

```
sudo dpkg-scanpackages debs | gzip > debs/Packages.gz
```

```
sudo dpkg-scansources debs | gzip > debs/Sources.gz
```

8. Add following lines to /etc/apt/sources.list

```
deb file:/root debs/
```

```
deb-src file:/root debs/
```

-
9. Run following command to update local package list.

```
sudo aptitude update
```

10. Install **Gst-plugins-base** by following commands.

```
sudo aptitude install gstreamer0.10-plugins-base
```

11. Install Freescale Multimedia core libraries by following command

```
sudo aptitude install libfsl-mm-core1
```

12. Install Freescale Multimedia gstreamer plugins by following command

```
sudo aptitude install gstreamer0.10-fsl-mm-plugins
```

NOTE

This version of multimedia debian package only is compatible with GCC 4.6.1 related rootfs. In order to applying the multimedia plugins with other type of rootfs such as Ubuntu 10.04, these debian packages need be recompiled in Ubuntu 10.04 with GCC version 4.3.3

The Freescale Multimedia core libraries and Freescale Gstreamer plugins are now successfully installed into the i.MX Ubuntu rootfs. Ignore the following steps if not building the Debian packages from source.

13. Install BSP development support package which is released with BSP.

```
sudo dpkg -i kernel_${VERSION}-imx_${RELEASE}_armel.deb
```

14. Install Gstreamer build environment by following command. (recommendation)

```
sudo apt-get build-dep gstreamer0.10-plugins-good
```

15. Install package build environment by following command.

```
sudo apt-get build-dep <package-name>(for example: libfsl-mm-core1 )
```

16. Get Freescale multimedia core libraries source

```
sudo apt-get source <package-name> (for example: libfsl-mm-core1 )
```

After this command executed successfully, all source packages and also a patched directory named “fsl-mm-codeclib-*VERSION*” are download to current directory. Go to the directory and build it by running following command

```
debuild -i -uc -us
```

Go to the up level directory, there are newly built Debian packages(.deb files), install these packages by "dpkg -i <package.deb>"

17. Install package build environment by following command.

```
sudo apt-get build-dep gstreamer0.10-fsl-mm-plugins
```

18. Get Freescale multimedia gstreamer plugins source

```
sudo apt-get source gstreamer0.10-fsl-mm-plugins
```

After this command executed successfully, all source packages and also a patched directory named "gst-fsl-plugin-\$VERSION" are download to current directory. Go to the directory and build it by running following command

```
debuild -i -uc -us
```

Go to the up level directory, there are newly built Debian packages(.deb files), install the packages by "dpkg -i <package.deb>"

Chapter 2

Testing the Installation

This chapter explains how to check and test the multimedia codecs (audio decoder, audio encoder, video decoder and video encoder). It also explains how to enable the post-process filter to the pipeline that is being created in the Gstreamer architecture.

NOTE

Each platform provides a certain set of codecs. Please refer to the Release Notes to determine which codecs are included in the BSP.

2.1 Testing multimedia environment setting

If the test Rootfs is Ubuntu, please update with latest Gstreamer packages:

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install gstreamer0.10-plugins-bad
```

If the test Rootfs is Ubuntu, some audio / video I/O may need to be configured before testing. In below description, it is assumed that pulseaudio is installed.

2.1.1 Audio output Setting

Use “pactl” command to list all available audio sinks:

```
pactl list sinks
```

A list of available audio sinks will be displayed:

```
Sink #0
  State: SUSPENDED
  Name: alsa_output.platform-soc-audio.1.analog-stereo
  Description: sgt15000-audio Analog Stereo
  ...
  ...
Sink #1
  State: SUSPENDED
  Name: alsa_output.platform-soc-audio.4.analog-stereo
  Description: imx-hdmi-soc Analog Stereo
  ...
  ...
```

Use “pacmd” command to set the default audio sink accordingly as the sink number in list showed above:

```
pacmd set-default-sink $sink-number (e.g. $sink-number could be 0 or 1 in above list)
```

After setting the default sink, use below command to verify the audio path:

```
gst-launch audiotestsrc ! pulsesink
```

2.1.2 Audio input

Use “pactl” command to list all available audio sources:

```
pactl list sources
```

A list of available audio sources will be displayed:

```
Source #0
  State: SUSPENDED
  Name: alsa_output.platform-soc-audio.1.analog-stereo.monitor
  Description: Monitor of sgt15000-audio Analog Stereo
  ...
  ...
Source #1
  State: SUSPENDED
  Name: alsa_input.platform-soc-audio.1.analog-stereo
  Description: sgt15000-audio Analog Stereo ...
  ...
  ...
```

Use “pacmd” command to set default audio source accordingly as the source number in list

```
pacmd set-default-source $source-number (e.g. $source-number could be 0 or 1 in above list)
```

Note: if not need record and playback at the same time, there is no need to set to monitor mode.

Use “pactl” command to see the current status of audio I/O path setting.

```
pactl stat
```

A list will be displayed like following:

```
Currently in use: 1 blocks containing 64.0 KiB bytes total.
Allocated during whole lifetime: 2931 blocks containing 5.3 MiB bytes total.
Sample cache size: 0 B
Server String: /home/linaro/.pulse/82aa6303a555980d8320686e000e1e89-runtime/native
Library Protocol Version: 24
Server Protocol Version: 24
Is Local: yes
Client Index: 11
Tile Size: 65496
User Name: linaro
Host Name: linaro-ubuntu-desktop
Server Name: pulseaudio
Server Version: 1.0
Default Sample Specification: s16le 2ch 44100Hz
Default Channel Map: front-left,front-right
Default Sink: alsa_output.platform-soc-audio.1.analog-stereo
Default Source: alsa_input.platform-soc-audio.1.analog-stereo
Cookie: e9a5:dcd9
```

2.1.3 Video setting

According to different video output (HDMI / LVDS etc.) , please refer to BSP User Guide for how to set boot cmd in uboot.

2.2 Testing the Codecs with Gstreamer

Gstreamer provides two useful applications for testing multimedia codecs: **gst-inspect** and **gst-launch**.

2.2.1 gst-inspect Tool

The **gst-inspect** tool can provide information about an available Gstreamer plugin, a particular plugin, or a particular element.

To view the list of installed freescale multimedia codec plugins, type the following command in a shell:

```
gst-inspect | grep imx
```

A list similar to the following is displayed.

```
wmadec.imx: mfw_wma10decoder: wma audio decoder
aiur.imx: aiurdemux: aiur universal demuxer
v4lsink.imx: mfw_v4lsink: v4l2 video sink
amrdec.imx: mfw_amrdecoder: amr audio decoder
beep.imx: beepdec: beep audio decoder
wmvdec.imx: mfw_wmvdecoder: wmv video decoder
aacpdec.imx: mfw_aacplusdecoder: aac plus audio decoder
mp3enc.imx: mfw_mp3encoder: mp3 audio encoder
v4lsrc.imx: mfw_v4lsrc: v4l2 based src
mp3dec.imx: mfw_mp3decoder: mp3 audio decoder
isink.imx: mfw_isink: IPU-based video sink
adownmix.imx: mfw_downmixer: audio down mixer
vorbisdec.imx: mfw_vorbisdecoder: vorbis audio decoder
wma8enc.imx: mfw_wma8encoder: wma8 audio encoder
aacdec.imx: mfw_aacdecoder: aac audio decoder
audiopeq.imx: mfw_audio_pp: audio post equalizer
vpudev.imx: vpudev: VPU-based video decoder
```

The elements contained in this list maybe different depend on the target platform

For example:

```
vpu.imx: vpudec: VPU-based video decoder
```

The first “vpu.imx” is plugin name, the second “vpudec” is element name, “VPU-based video decoder” is long name of element.

Use following gst-inspect command to view the detail information of an element.

```
gst-inspect $ELEMENT_NAME
```

For example,

```
gst-inspect vpudec
```

to display detail information of element vpudec

All these plugins can be classified into audio decoder/encoder, video decoder/encoder, demuxer, etc.

audio_decoder_plugin	<p>General codecs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● beepdec: unified audio decoder plugin ● mfw_amrdecoder: amr audio decoder plugin ● mfw_aacdecoder: aac audio decoder plugin ● mfw_mp3decoder: mp3 audio decoder plugin ● mfw_vorbisdecoder: vorbis audio decoder plugin <p>license limited codecs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● mfw_wma10decoder: wma audio decoder plugin ● mfw_aacplusdecoder: aac plus audio decoder plugin ● mfw_ac3decoder: ac3 audio decoder plugin
audio_encoder_plugin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● mfw_mp3encoder: mp3 audio encoder plugin ● mfw_wma8encoder: wma8 audio encoder plugin
video_decoder_plugin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● vpudec: VPU-based video decoder plugin ● mfw_wmvdecoder: software wmv789 video decoder plugin
video_encoder_plugin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● vpuenc: VPU-based video encoder plugin
demuxer_plugin	<p>aiurdemux: aiur universal demuxer plugin supporting</p> <p>General demuxer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AVI, MKV, MP4, MPEG2, OGG, FLV, WebM <p>license limited demuxer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ASF
video_sink_plugin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● mfw_v4lsink: v4l2 video sink plugin ● mfw_isink: IPU device based video sink plugin
camera_src_plugin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● mfw_v4lsrc: v4l2 based embedded camera src plugin

2.2.2 gst-launch Tool

The **gst-launch** tool builds and runs the basic Gstreamer pipeline without trick mode support.

2.2.2.1 Playback with playbin2

Freescall recommends using Gstreamer playbin2 plugins to playback audio or/and video. Playbin 2 is self-constructed pipeline elements which will auto connect all necessary elements to decode a media file/resource, including source, parser, decoder and sink, etc. The command is

```
gst-launch playbin2 uri=$URI
```

The *\$URI* is Universal Resource Identifier. For a local file, URI start with [file://](#), for example, to play a local file test.avi locate in /media directory, please use

```
gst-launch playbin2 uri=file:///media/test.avi
```

NOTE

To make playbin2 compatible with Freescale multimedia Gstreamer plugins, a Freescale optimized gstreamer-plugins-base package needs to be installed. This package is released in LTIB package or provided in Multimedia Debian release packages.

Some audio parser plugins are needed in gstreamer0.10-plugins-bad, please also install this package.

2.2.2.2 Audio playback

Use the beep unified audio decoder plugin to test MP3 / AAC / WMA / Vorbis / AC3 audio playback

```
gst-launch filesrc location=[clip_name] typefind=true ! queue max-size-time=0 ! $audio_decoder_plugin ! alsasink
```

For example

```
gst-launch filesrc location=test.mp3 ! queue max-size-time=0 ! mfw_mp3decoder ! audioconvert ! 'audio/x-raw-int, channels=2' ! alsasink
gst-launch filesrc location=test.mp3 ! queue max-size-time=0 ! beepdec ! audioconvert ! 'audio/x-raw-int, channels=2' ! alsasink
```

To test the WAV audio playback, use the following command:

```
gst-launch filesrc location=test.wav ! wavparse ! alsasink
```

NOTE

For this test, the Gstreamer Good Plugin package must be installed. Due to hardware and opensource element limitation,

for some combine configurations of specific channels and samplerate, the sound may not be heard.

2.2.2.3 Video only playback

To create a video-only pipeline with the gst-launch tool, use these commands:

```
gst-launch filesrc location=test.video typefind=true ! $demuxer_plugin ! queue max-size-time=0 ! $video_decoder_plugin ! $video_sink_plugin
```

For example, for an ASF(WMV only) file playback, use this command:

```
gst-launch filesrc location=test.asf typefind=true ! aiurdemux ! queue max-size-time=0 ! mfw_wmvdecoder ! mfw_v4lsink
gst-launch filesrc location=test.asf typefind=true ! aiurdemux ! queue max-size-time=0 ! vpudec ! mfw_v4lsink
```

2.2.2.4 AV file playback

To create an audio/video combined pipeline with the gst-launch tool, use these commands.

```
gst-launch filesrc location=test_file typefind=true ! $demuxer_plugin name=demux demux. ! queue max-size-buffers=0 max-size-time=0 ! $video_decoder_plugin ! $video_sink_plugin demux. ! queue max-size-buffers=0 max-size-time=0 ! $audio_decoder_plugin ! audioconvert ! 'audio/x-raw-int, channels=2' ! alsasink
```

In VPU mode, change video_decoder_plugin to vpudec. The VPU mode is only used for the Freescale i.MX SoC with embedded VPU.

The **max-size-time** in Queue element should be set because the playback could be not smoothly with default value one second.

For example: For AVI(H264+MP3) video playback

```
gst-launch filesrc location=test.avi typefind=true ! aiurdemux name=demux demux. ! queue max-size-buffers=0 max-size-time=0 ! mfw_h264decoder ! mfw_v4lsink demux. ! queue max-size-buffers=0 max-size-time=0 ! mfw_mp3decoder ! audioconvert ! 'audio/x-raw-int, channels=2' ! alsasink
gst-launch filesrc location=test.avi typefind=true ! aiurdemux name=demux demux. ! queue max-size-buffers=0 max-size-time=0 ! vpudec ! mfw_v4lsink demux. ! queue max-size-buffers=0 max-size-time=0 ! beepdec ! audioconvert ! 'audio/x-raw-int, channels=2' ! alsasink
```

NOTE

The VPU decoder is currently available only for the Freescale i.MX SoC with embedded VPU.

2.2.2.5 Audio Encoder Record

This release provides two audio encoders: MP3 and WMA8. Both may be enabled.

MP3 Encoder Record

```
$gst-launch filesrc location=test.wav ! wavparse ! mfw_mp3encoder ! filesink location=output.mp3
```

To verify that the MP3 output is correct, use the **mfw_mp3decoder**:

```
$gst-launch filesrc location=output.mp3 ! queue max-size-time=0 ! mfw_mp3decoder ! audioconvert !  
'audio/x-raw-int, channels=2' ! alsasink
```

WMA8 Encoder Record

Encoding from file:

```
$gst-launch filesrc location=test.wav ! wavparse ! mfw_wma8encoder ! filesink location=output.wma
```

Recording:

```
$gst-launch alsasrc num-buffers=$NUMBER blocksize=$SIZE ! mfw_wma8encoder ! filesink  
location=output.wma
```

The time duration of recording equals $\$NUMBER * \$SIZE * 8 / (\text{samplerate} * \text{channel} * \text{bitwidth})$

For example, to record 60 seconds of stereo channel sample with 44.1K sample rate and 16bit width, use

```
$gst-launch alsasrc num-buffers=240 blocksize=44100 ! mfw_wma8encoder ! filesink  
location=output.wma
```

To verify that the WMA output is correct, use the **mfw_wma10decoder**:

```
$gst-launch filesrc location=output.wma typefind=true ! aiurdemux ! queue max-size-time=0 !  
mfw_wma10decoder ! audioconvert ! 'audio/x-raw-int, channels=2' ! alsasink
```

2.2.2.6 VPU based Video Encoder Record

NOTE

The VPU encoder is currently available only for some of the Freescale i.MX SoC with embedded VPU.

Camera must be enabled before running video record. For the camera driver install, please refer BSP document, for example:

```
$modprobe ov5460_camera  
$modprobe mxc_v4l2_capture
```

Encoding from file:

```
gst-launch filesrc location=test.yuv blocksize= $BLOCK_SIZE ! 'video/x-raw-yuv,  
format=(fourcc)I420, width=$WIDTH, height=$HEIGHT, framerate=(fraction)30/1' !  
$video_encoder_plugin codec=0 ! matroskamux ! filesink location=output.mkv sync=false
```

NOTE

The input file support I420 format YUV files.

The **blocksize** property of the **filesrc** plugin depends on the resolution of the input image. For example:

```
blocksize = inputwidth * inputheight * 1.5
```

The **codec type** property of the **\$video_encoder_plugin** plugin control the target encode codec type. It could be 0(MPEG4), 5(H263), 6(H264) or 12(MJPEG).

Please refer to ‘Element Properties’ of ‘codec’ prompted by command ‘gst-inspect <vpuenc_plugin>’

The different camera need set different capture mode for special resolution, please refer BSP document for different camera setting, one example for Recording:

```
gst-launch mfw_v4lsrc fps-n=15 capture-width=$WIDTH capture-height=$HEIGHT capture-mode=X !  
queue ! $video_encoder_plugin codec=0 ! matroskamux ! filesink location=output.mkv sync=false
```

NOTE

The **fps-n** property of the **mfw_v4lsrc** plugin control the camera capture frame rate.

The **codec** property of the **\$video_encoder_plugin** plugin control the target encode codec type. The detail value please refer the property by gst-inspect command.

2.2.2.7 SPDIF Transmit and Receive Converter

The SPDIF supports both transmit and receive feature with PCM or Non-PCM data. With Non-PCM data, the **mfw_spdifrx** and **mfw_spdiftx** plugin convert data between the IEC958 format and raw data. In this version, only support AC3 data format.

To verify the SPDIF receive is correct, use the **mfw_spdifrx**:

```
$gst-launch alsasrc device="plughw:1,0" ! mfw_spdifrx ! filesink location= test.bits
```

NOTES

The SPDIF feature is applied in i.MX35 platform. For more information, see the *i.MX Linux User's Guide* for target platform.

To verify the SPDIF transmit is correct, use the **mfw_spdiftx**:

```
$gst-launch filesrc location= test.bits ! mfw_spdiftx ! alsasink device="plughw:1,0"
```

NOTE

Insert the snd-spdif.ko kernel module with the **insmod** command. For i.MX35 3-Stack board, **snd-spdif** module will be built in **rootfs**. For more information, see the *i.MX Linux User's Guide*.

The “plughw” parameter depends on target system.

2.2.2.8 Audio Post-Process

To verify the Parametric EQ is correct, use the **mfw_audio_pp**:

```
$gst-launch filesrc location=test.mp3 ! queue ! mfw_mp3decoder ! mfw_audio_pp enable=1 eqmode=2 ! alsasink
```

NOTE

The eqmode value 2 means the “bass booster” scene.

To verify the Downmixing is correct, use the **mfw_downmixer**:

```
$gst-launch filesrc location= test.mp3 ! mfw_mp3decoder ! mfw_downmixer ochannels=2 ! alsasink
```

2.2.3 gplay Player

gplay is a command line based player. It is based on Gstreamer playbin2 element and provides full functions of playback, including trick mode, video display setting etc.

The command line is

```
$gplay $MEDIA_FILE
```

For detail information of gplay tool, please refer to

Gstreamer_Command-line_Player_Application_Specification.pdf.

2.2.4 Totem Player

Totem is the official movie player of the GNOME desktop environment based on GStreamer, it's a graphic UI based player running on Linux desktop system. Totem is default installed on i.MX51/i.MX53/i.MX6 running Ubuntu OS or Gnome mobile OS.

For detail information of using totem, please refer to totem help.

The command line is

```
$totem $MEDIA_FILE
```

To use totem in serial terminal , following environment need to be set

```
$export DISPLAY=:0  
$totem $MEDIA_FILE
```

2.3 Testing the Core Codec Libraries

Some core codec libraries have no corresponding Gstreamer plugins, such as the **image** and some **audio encoders**. To view the list of Gstreamer plugins, see the *i.MX Multimedia Framework Linux Release Notes*.

To test those core codec libraries, use the Freescale proprietary test applications that are included in codec/parser binary package.

2.4 Debug exception in multimedia plugin

In the GDB debug mode, some multimedia plugins might generate exceptions on their system check initialization but are safe to continue since the exceptions are handled directly by the multimedia components. This might disturb a debug environment with processing these exceptions. The following step specifies how to configure the debugger so that these exceptions are handled automatically without user input needed.

```
$ handle SIGBUS nostop
```

Add this command to `.gdbinit` script as the default setting to debug the multimedia plugins.

Appendix A: Multi-overlay support

mfw_isink plugin for Gstreamer is a IPU lib based sink element which provides multi-overlay support of video playback. It means several video playback can run the same time on the same display device or different one, eg. DVI and/or TV and DVI and/or WVGA* , each video can setting the display windows size and position. Currently, mfw_isink plugin is only available on i.MX51, i.MX53 and i.MX6X platform.

NOTE

- For MX5

default setting for mfw_isink is DVI and TV, if you want use DVI and WVGA please replace vssconfig with vssconfig.div_wvga under /usr/share directory.

- For MX6

Modify the vssconfig as following:

```
# vss device definition
# Master=DVI, Slave=TV
# please add "video=video=mxcdi1fb:YUV444,720P60
video=mxcdi0fb:RGB24,1024x768M-16@60" to kernel
startup command line
# master display

[master]
type = framebuffer
format = RGBP
fb_num = 1
main_fb_num = 0
```

Each mfw_isink supports 2 configs for the same input video. It can also construct more gstreamer pipelines with mfw_isink to support different video playback contents.

In multi-overlay case, the video maybe not be smoothly due to performance limitation. Generally, i.MX51/ i.MX53 can support 2-way D1 resolution video playback smoothly.

A.1 How to use mfw_isink

As a standard gstreamer plugin, gst-launch tool and gstreamer-based application (like totem) can use mfw_isink as video sink element.

Since mfw_isink need access IPU and framebuffer devices, please use as root user or run following command in a terminal window to change corresponding device permission.

```
$chmod 666 /dev/mxc_ipu /dev/fb0 /dev/fb1 /dev/fb2 /sys/class/graphics/fb1/mode /sys/class/graphics/fb1/pan /sys/class/graphics/fb2/pan
```

mfw_isink default use fb2 as display frame buffer on LCD. Since fb2 is default invisible, Please run following command in a terminal window to enable mfw_isink local alpha feature when use mfw_isink with gst-launch

```
$export VSALPHA=1
```

A.1.1 gst-launch

The following command illustrates a complete pipe to playback an avi file by mfw_isink as a video sink element with advanced property settings. It will playback video on LCD and video position start at (100, 100) with window size 640x480.

```
$gst-launch filesrc location=test.avi typefind=true ! aiurdemux ! vpudec ! mfw_isink axis-top=100 axis-left=100 disp-width=640 disp-height=480
```

or

```
$gst-launch playbin2 uri=file:///test.avi video-sink="mfw_isink axis-top=100 axis-left=100 disp-width=640 disp-height=480"
```

mfw_isink also support other properties for display settings. Please use

```
$gst-inspect mfw_isink
```

to get detail support property list

Following are the detailed information of some of the properties

display: set display device(name) for config 0 (Setting for DVI and TV case is “DVI” or “TV”, please refer vssconfig file under /usr/share for detail output device name).

axis-top: y position for top-left corner of video window in pixel for config 0

axis-left: x position for top-left corner of video window in pixel for config 0

disp-width: width of display window in pixel for config 0

disp-height: height of display window in pixel for config 0

mode: display mode for config 0(available value please refer “mode” section in vssconfig file under /usr/share)

display-1: set display device(name) for config 1 (Setting for DVI and TV case is “DVI” or “TV”, please refer vssconfig file under /usr/share for detail output device name).

axis-top-1: y position for top-left corner of video window in pixel for config 1

axis-left-1: x position for top-left corner of video window in pixel for config 1

disp-width-1: width of display window in pixel for config 1

disp-height-1: height of display window in pixel for config 1

mode-1: display mode for config 1(available value please refer “mode” section in vssconfig file under /usr/share)

Run the several gst-launch command with mfw_isink will show several videos.

Following command illustrate some cases

Playback one video in same display, PIP

```
$gst-launch playbin2 uri=file:///1.avi video-sink="mfw_isink display=DVI display-1=DVI axis-top=100 axis-left=100 disp-width=640 disp-height=480"
```

Playback two videos in two displays

```
$gst-launch playbin2 uri=file:///1.avi video-sink="mfw_isink display=DVI" playbin2 uri=file:///2.avi video-sink="mfw_isink display=TV"
```

A.1.2 Totem player

mfw_v4lsink is the default video sink element. In order to use mfw_isink with totem player, running the following command and Set “Video->Default Ouptut-> Pipeline to **mfw_isink** (Figure 4)

```
$gststreamer-properties
```

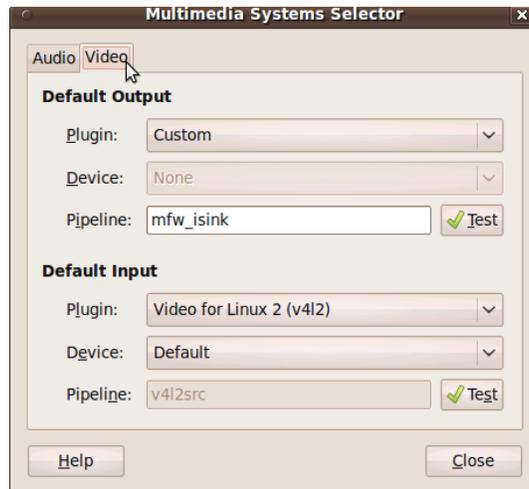


Figure 4 gstreamer-properties

NOTE

If the gstreamer-properties tool is not found, please install gnome-media package.

Use following command to launch multi totem players

```
$totem --no-existing-session
```

Then playback videos in opened totem players. All the totem window can move/resize separately.

NOTE

In Ubuntu 11.10 Oneiric rootfs, the Totem player does not have the parameter of **--no-existing-session**. So need to create two different user accounts to open Totem separately.

Appendix B: Streaming support

B.1 http support

Freescale multimedia framework supports http protocol based streaming.

A http server with test content is required for test with http protocol based streaming, we suggest Apach2 on Linux server.

Use playbin2 to test

```
$gst-launch playbin2 uri=http://SERVER/test.avi
```

Use gplay to test

```
$gplay http://SERVER/test.avi
```

MPEG2TS stream may not playback by using above commands because limitation of typefind plugin in gstreamer 0.10.28, use following command

```
$gst-launch souphttpsrc location=http://SERVER/test.ts ! 'video/mpegts' ! aiurdemux name=demux demux. ! queue max-size-buffers=0 max-size-time=0 ! vpudec ! mfw_v4lsink demux. ! queue max-size-buffers=0 max-size-time=0 ! mfw_ac3decoder ! alsasink
```

Note: In ltib built gnome rootfs, http streaming is not supported so far.

B.2 DLNA/UPnP support

Freescale multimedia framework supports the totem application running as a DLNA/UPnP client. The totem-plugins-extra package need to be installed for your Ubuntu system on i.MX5 or i.MX6 board by following command

```
$apt-get install totem-plugins-extra
```

Also a DLNA/UPnP server with media files sharing is required.

Use menu “Edit”->”Plugins...” to open “Configure Plugins” dialog, enable the “Coherence DLNA/UPnP Client”.

In the sidebar of the totem window, select “Coherence DLNA/UPnP Client”. The media servers will be listed. Choose the media file to playback.

Note

Totem in Oneiric: Totem DLNA plugin support is removed (refer to <https://bugs.launchpad.net/ubuntu/+source/totem/+bug/827382>)