

How to download a new Linux O/S Image File

The DIL/NetPC DNP/9200 U-Boot boot loader offers a set of features for download a new Linux O/S image file to the flash memory. This document describes the download with the help a Ethernet-based TFTP session.

- 1. Step: Setup a serial link (RS232 Serial Link) between the DIL/NetPC DNP/9200 COM1 serial port and a serial port of your PC system. Use a null-modem cable for the physical connection between the COM1 port of the DIL/NetPC DNP/9200 and the PC COM port. For more details about this connection please use the DIL/NetPC DNP/9200 Starter Kit documentation.
- **2. Step**: Run your terminal emulation program. Microsoft Windows-based PC systems offer *HyperTerminal* for this task. Linux-based systems come with *Minicom*.
- 3. Step: Set-up a Ethernet link between the DNP/9200 10/100 Mbps Ethernet interface and the Ethernet interface of your PC system. Check the IP address of the PC system (Windows: ipconfig command; Linux: ifconfig command). The default IP address (factory set-up) of the DNP/9200 is 192.168.0.126. Please use 192.168.0.1 for your PC system.
- 4. Step: Run a TFTP server program on your PC system. Most Linux-based PCs comes with a pre-installed TFTP server program. Some of these systems starts this TFTP server program at boot time (the TFTP server is a part of the inetd service). In all other cases you have to edit one or more configuration files (i.e. SuSE: /etc/inetd.conf). See the user documentation of your Linux distribution for details.

Windows-based PCs don't offer TFTP server programs. Only some special server versions of Microsoft Windows comes with a TFTP server program. For all other Windows-based PCs you find a simple TFTP server program – called TFTPD32 – within the directory \TFTP-Server-Win32 of your DIL/NetPC DNP/9200 starter kit CD-ROM. TFTPD32 is a free, non-commercial product. Please watch the license.

Make sure that the default Linux O/S image file \tftpboot\img-dnp9200 of your DNP/9200 starter kit CD-ROM is accessible for your TFTP server. Copy this file to /tftpboot of your Linux-based PC or set the base directory name for TFTPD32 (Browse Function).

🏘 TFTPD32 by	Ph. Jounin	
Base Directory	C:\Dokumente und Einstellungen\kdw\Eigene Dateien\DNP2110\CD-R0M\tftpboot	Browse
Server interfaces	192.168.0.1	Show Dir
Current Action	Listening on port 69	
About	Settings	Help

U-Boot> iminfo



• **5.** Step: Set the DNP/9200 RCM jumper for RCM enable. Then power-up your DNP/9200 and interrupt the U-Boot autoboot process. Change to the U-Boot command line interface. Then enter the U-Boot command **tftpboot**. This starts the TFTP download for a new Linux O/S image file to the DNP/9200 RAM.

Please note: The text output lines for "Load address: 0x21000000" and for "Bytes transferred = 2603532 (27ba0c hex)" are important. This values a necessary for write the image from the DNP/9200 RAM to the flash memory.

• **6. Step**: Wait until the download process finish's. This download process loads the Linux O/S image file to the DNP/9200 RAM. Please check the Linux O/S image file within the DNP/9200 RAM. Enter the U-Boot command **iminfo** for this test. Go back to the 5. step if there is any error reported by the **iminfo** text output.

```
## Checking Image at 21000000 ...
               LINUXIMAGE-DNP9200-SSV20051209
   Image Name:
   Image Type:
                ARM Linux Multi-File Image (uncompressed)
   Data Size:
                2603468 Bytes = 2.5 MB
  Load Address: 20008000
  Entry Point:
                20008000
  Contents:
   Image 0: 1053292 Bytes = 1 MB
   Image 1: 1550164 Bytes =
                            1.5 MB
  Verifying Checksum ... OK
U-Boot>
```

• **7. Step**: You have to choices: 1. Run the Linux O/S image file direct from RAM or 2. copy the Linux O/S image file to the DNP/9200 flash memory. For start the Linux direct from RAM, please enter the U-Boot command **bootm**.



```
U-Boot> bootm
```

```
## Booting image at 21000000 ...
   Image Name: LINUXIMAGE-DNP9200-SSV20051209
   Image Type:
                 ARM Linux Multi-File Image (uncompressed)
   Data Size:
                 2603468 Bytes = 2.5 MB
  Load Address: 20008000
  Entry Point: 20008000
  Contents:
   Image 0: 1053292 Bytes = 1 MB
   Image 1: 1550164 Bytes =
                             1.5 MB
  Verifying Checksum ... OK
OK
Using Ramdisk at 211012b8 - 2127ba0c ... OK
Starting kernel ...
Linux version 2.4.27-vrs1-ssv1 (mha@hareangle-debian) SSV ...
CPU: Arm920Tid(wb) revision 0
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:
```

• 8. Step: To copy the Linux O/S image file from RAM to flash memory, please enter first the U-Boot command erase 1:2-31 and wait until this command finish's. After the erase command, please enter cp.b 0x21000000 0x10040000 0x27ba0c.

```
U-Boot> erase 1:2-31
Erase Flash Sectors 2-31 in Bank # 1
..... done
U-Boot> cp.b 0x21000000 0x10040000 0x27ba0c
Copy to Flash... done
U-Boot>
```

The **erase** command clears a flash memory area for the new Linux O/S image file. "1" is the bank number, "2-31" are sector numbers for this command. "erase 1:2-31" clear in the flash memory bank# 1 the sectors# 2 until 31.

The **cp.b** (Copy Memory Byte) command copy the Linux O/S image file from RAM to flash memory. This command needs three parameters: **source address**, **target address** and **byte count**. The source address was given by the TFTP command (5. step). In this sample, the value was "**Load address**: 0x21000000". The target address for the DNP/9200 is 0x10040000. The byte count was also given by the TFTP command (5. step). In this sample, the value was "Bytes transferred = 2603532 (27ba0c hex)".



Please note: If your PC system is using a IP address other then 192.168.0.1, please see *mHT9200-06.pdf: How to change the U-Boot IP Addresses* for details.

That is all.



Appendix: U-Boot Command Overview for the Linux O/S Image File Update

Command	Function
tftpboot	Download a Linux O/S image file with TFTP to the DNP/9200 RAM
iminfo	Check the Linux O/S image file within the RAM
bootm	Run the Linux O/S image file direct from RAM

Table 1: Command Overview – Load Linux O/S image file and run it direct from RAM

Command	Function
tftpboot	Download a Linux O/S image file with TFTP to the DNP/9200
	RAM
iminfo	Check the Linux O/S image file within the RAM
erase n:ss-es	Erase flash area in bank# "n" from start sector "ss" to end sector "es".
cp.b source target count	Copy bytes from "source" address to "target" address, "count" specifies the byte count for this command.

Table 2: Command Overview – Load Linux O/S image file to the DNP/9200 flash