



QUICK START GUIDE

VIA VAB-950

Yocto 2.6 EVK



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1. Introduction

This Quick Start Guide provides an overview on how to boot the Yocto image for the VIA VAB-950 and configure the supported hardware functions in the build.

The VIA VAB-950 Yocto 2.6 EVK is developed based on the MediaTek Yocto 2.6 BSP and it enables the hardware features of the VIA VAB-950.

1.1 EVK Package Contents

There are three folders in the package listed as below.

| Firmware folder | Description |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| VIA_VAB-950_Yocto_2.6_EVK.zip | Yocto image and scatter-loading file |
| Document folder | Description |
| VIA_VAB-950_Yocto_2.6_EVK_Quick_Start_Guide.pdf | Quick Start Guide |
| Tool folder | Description |
| Driver_Auto_Installer_EXE.zip | MTK USB cable driver |
| UniversalAdbDriverSetup.zip | Universal ADB driver |
| SP_Flash_Tool_exe_Windows.zip | MTK SP Flash Tool |

1.1.1 Firmware Folder Contents

VIA_VAB-950_Yocto_2.6_EVK.zip: contains scatter-loading file and the precompiled Yocto image for evaluating the VIA VAB-950.

1.1.2 Document Folder Contents

VIA_VAB-950_Yocto_2.6_EVK_Quick_Start_Guide.pdf: This Quick Start Guide provides an overview on how to boot the Yocto image for the VIA VAB-950 and configure the supported hardware functions in the build.

1.1.3 Tool Folder Contents

Driver_Auto_Installer_EXE.zip: MTK USB cable driver.

UniversalAdbDriverSetup.zip: Universal ADB driver.

SP_Flash_Tool_exe_Windows.zip: MTK SP Flash Tool.

1.2 Version Information and Supported Features

- Kernel version: 4.4.146
- Evaluation image: Yocto 2.6
- Development based on MediaTek Yocto 2.6 BSP
- Supports eMMC boot
- Supports HDMI display
- Supports HDMI audio output
- Supports MIPI DSI capacitive touch panel
 - AUO 10.1 B101UAN01.7 (1920×1200)
 - eGalax I2C touch
- Supports COM1 as RS-232 mode (TX/RX) and COM as debug port
- Supports two 10/100Mbps Ethernet ports
- Supports MediaTek MT6358 Headphone and Mic-in
- Supports MediaTek MT7668 Wi-Fi 802.11ac and Bluetooth 5.0
- Supports VIA EMIO-2574 (SIM7600JC-H) 4G LTE mobile broadband miniPCIe module
- Supports MIPI CSI OV5648 camera module

2. Image Installation

This section explains the setup requirements for booting from the eMMC.

The scatter-loading file and precompiled image are provided in the "Firmware" folder.

2.1 Installing with the SP Flash Tool

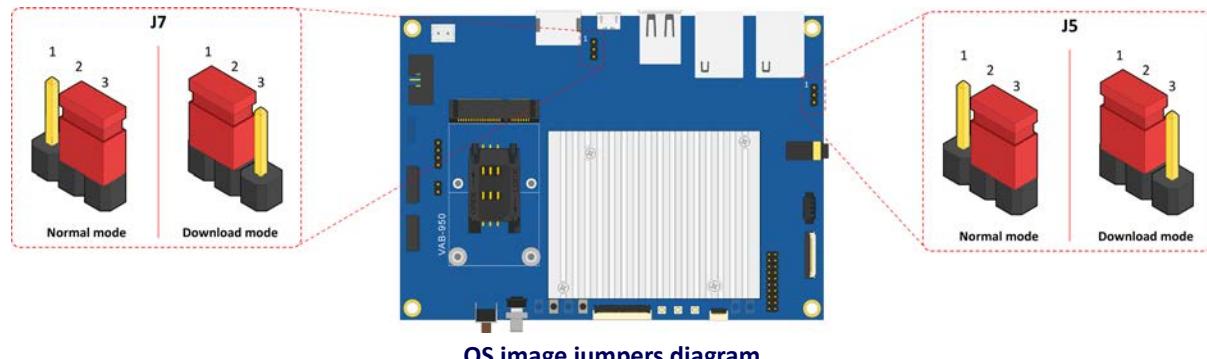
The first step is to install the "MTK USB cable driver" and "Universal ADB driver" into your Windows 10 host machine.

Then connect the Windows 10 host machine and the VIA VAB-950 through the Micro USB 2.0 port using the Micro USB cable.



Micro USB 2.0 port diagram

Next, on the VIA VAB-950, set the two OS image jumpers (J7 and J5) to download mode as shown in the diagram below.



OS image jumpers diagram

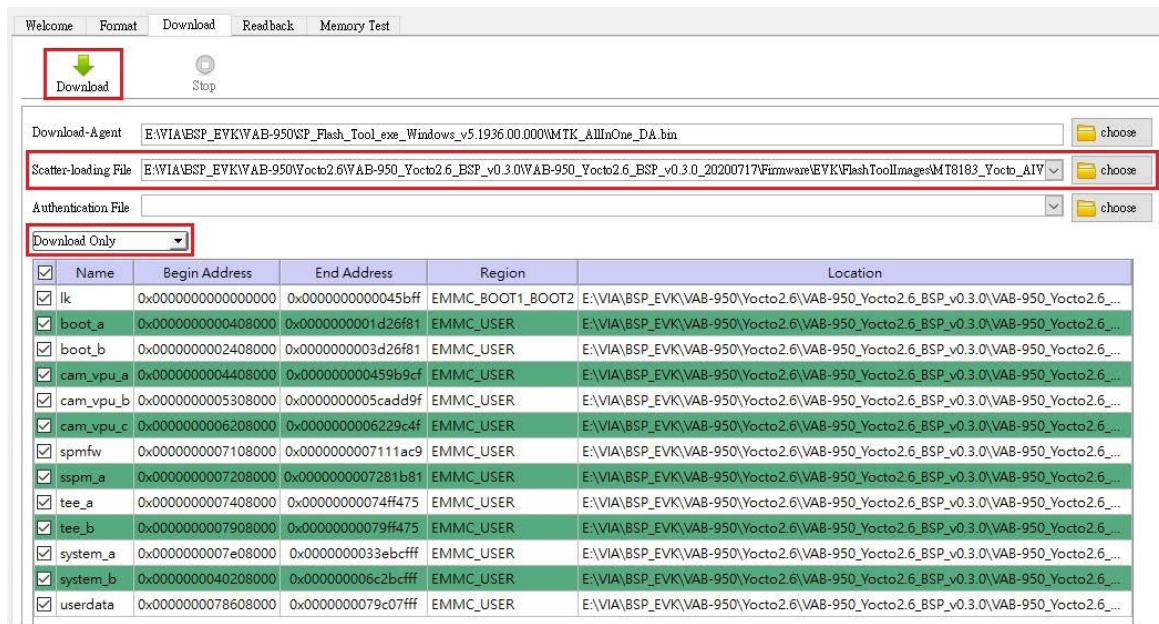
| J5 and J7 Settings | Pin 1 | Pin 2 | Pin 3 |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Normal mode (default) | Open | Short | Short |
| Download mode | Short | Short | Open |

OS image jumper settings

Extract the **VIA_VAB-950_Yocto_2.6_EVK.zip** file, and run the **flash_tool.exe** from the **SP_Flash_Tool_exe_Windows** folder on your Windows 10 host machine.

In the "Scatter-loading File" box, choose the **MT8183_Yocto_AIV_scatter.txt** from the \Firmware\ folder.

Next, click the drop-down arrow and select the "Download Only". Then click the "Download" button.



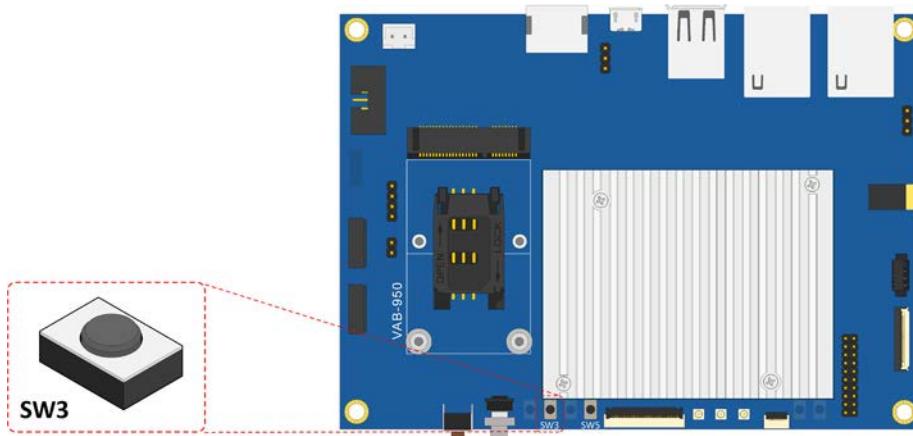
Plug in the AC-to-DC power adapter to power on the VIA VAB-950.



Note:

Make sure the Windows 10 host machine detects the VAB-950 as ADB device.

Press and hold the SW3 button + Reset button at the same time and then release them.



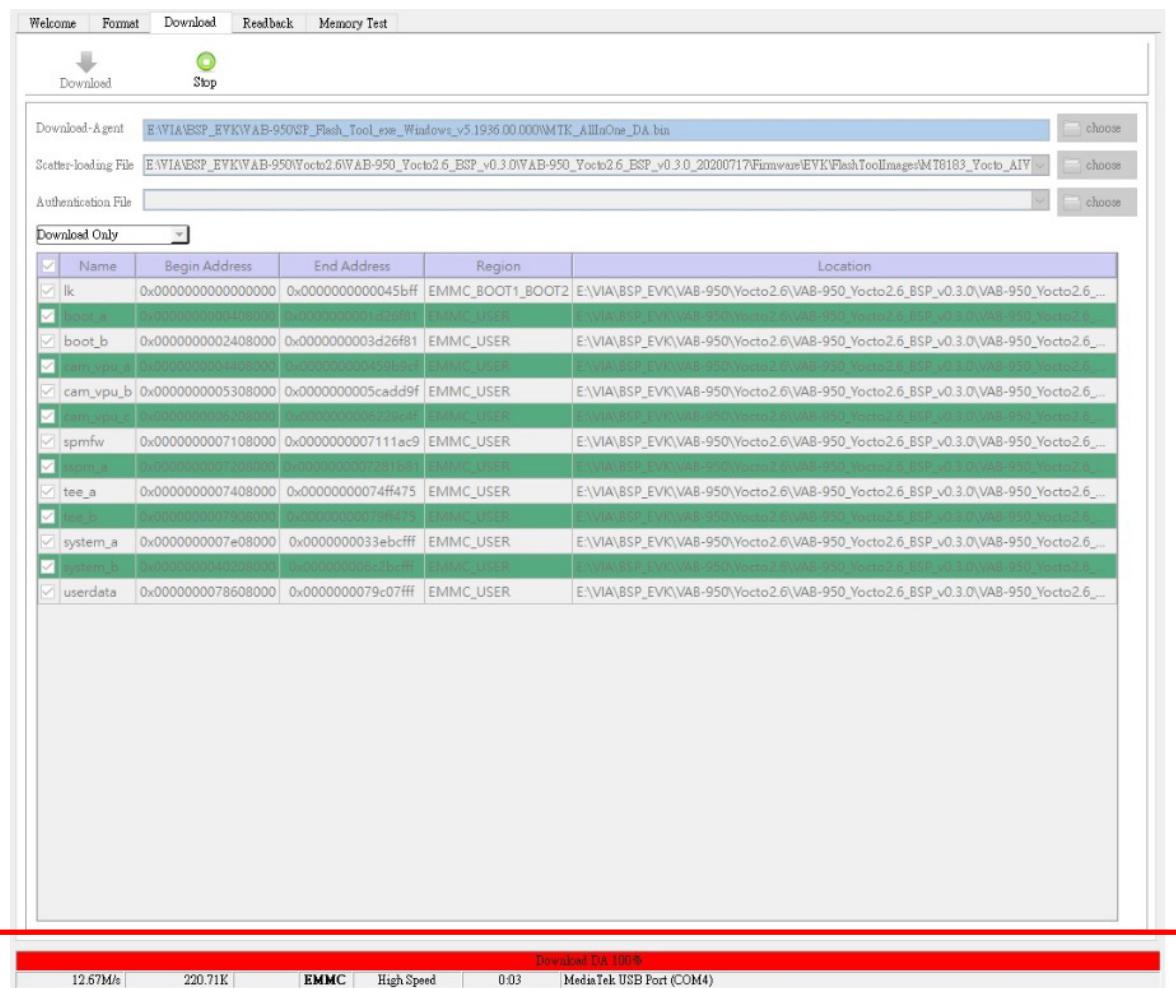
SW3 button diagram



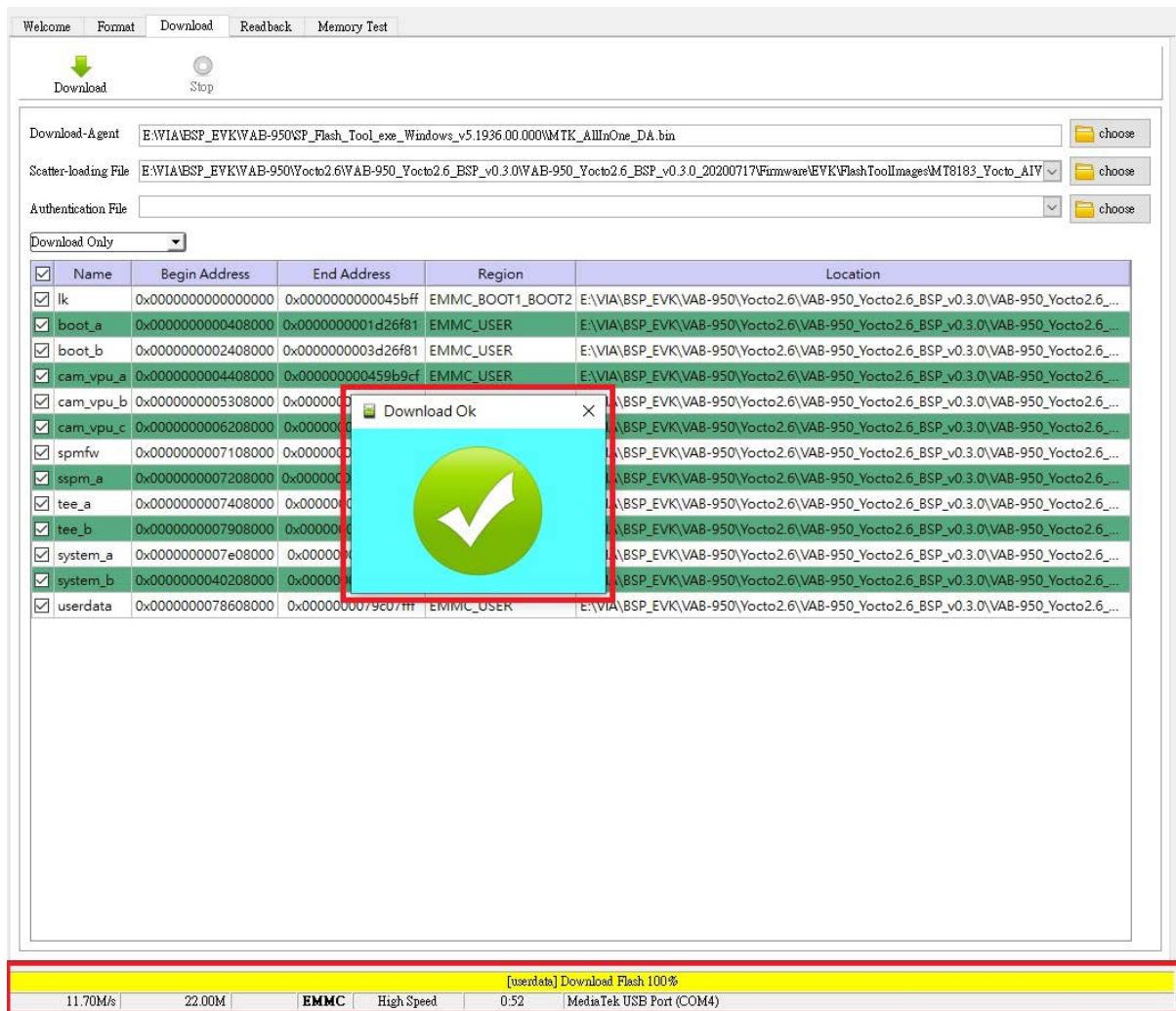
Reset button diagram

If the bar on the flash_tool becomes red, it means the image installation has started.

If the color does not change, press the Reset button + SW3 button at the same time again and then release them.



When the image installation is completed, the color of the bar will change to yellow. Then you will see the "Download OK" pop-up message as shown below.



Unplug AC-to-DC power adapter to power off the VIA VAB-950.

Set the two OS image jumpers (J7 and J5) back to the normal mode setting.

Unplug the Micro USB cable and plug the power adapter back in.

Press the Power Button for 2 seconds and then release it to power on the VIA VAB-950.

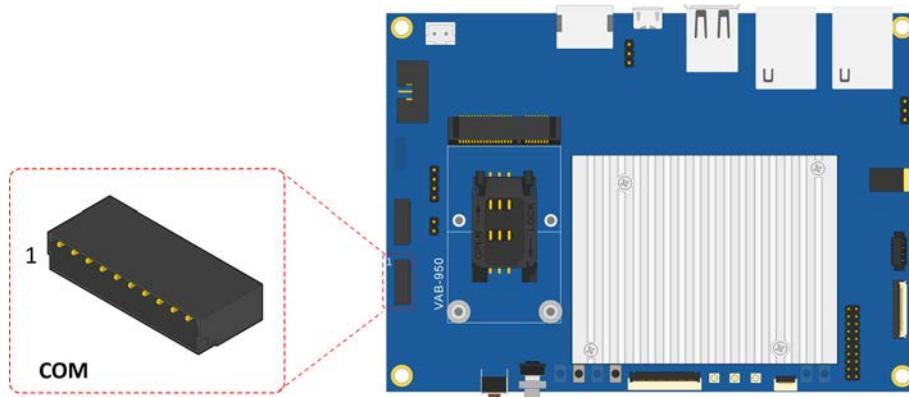
When the boot process is completed, you will see the Yocto desktop.

3. Hardware Functions

This section explains how to enable and test the hardware functions precompiled in the Yocto EVK including using the debug console.

3.1 Using the Debug Console

The first step is to connect the host machine and the VIA VAB-950 through the COM connector labeled as "COM". Use a serial port communication program such as PuTTY or Tera Term to connect the debug console. Set the console Baud Rate to "921600".



COM connector diagram

Next, power on the VIA VAB-950 to initiate the boot process.

When the boot process is completed, log in to the debug console. The default account is "username: root / password: root".

3.2 Changing Kernel Debug Level

To disable many more kernel messages, modify the debug level using the following command:

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# echo 3 > /proc/sys/kernel/printk
```

3.3 Checking BSP Version

To check the BSP version, use the following command:

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# cat /proc/version
```

3.4 DVFS

To verify the DVFS (Dynamic Voltage Frequency Scaling) function and list all the supported features, use the following commands:

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# ls -al /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu0/cpufreq/
total 0
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 affected_cpus
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 cpuinfo_cur_freq
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 cpuinfo_max_freq
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 cpuinfo_min_freq
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 cpuinfo_transition_latency
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 related_cpus
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 scaling_available_frequencies
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 scaling_available_governors
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 scaling_cur_freq
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 scaling_driver
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 scaling_governor
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 scaling_max_freq
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 scaling_min_freq
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 31 10:21 scaling_setspeed
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 0 Dec 31 10:21 stats
```

To check the supported and current CPU frequency, use the following commands:

```
:~# cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu0/cpufreq/scaling_available_frequencies
1989000 1924000 1846000 1781000 1716000 1677000 1625000 1586000 1508000 1417000 1326000
1248000 1131000 1014000 910000 793000
:~# cat /sys/devices/system/cpu/cpu0/cpufreq/cpuinfo_cur_freq
793000
```

3.5 Display

The VIA VAB-950 supports a choice of HDMI and LCD Panel display devices. To set the display device, first connect the Windows 10 host machine and the VIA VAB-950 through the Micro USB 2.0 port using the Micro USB cable.

Then set the two OS image jumpers (J7 and J5) to the download mode.

Press and hold the SW3 button. Then plug in the AC-to-DC power adapter to power on the VIA VAB-950.

Make sure there is a "fastboot: processing commands" message in the debug console. Then release the SW3 button.

Next, run the **cmd.exe** on your Windows10 host machine.

Use the **fastboot.exe** from the \Firmware\ folder to set the display device by using the following commands:

```
C:\>fastboot.exe oem display dsi
C:\>fastboot.exe oem display hdmi
```

Use the following command to check the current display device. In this example below, the current display device is LCD panel output.

```
C:\>fastboot.exe getvar all
(bootloader) display: dsi
(bootloader) max-download-size: 0x4000000
(bootloader) version: 0.5
all: Done!!
Finished. Total time: 0.002s
```

Power off the VIA VAB-950 and set the two OS image jumpers (J7 and J5) back to the normal mode setting.

Unplug the Micro USB cable, and then power on the VIA VAB-950.

When the boot process is completed, LCD panel output will be set as the display device.

**Note:**

The default display device is HDMI output. After changing the display device, you must restart the VIA VAB-950.

3.6 Video Playback

The VIA VAB-950 supports H.265 and H.264 video decoding up to 1080p@30fps/40Mbps.

To playback the video, use the following command:

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# gst-launch-1.0 -q playbin uri=file:///mnt/test.mp4 flags=0x42 video-sink="mtkmdp width=640 height=480 ! mtkwaylandsink" audio-sink="fakesink"
```

3.7 Audio Output and Record

To set up the speaker audio output, use the following command:

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# amixer cset numid=4 1
root@aiv8385-linux:~# amixer cset numid=12 1
root@aiv8385-linux:~# aplay -Dhw:0,0 /mnt/test.wav
```

To set up the HDMI audio output, use the following command:

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# aplay -Dhw:0,28 /mnt/test.wav
```

To set up the headphone audio output, use the following command:

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# amixer cset numid=1 1
root@aiv8385-linux:~# amixer cset numid=2 1
root@aiv8385-linux:~# aplay -Dhw:0,0 /mnt/test.wav
```

To set up the Mic-in audio recording, use the following command:

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# amixer cset numid=35 ADC2
root@aiv8385-linux:~# amixer cset numid=22 1
root@aiv8385-linux:~# amixer cset numid=23 1
root@aiv8385-linux:~# amixer cset numid=26 IN_ADC2
root@aiv8385-linux:~# amixer cset numid=44 IN_ADC2
root@aiv8385-linux:~# arecord -Dhw:0,1 -c 2 -r 48000 -f S16_LE /mnt/t1.wav
```

3.8 Camera

To preview an image from the CSI camera, use the following command:

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# gst-launch-1.0 -v v4l2src device=/dev/video3 ! video/x-raw,format=YUY2, width=1280,height=720,framerate=30/1 ! videoconvert ! mtkwaylandsink sync=false
```

To record a video file from the CSI camera, use the following command.

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# gst-launch-1.0 -v v4l2src device="/dev/video3" ! video/x-raw,format=\
(string)\YUY2,width=1280,height=720, framerate=30/1 ! mtkmdp width=1280 height=720 ! video/
x-raw,format=I420 ! v4l2h264enc bitrate= 9000000 gop=1 ! avimux ! filesink location=/data/
test.avi
```

3.9 Wi-Fi

To verify the Wi-Fi function, use the following commands:

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# wpa_cli -i wlan0
wpa_cli v2.6
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See README for more details.

Interactive mode

>
```

To enter “interactive mode”, use the following command.

To exit “interactive mode”, type in the "q" command.

```
> add_network
0
> set_network 0 ssid "<your wireless AP SSID name>"
OK
> set_network 0 psk "<your wireless AP password>"
OK
> enable_network 0
OK
<3>CTRL-EVENT-SCAN-STARTED
<3>CTRL-EVENT-SCAN-RESULTS
<3>WPS-AP-AVAILABLE
<3>Trying to associate with 90:94:e4:aa:12:b2 (SSID='via_sw2_01' freq=2422 MHz)
<3>Associated with 90:94:e4:aa:12:b2
<3>CTRL-EVENT-SUBNET-STATUS-UPDATE status=0
<3>WPA: Key negotiation completed with 90:94:e4:aa:12:b2 [PTK=CCMP GTK=TKIP]
<3>CTRL-EVENT-CONNECTED - Connection to 90:94:e4:aa:12:b2 completed [id=1 id_str=]
> q
```

Type the commands below, and press the <Ctrl+C> when the “Adding DNS” message is shown.

To verify if the Wi-Fi connection is workable, type the "ping" command:

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# busybox udhcpc -b -i wlan0
udhcpc: started, v1.29.3
```

```
Failed to revert interface configuration: Connection timed out
udhcpc: sending discover
udhcpc: sending select for 192.168.0.105
udhcpc: lease of 192.168.0.105 obtained, lease time 86400
/etc/udhcpc.d/50default: Adding DNS 192.168.0.1
^C
root@aiv8385-linux:~# ping 8.8.8.8
```

3.10 Bluetooth

To enter “interactive mode” for BT function verification, use the following commands:

```
root@aiv8385-linux:~# btut
<V> History file path: /home/root/.btut_history
<D> [Tools] btut_register_mod() returns: 0
<I> [GAP] btut_register_mod() returns: 0
.....
<I> [GATTS] Register server callback :'0' server_if = 6
Press <Enter>
btut_cli> GAP status
.....
Press <Enter>
btut_cli> GAP set_local_name i500_bt
.....
Press <Enter>
btut_cli> GAP set_scan_mode 2
.....
Press <Enter>
btut_cli>
```

Use your mobile phone or tablet with Bluetooth enabled to scan the VAB-950. Then you will see the “i500_bt” device name.

To exit “interactive mode”, type in the “quit” command.

```
btut_cli> quit
.....
root@aiv8385-linux:~#
```



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