



# AMI Software Utility User Guide

## Aptio 5.x AMIBGT User Guide

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## Document Information

### Purpose

This document provides information to use the AMIBGT to update the system BIOS.

### Audience

Generic BIOS Engineers, OEM Engineers, and Aptio Customers.

### Change History

Date	Revision	Description
2013-11-11	1.00	Initial draft
2016-11-28	1.01	Added /CAPSULE and /RECOVERY commands.
2017-04-27	1.02	Added answer for Windows digitally signed driver.
2018-07-10	1.03	Update descriptions of commands and options. Added options information.
2020-02-04	1.04	Update Firmware Requirements. Added Linux Pre-Requisites and Signing Driver and Enrolling Public Key to the System.



## Introduction

### Overview

**A**MIBGT (**AMI BIOS Guard Firmware Update Tool**) is a package of utilities used to update the system BIOS under various operating systems. AMIBGT only works for APTIO with BIOS GUARD support.

### AMIBGT Features

This list of features is supported from command line, command prompt, EFI Shell, or Linux shell.

Flash ROM image

Command line operating

### Requirements

#### Supported Operating System

AMIBGT is supported by the following operating systems:

- Microsoft® Windows® 7
- Microsoft® Windows® 8
- Microsoft® Windows® 8.1
- Microsoft® Windows® 10
- EFI Shell
- Linux



## Firmware Requirements

- Compatible with Aptio V.
- For supporting BIOS Guard Flash, the following eModules are required:
  - Intel Bios Guard Technology (5.008\_IntelBiosGuard\_003)  
BGT 5.05.0033 or later versions must use the specific BIOS Guard module (BiosGuard\_003 or later).
  - RomImage (5.008\_RomImage\_001)
  - Flash – Source(5.004\_Flash\_06)



## AMIBGT Operation

### Overview

This chapter explains the operation of AMIBGT.

The AMIBGT operation mode includes all of the AMIBGT features such as programming all regions with a BIOS ROM file and programming Main BIOS with a BIOS ROM file.

An example of BGTWIN programming in all regions with a BIOS ROM file command screen is shown below:

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window. The title bar at the top reads 'C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe'. The command prompt itself is black with white text. The first line of text is 'C:\>BGTWIN Bios.rom /ALL'. The window has standard Windows window controls (minimize, maximize, close) in the top right corner.



## Features and Functions

### Overview

The AMIBGT offers the following features:

- Program all regions with a BIOS ROM file
- Program Main BIOS with a BIOS ROM file

These features are explained in more detail in this chapter.

### Program all regions with a BIOS ROM file

The following command programs all regions with a BIOS ROM file:

***BGTEFI <Input BIOS ROM File Name> /ALL***

Where BIOS ROM File Name, the mandatory field is used to specify path/filename of the BIOS ROM file with extension.

### Program Main BIOS with a BIOS ROM file

The following command programs Main BIOS with a BIOS ROM file:

***BGTEFI <Input BIOS ROM File Name> /P***

Where BIOS ROM File Name, the mandatory field is used to specify path/filename of the BIOS ROM file with extension.





## Options

***BGTEFI <BIOS ROM File Name> [Option 1] [Option 2]***

Or

***BGTEFI <BIOS ROM File Name> <Command>***

### BIOS ROM File Name

The mandatory field is used to specify path/filename of the BIOS ROM file with extension.

### Commands

The mandatory field is used to select an operation mode.

- /BIOSALL      Flash all BIOS block
- /MEALL        Flash all ME region
- /ALL            Flash all (BIOS+ME)
- /CAPSULE      Override BIOS Guard Flash policy to Capsule.
- /RECOVERY    Override BIOS Guard Flash policy to Recovery. (\*1)

### Options

The optional field used to supply more information for flashing BIOS ROM. Following lists the supported optional parameters and format (\*2):

- /DESC          Flash descriptor region
- /EC            Flash EC region
- /GBE          Flash GBE region
- /ME            Flash ME region (Need to disable ME)
- /PAD          Flash Padding region (Gap between ME region and Bios region)
- /N             Flash NVRAM region
- /NB            Flash NVRAM backup region
- /OA            Flash OA3 region
- /P             Flash FV\_MAIN region



-/DATA	Flash FV_DATA region
-/AB	Flash FV_BB_AFTER_MEMORY region
-/FSPS	Flash FV_FSP_S region (If support FSP)
-/FSPTM	Flash FV_FSP_T_M region (If support FSP)
-/B	Flash FV_BB region
-/OEM	Flash OEM region (Only support in CPASULE mode. /CAPSULE /OEM)
-/P /B /N /CAPSULE	Do capsule update and update FV_MAIN, all boot blocks and NVRAM (/p /b /n usage is same as AFU tool)
-/P /B /N /RECOVERY	Do recovery and update FV_MAIN, all boot blocks and NVRAM (/p /b /n usage is same as AFU tool)

\* 1: BGT only sends the recovery file name to BIOS. The action of flashing is handled by BIOS recovery module. The input file must be in root path and only supports 8+3 format.

\* 2: This option list demonstrates the default setting. The list is determined by the design of the BIOS ROM in use. The option items, the item order and the item description can be customized during the BIOS implementation.

## Rules:

- Any parameter enclosed by < > is a mandatory field.
- Any parameter enclosed by [ ] is an optional field.
- <Commands> cannot co-exist with any [Options].

## Error Code Definition

CODE	Definition
0x0001	BIOS Guard module detected an incompatibility with the installed CPU
0x0002	BIOS Guard Directory check failed
0x0003	A pre-execution check of the PPDT failed
0x0004	An inconsistency was found in the update package
0x0005	Unknown operator or name, or invalid syntax found in script
0x0006	An unimplemented flash object was referenced
0x0007	A JMP, JE, JNE, JG, JGE, JL, or JLE operator has a target that is not within the script buffer (between BEGIN and END inclusive)
0x0008	BGUPC inconsistency found
0x0009	SVN is lower than required by the BGPDT
0x000A	An EC related opcode found in a script when the PPDT indicates there is no EC in the system
0x000B	An implementation specific memory or IO configuration check failed
0x000C	An implementation specific general configuration check failed
0x000D	An EC related opcode was found in the script, but the EC hardware was not ready or is behaving in an unexpected way
0x000E	An attempt to modify B0 contents occurred in an unsigned script
0x8001	Buffer or flash operation exceeded object bounds
0x8002	An unsigned script attempted to write or erase a block of flash that overlaps with the SFAM
0x8003	An integer overflow occurred
0x8004	Total number of script opcodes retired exceeds either platform limit, or global limit
0x8005	An internal consistency check failed within the BIOS Guard module
0xFFFF	CPU detected an error and did not execute the BIOS Guard module



## Linux Pre-Requisites

1. Log in Linux as root otherwise use sudo (if permitted).
2. The compiler suite (gcc) must be installed. If these packages are not installed, the driver CANNOT be built.
3. For most of the distributions, BGT will generate driver without any notification, if it doesn't exist you need to install kernel sources. Also if Initmem fails, Please follow point 4.
4. Kernel sources must be installed, \*CONFIGURED\*, and then compiled. Following are steps to do this:

a. Find Running Kernel's Configuration File:

To configure the sources, simply change to the kernel source directory (typically **/lib/modules/\$(uname -r)/build**). If it doesn't exist, you need to install kernel source.

Typically, the reference configuration for the kernel can be found in the /boot directory with filename **'config'**, **'kernel.config'**, or **'vmlinuz-2.4.18-3.config'**. Type **'uname -a'** and use the configuration filename that best matches the output from **'uname -a'**. Also, check for **/dev/mem** directory existence. If it doesn't exist, you need to install kernel sources.

Normally it comes with the installation unless if the option is deselected.

On some distributions Red Hat, for instance, there is a config directory under **/lib/modules/\$(uname -r)/build**.

Copy this configuration file into the root of the Linux kernel source tree (usually it is **/lib/modules/\$(uname -r)/build**). This file must be renamed to **".config"**(dot config).

b. Make Your AMI Flash Driver (**amifldr\_v\_mod.o**):

For most distribution, the command to build the driver is:

```
BGTLNX_32 /MAKEDRV  
Or  
BGTLNX_64 /MAKEDRV
```



If your Linux's kernel source tree is under **/lib/modules/\${uname -r}/build**, instead of being in the default path **'/lib/modules/\${uname -r}/build'**, then add a KERNEL flag:

```
BGTLNX_32 /MAKEDRV KERNEL=/lib/modules/${uname -r}/build
Or
BGTLNX_64 /MAKEDRV KERNEL=/lib/modules/${uname -r}/build
```

If KERNEL is omitted, the default path is **/lib/modules/\${uname -r}/build**.  
This should work for MOST distributions.

c. Make Your AMI Flash Driver from driver source files (amifldr\_mod.o):

Using command **/GENDRV**, it will generate driver source files to a specific directory.

```
BGTLNX_32 /GENDRV [Option 1] [Option 2]
Or
BGTLNX_64 /GENDRV [Option 1] [Option 2]
```

Where,

[Option 1]: Specific kernel source 'KERNEL=XXXX' same as the **/MAKEDRV**

[Option 2]: Specific output directory 'OUTPUT=XXXX'

Generate files as outlined below:

File Name	Description
amiwrap.c	Driver source code.
amiwrap.h	Driver header.
amifldr.o_shipped	Object file for the driver.
Makefile	Makefile

For most distribution, the command to build the driver is: **make**.

If your Linux's kernel source tree is under **/lib/modules/\${uname -r}/build**, instead of being in the default path **'/lib/modules/\${uname -r}/build'**, then add a KERNEL flag:

```
make KERNEL=/lib/modules/${uname -r}/build
```

If KERNEL is omitted, the default is **/lib/modules/\${uname -r}/build**.  
This should work for MOST distributions.

d. Check Your Build:

Check the version of running Linux kernel with **'uname -r'**.

Check the version of **amifldr\_mod.o** with **'modinfo amifldr\_mod.o'**.

If they mismatch, you will need to select the correct configuration

File (.config), rebuild your kernel and then rebuild your driver as described in steps a, b, c, and d.



5. The Linux driver's case:

	Secure Boot Enabled	Secure Boot Disabled
<b>WSMT is supported</b>	Need Driver	No Need Driver
<b>Can access file path:/dev/mem</b>	Need Driver	No Need Driver
<b>Run Time Memory Hole support</b>	Need Driver	No Need Driver



## Signing Driver and Enrolling Public Key to the System

The following prerequisites are needed on the build system to sign the driver:

1. Login to Linux OS as root otherwise use sudo.
2. The compiler suite (gcc) must be installed. If it's not installed, the BGT driver cannot be built.
3. OpenSSL: Needed to generate cryptographic keys. OpenSSL tool can be downloaded from <https://www.openssl.org>
4. Perl interpreter: Needed to run the signing script. Perl tool can be downloaded from <https://www.perl.org>

Follow the below steps to sign the driver:

1. Boot to Linux OS.
2. Generate a Public and Private key pair using below openssl command: > openssl req -x509 -new -nodes -utf8 -sha256 -days 36500 -batch -config configuration\_file.config -outform DER -out public\_key.der -keyout private\_key.priv

**Note:** The configuration file configuration\_file.config must be created with the required information before running the command. A sample configuration file is shown below. The values in <> must be filled with actual values.

**configuration\_file.config:**

```
[ req ]
default_bits = 4096
distinguished_name = req_distinguished_name
prompt = no
string_mask = utf8only
x509_extensions = myexts

[ req_distinguished_name ]
O = <organization_name>
CN = <organization_name> Signing Key
emailAddress = <email_address>

[ myexts ]
basicConstraints=critical,CA:FALSE
keyUsage=digitalSignature
subjectKeyIdentifier=hash
authorityKeyIdentifier=keyid
```



3. Build BGT driver using below command. The driver will be generated in the current directory with name amifldr\_mod.o.

```
> BGT_LNX_64 /MAKEDRV
```

4. Execute below command to sign driver with the key generated in step 2.

```
> perl /usr/src/kernels/$(uname -r)/scripts/sign-file sha256 private_key.priv  
public_key.der amifldr_mod.o
```

Or

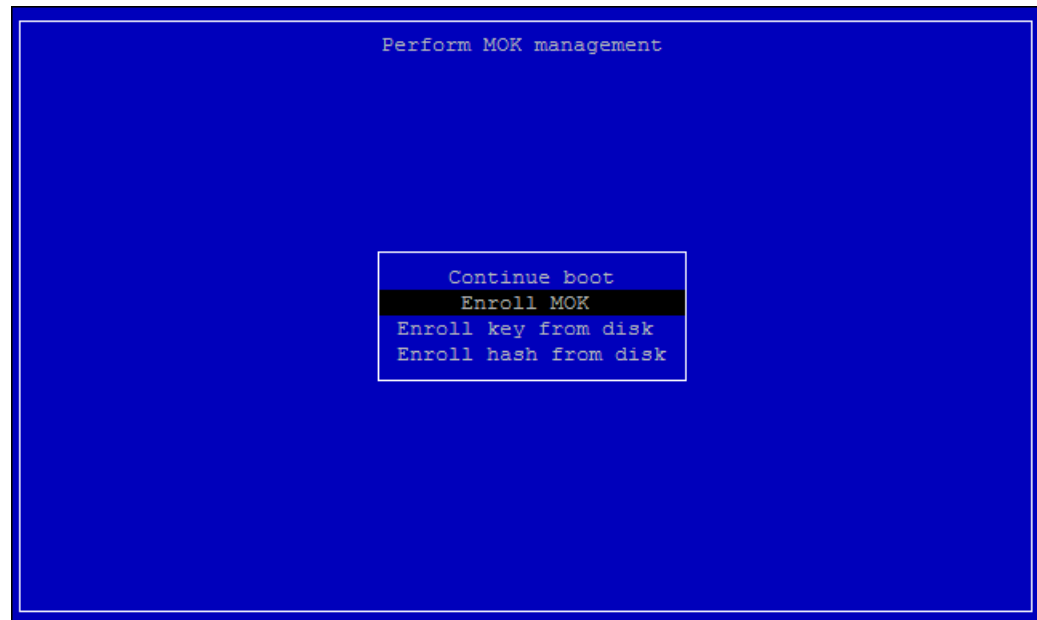
```
> /usr/src/kernels/$(uname -r)/scripts/sign-file sha256 private_key.priv public_key.der  
amifldr_mod.o
```

5. Request addition of a public key to MOK list using mokutil. The command will prompt a password which will be needed during public key enrollment in next step.

```
> mokutil --import public_key.der
```

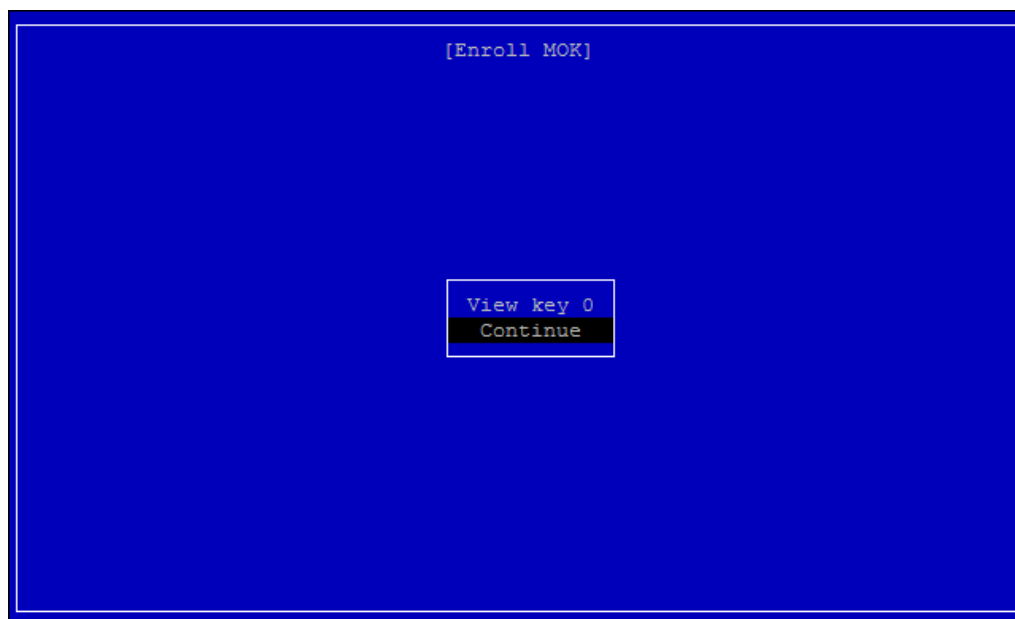
6. Reboot the system which will launch MOK manager application to complete public key enrollment.

6-1. Select Enroll MOK.

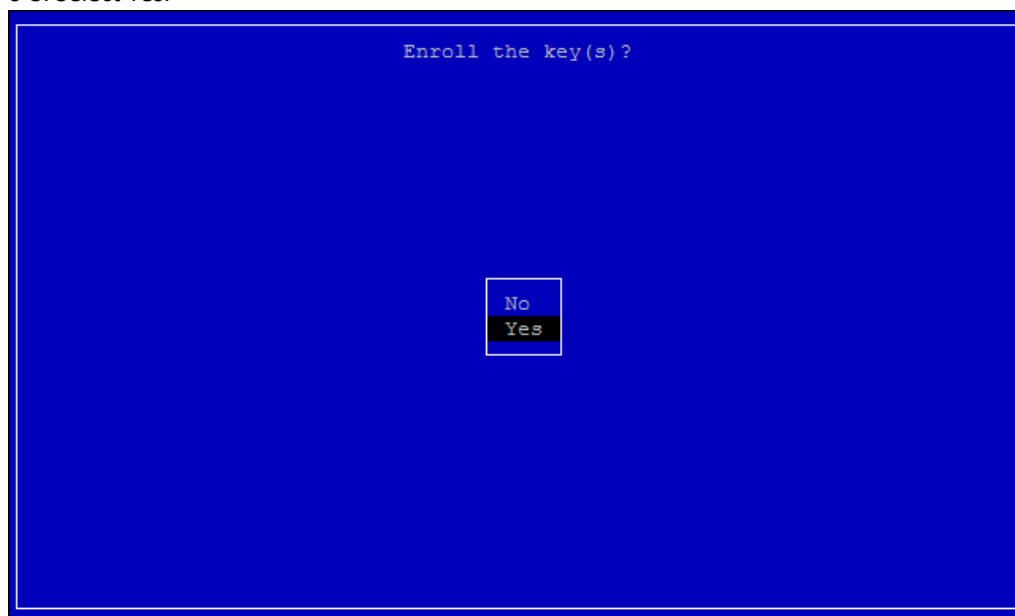


6-2. Select Continue.

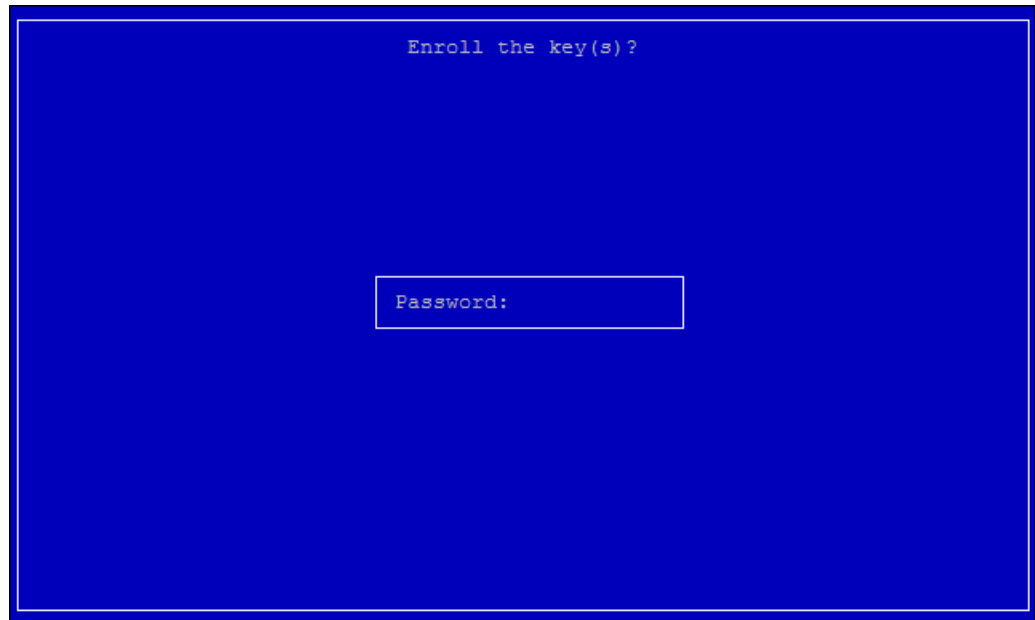




6-3. Select Yes.



6-4. Input step 5 password.



7. Once the public key enrollment is done, Boot to OS and execute below command to ensure the newly added key is available in system key ring.

> keyctl list %:.system\_keyring

Or

> keyctl list %:.builtin\_trusted\_keys

8. Install signed driver using insmod command.

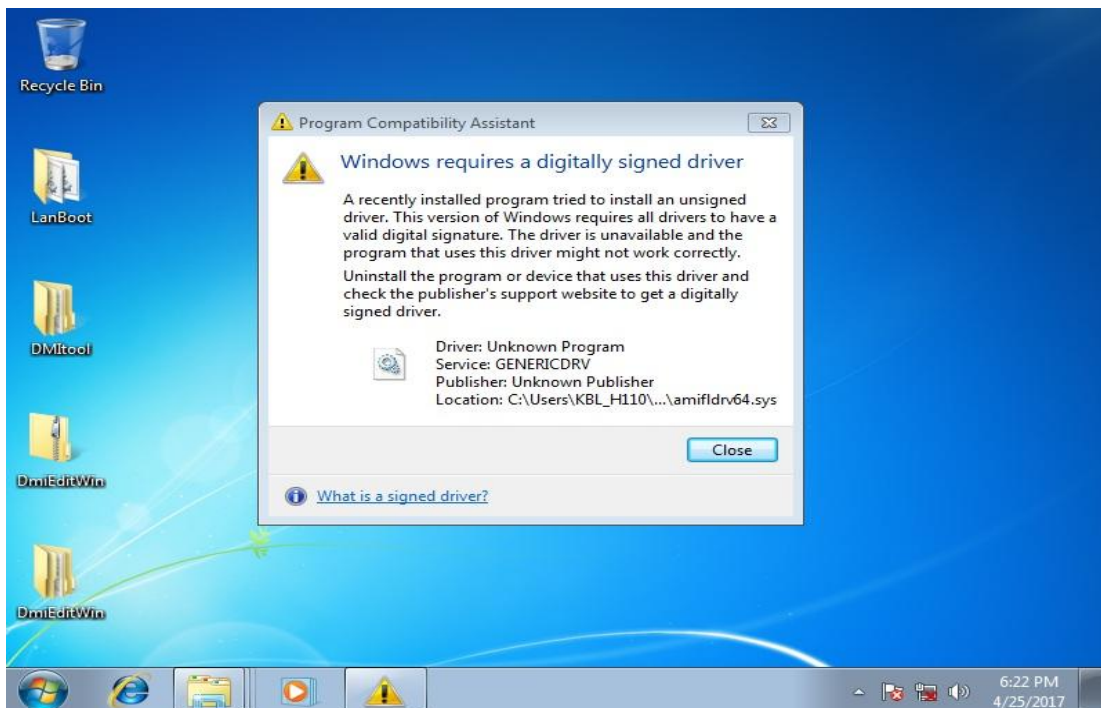
> insmod amifldr\_mod.o

9. Ensure it is loaded successfully using lsmod command.

Reference: [https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red\\_Hat\\_Enterprise\\_Linux/7/html/Kernel\\_Administration\\_Guide/sect-signing-kernel-modules-for-secure-boot.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/7/html/Kernel_Administration_Guide/sect-signing-kernel-modules-for-secure-boot.html)

## FAQ

### Windows requires a digitally signed driver



*This issue is resolved by a security fix provided by [MS. KB3033929](#) resolves this issue. The certificate used to sign the driver is higher security and older versions of Win7 don't support it.*