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### **Abstract**

This document defines the Java API to communicate with Serial devices on the OSGi platform. Moreover this RFC defines additional specifications for USB-Serial dongles.

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## 0.5 Terminology and Document Conventions

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## 0.6 Revision History

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# 1 Introduction

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OSGi Device Access Specification defines a unified and sophisticated way to handle devices attached to residential gateways or devices found in the home network by using various protocols such as USB, Zigbee, ZWave, KNX, and UPnP etc. OSGi Device Access Specification clearly declares that Device Category must be defined outside of OSGi Device Access Specification.

Recently, OSGi is gaining popularity as an enabling technology for building embedded system in residential market. It is expected that USB devices attached to residential gateways on OSGi has been processed since USB interfaces have been introduced into such gateways.

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## 2 Application Domain

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Currently there are several standardization bodies such as OSGi Alliance, HGI, and BBF which deal with the deployment of services in an infrastructure based on the usage of residential gateways running OSGi as Execution Platform.

In order to realize the services which access not only IP devices but also non-IP devices connected to the residential gateway, various protocols for home networks, such as ZigBee, Z-Wave, KNX/EHS, and ECHONET-LITE etc, have to be properly taken care of. While some residential gateways originally support those protocols, others do not. Such issue can be solved when such gateways can support USB interfaces and there exist USB dongles which support those protocols. As shown in Fig. 1, the residential gateway with USB dongles can handle various protocols by the way of “add-on”. The point is that such USB dongles can be usually controlled through Serial Communication.

The existing OSGi specifications which address related topics are:

- Device Access Specification - focuses on the dynamic discovery of the proper driver when a new device is attached/connected to the residential gateway

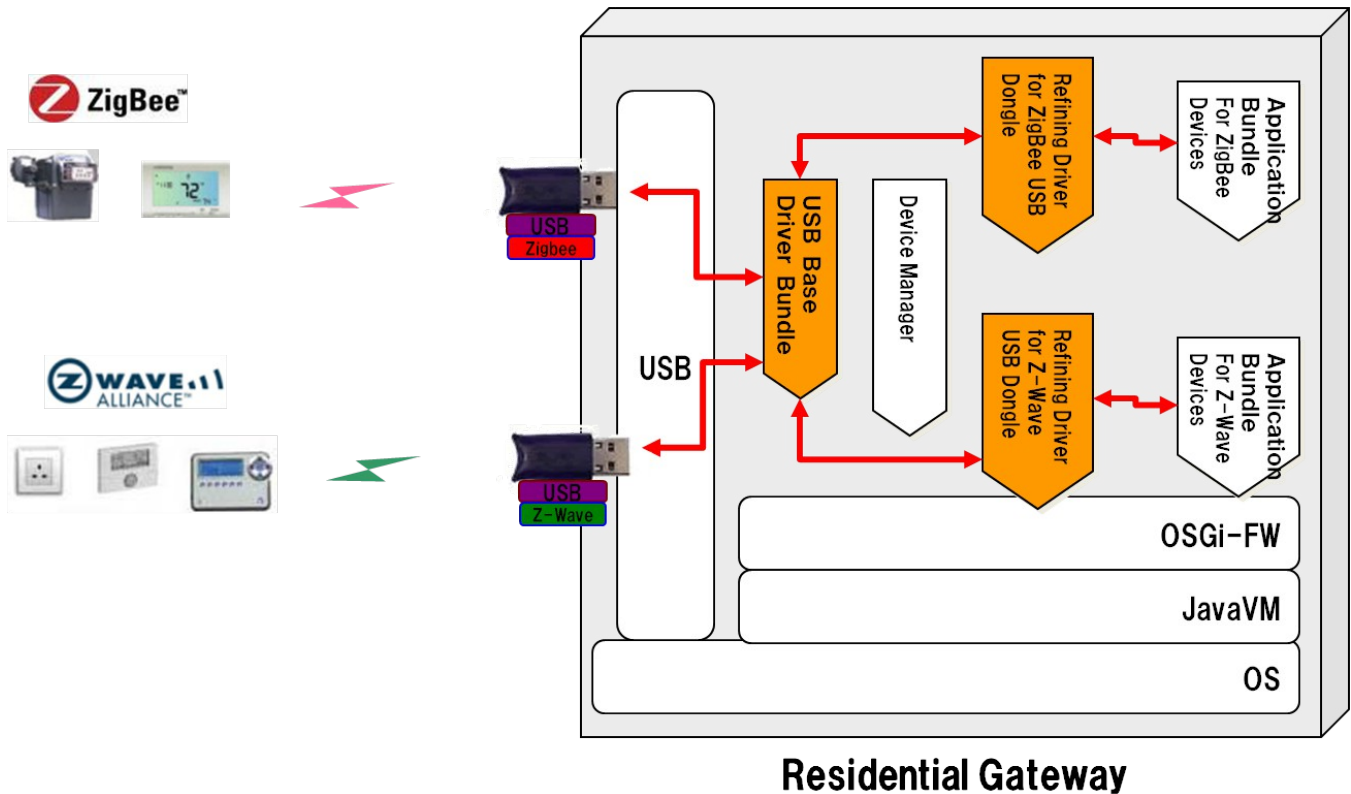


Fig 1 USB Dongles and Residential gateway

## 2.1 Terminology + Abbreviations

- Base Drivers: see "103.4.2.1" in OSGi Device Access Specification [3].
- Refining Drivers: see "103.4.2.2" in OSGi Device Access Specification [3].
- Match value: the value match() method of a Driver service registered by the refining driver bundle returns. Matching is explained in "103.7.2 The Device Attachment Algorithm" in OSGi Device Access Specification [3].
- Device Descriptor: see "9.6.1" in Universal Serial Bus Specification[4].

## 3 Problem Description

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The existing OSGi Device Access Specification provides the unified way to installation and activation of driver bundles. However, the OSGi Device Access Specification declares the device category for specific devices must be defined outside of itself. Currently, no device category for USB devices has been defined yet.

The lack of the device category for USB devices causes the following problems.

[Problem 1] The developer of a refining driver bundle, which registers a Driver service at its activation, cannot design and implement `Driver#attach(ServiceReference)` method without knowledge of service properties set to the Device service registered by a USB base driver.

[Problem 2] The developer of a refining driver bundle, which registers a Driver service at its activation, cannot design and implement `Driver#match(ServiceReference)` method without knowledge of service properties set to the Device service registered by a USB base driver and without the definition of match values to be returned.

In other words, without the device category for USB devices, a refining driver bundle developed by developer A can cooperate with the USB base driver bundle developed by the same developer A but cannot cooperate with the USB base driver bundles developed by the different developer B.

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## 4 Requirements

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[REQ\_1] The solution **MUST** be compatible with OSGi Device Access Specification.

[REQ\_2] The solution **MUST** define the details of the registration of a Device service by a USB base driver bundle when a USB device is attached.

[REQ\_2-1] The solution **MUST** define the service interface under which the Device service is registered.

[REQ\_2-2] The solution **MUST** define the service properties with which the Device service is registered: A set of service properties, their data types, and semantics, each of which must be declared as either **MANDATORY** or **OPTIONAL**.

[REQ\_3] The solution **MUST** define the way how a driver bundle controls an attached USB device which can be controlled through Serial communication.

[REQ\_4] The solution **MAY** define a range of match values specific to this device category.

[REQ\_5] The range of match values **MUST** be sufficient to describe the required range of native serial drivers specified by the HGI, especially the following ones:

- Class drivers for Human Interface Device (HID) and Communications Device Class (CDC) <sup>1</sup>
- Drivers for FTDI Virtual Com Ports with a variable list of supported USB Vendor Identifiers and Product Identifiers<sup>2</sup>.
- Drivers for Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART bridge and CP2110 HID USB to UART bridge<sup>3</sup>.
- USB drivers for Prolific PL-2303 USB to Serial Bridge Controller<sup>4</sup>.

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## 5 Technical Solution

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### 5.1 Introduction

RFP 149 “USB Device Category” describes the requirements regarding what to be defined as an OSGi Specification when handling USB devices with OSGi. Among various use cases described in this RFP, we would like to focus on such a typical use case as USB-Serial dongle that can be controlled through Serial Communication.

Such communication can be implemented by means of serial connection when using non-IP devices based on ZigBee and Z-wave protocols. The most typical case arises when a USB dongle that supports such protocols is connected to the USB port in the devices such as residential gateways. OS on the gateways will recognize the dongle as a virtual serial device, and initiate a serial communication with the application process.

In order to realize such a case on OSGi platform, this RFC defines a device category and a service for Serial devices. Moreover this RFC defines additional specifications for USB-Serial dongles. This document explains specifications required for establishing communication between OSGi bundle and serial devices.

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1 [http://www.usb.org/developers/devclass\\_docs#approved](http://www.usb.org/developers/devclass_docs#approved) for details of USB device classes

2 <http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/VCP.htm>

3 <http://www.silabs.com/products/mcu/pages/usbtouartbridgevcpdrivers.aspx>.

4 <http://www.prolific.com.tw>



## 5.2 Entities

- **SerialDevice:** This is an OSGi service that is used to represent a serial device. This OSGi service stores information regarding serial device and its status as a service property and provides communication function with the device as a **SerialConnection**. Refining driver bundles can obtain a **SerialConnection** instance from the **SerialDevice** service.
- **SerialConnection:** This is an interface to represent communication with a serial device. Only the refining driver bundles that acquire and maintain this instance can communicate with the serial device.
- **Serial base driver bundle:** The bundle that implements **SerialDevice** and **SerialConnection**. Serial base driver bundle registers **SerialDevice** services with the Framework. It provides communication function with the (physical) serial devices.
- **Refining driver bundle:** Refining drivers provide a refined view of a physical device that is already represented by another Device service registered with the Framework (see the details for Device Access Specification).

Figure 2 shows a class diagram of Serial Device Service.

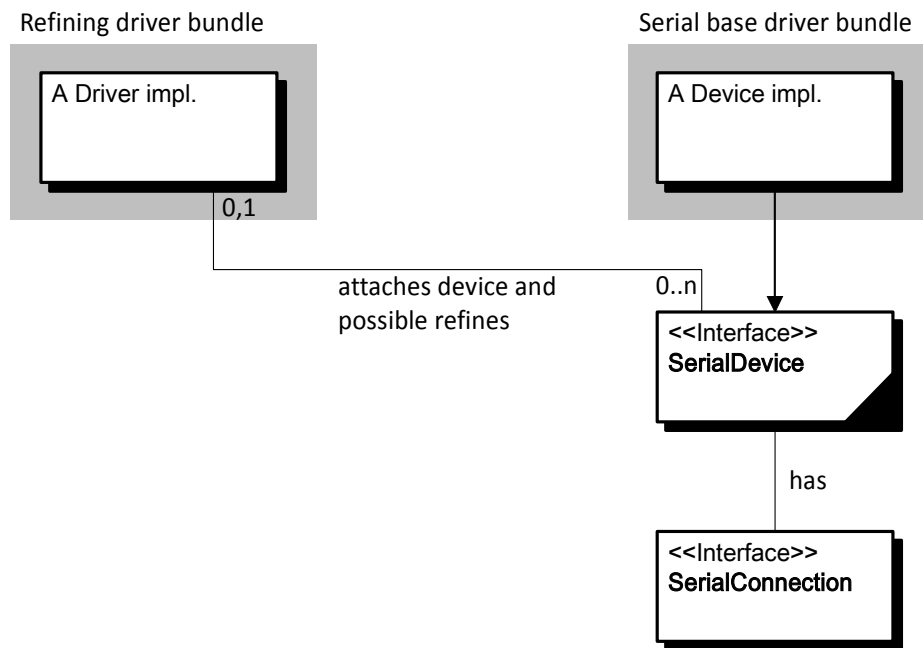


Fig 2: Serial Device Service class diagram

## 5.3 Assumptions

When a serial device is connected to the gateway, it is mapped to a COM port automatically by native libraries in OS. Those libraries are installed.

## 5.4 Operation Summary

### 5.4.1 Serial base driver bundle

A Serial base driver is tracking OS events. Native device driver such as kernel modules in Linux can detect a serial device, communicate with it and allocate it to the corresponding device file (COM port).

When a serial device is connected, native device drivers allocate the device to /dev/ttyS0. Subsequently the serial base driver catches event and gets information about the device. Then the Serial base driver registers a SerialDevice service with service properties.

### 5.4.2 Refining driver bundle

The refining driver bundle determines which SerialDevice service is suitable to establish a communication based on service properties. This process is carried out by the device manager based on device access specifications.

The refining driver bundle will get the SerialDevice service then call the SerialDevice#open() method and acquire the SerialConnection.

The bundle executes the necessary settings to the SerialConnection. After this execution, it will acquire the communication stream using SerialConnection#getInputStream(), and/or the SerialConnection#getOutputStream() and initiate a communication with the serial device.

## 5.5 SerialDevice Service

SerialDevice is the interface expressing a serial device. It maintains information and state of the serial device as a service property. It provides the communication facility with the serial device as SerialConnection. Each SerialDevice expresses each serial device.

SerialDevice service is registered with the service repository with service properties as shown in the following table.

*Table 1: Service properties of SerialDevice Service*

The key of service property	M/O	Description
DEVICE_CATEGORY	M	Constant for the value of the service property DEVICE_CATEGORY used for all Serial devices. Value is "Serial".
serial.comport	M	Represents the name of the port. The value is String. Example1: "/dev/ttyUSB0" Example2: "COM5" Example3: "/dev/tty.usbserial-XXXXXX"
current.owner	M	Represents the owner of the port. The value is String.
bus.type	O	Optional. Represents underlying technology such as USB-Serial. The value is String.

When the refining driver bundle calls SerialDevice#open() method, the SerialDevice Service will return the SerialConnection and change the status of the current.owner. A SerialDevice instance returns PortInUseException when some bundle calls SerialDevice#open() method and that method was already called.

## 5.6 SerialConnection

This is an interface to represent communication with a serial device. Only the refining driver bundles that acquire this instance can communicate with the serial device.

## 5.7 SerialDevice service properties for USB-Serial devices

This clause explains SerialDevice service properties and its usage when an USB-Serial device is used as the serial device.

*Table 2: Additional service properties for USB-Serial devices*

The key of service property	M/O	Description
bus.type	M	Must be set "USB".
usb.bus	M	MANDATORY property key. The value is <code>Integer</code> . Used to identify USB devices with same VID / PID. The value is the ID of the USB bus assigned when connecting the USB device. USB bus ID is integer. The USB bus ID does not change while the USB device remains connected.  Example: 3
usb.address	M	MANDATORY property key. The value is <code>Integer</code> . Used to identify USB devices with same VID / PID. The value is the ID of the USB address assigned when connecting the USB device. USB address is integer (001-127). The USB address does not change while the USB device remains connected.  Example: 2

Universal Serial Bus Specification (USB Specification) defines USB Interface(s). OS maps each USB interface to the corresponding virtual serial device. A Serial base driver bundle must register SerialDevice service to the corresponding virtual serial device. A SerialDevice service has such information as contains USB device information and USB interface information.

### 5.7.1 Service properties from USB Specification

The USB Specification defines a device descriptor. USB devices report their attributes using descriptors. SerialDevice service has some properties from the USB device descriptors. Table 3 shows the mapping between the device descriptors and service properties of SerialDevice.

*Table 3: Device Descriptor and Service Property*

Device Descriptor's Field from USB Spec.	Service Property of SerialDevice	M/O	Java type
<i>bLength</i>	none	-	-
<i>bDescriptorType</i>	none	-	-
<i>bcdUSB</i>	usb.bcdUSB	O	String
<i>bDeviceClass</i>	usb.bDeviceClass	M	String
<i>bDeviceSubClass</i>	usb.bDeviceSubClass	M	String

<i>bDeviceProtocol</i>	usb.bDeviceProtocol	M	String
<i>bMaxPacketSize0</i>	usb.bMaxPacketSize0	O	Integer
<i>idVendor</i>	usb.idVendor	M	String
<i>idProduct</i>	usb.idProduct	M	String
<i>bcdDevice</i>	usb.bcdDevice	M	String
<i>iManufacturer</i>	usb.Manufacturer	O	String
<i>iProduct</i>	DEVICE_DESCRIPTION	O	String
<i>iSerialNumber</i>	DEVICE_SERIAL	O	String
<i>bNumConfigurations</i>	usb.bNumConfigurations	O	Integer

- usb.bcdUSB - OPTIONAL property key. The value is *String*, the 4-digit BCD format.
  - Example: "0210"
- usb.bDeviceClass - MANDATORY property key. The value is *String*, hexadecimal, 2-digits.
  - Example: "ff"
- usb.bDeviceSubClass - MANDATORY property key. The value is *String*, hexadecimal, 2-digits.
  - Example: "ff"
- usb.bDeviceProtocol - MANDATORY property key. The value is *String*, hexadecimal, 2-digits.
  - Example: "ff"
- usb.bMaxPacketSize0 – OPTIONAL property key. The value is *Integer*.
- usb.idVendor - MANDATORY property key. The value is *String*, hexadecimal, 4-digits.
  - Example: "0403"
- usb.idProduct - MANDATORY property key. The value is *String*, hexadecimal, 4-digits.
  - Example: "8372"
- usb.bcdDevice - MANDATORY property key. The value is *String*, the 4-digit BCD format.
  - Example: "0200"

- `usb.Manufacturer` - OPTIONAL property key. The value is `String` of indicated in `iManufacturer`. (The value is not the index.)
  - Example: "Buffalo Inc."
- `DEVICE_DESCRIPTION` - OPTIONAL property key. The value is `String` of indicated in `iProduct`. (The value is not the index.)
  - Example: "USB2.0 PC Camera"
- `DEVICE_SERIAL` - OPTIONAL property key. The value is `String` of indicated in `iSerialNumber`. (The value is not the index.)
  - Example: "57B0002600000001"
- `usb.bNumConfigurations` – OPTIONAL property key. The value is `Integer`.

According to the USB Specification, a device descriptor has some interface descriptors.

So these fields add to the service properties (see Table 4).

*Table 4: Interface Descriptor and Service Property*

Interface Descriptor's Field from USB Spec.	Service Property of SerialDevice	M/O	Java type
<i>bLength</i>	<code>none</code>	-	-
<i>bDescriptorType</i>	<code>none</code>	-	-
<i>bInterfaceNumber</i>	<code>usb.bInterfaceNumber</code>	M	<code>Integer</code>
<i>bAlternateSetting</i>	<code>usb.bAlternateSetting</code>	O	<code>Integer</code>
<i>bNumEndpoints</i>	<code>usb.bNumEndpoints</code>	O	<code>Integer</code>
<i>bInterfaceClass</i>	<code>usb.bInterfaceClass</code>	M	<code>String</code>
<i>bInterfaceSubClass</i>	<code>usb.bInterfaceSubClass</code>	M	<code>String</code>
<i>bInterfaceProtocol</i>	<code>usb.bInterfaceProtocol</code>	M	<code>String</code>
<i>iInterface</i>	<code>usb.Interface</code>	O	<code>String</code>

- `usb.bInterfaceNumber` – MANDATORY property key. The value is `Integer`.
- `usb.bAlternateSetting` – OPTIONAL property key. The value is `Integer`.
- `usb.bNumEndpoints` – OPTIONAL property key. The value is `Integer`.

- `usb.bInterfaceClass` - MANDATORY property key. The value is `String`, hexadecimal, 2-digits.
  - Example: "ff"
- `usb.bInterfaceSubClass` - MANDATORY property key. The value is `String`, hexadecimal, 2-digits.
  - Example: "ff"
- `usb.bInterfaceProtocol` - MANDATORY property key. The value is `String`, hexadecimal, 2-digits.
  - Example: "ff"
- `usb.Interface` - OPTIONAL property key. The value is `String` of indicated in `Interface`. (The value is not the index.)

### 5.7.2 Match scale

When the Driver service is registered by the refining driver bundle, the Device Manager calls `Driver#match()` with the argument of the `SerialDevice` service's `ServiceReference`. The refining driver bundle responds with the value based on below scale.

- `MATCH_MODEL` - Constant for the USB-Serial device match scale, indicating a match with `usb.idVendor` and `usb.idProduct`. Value is 10.

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## 6 Data Transfer Objects

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This RFC does not provide Data Transfer Objects.

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## 7 Javadoc

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## OSGi Javadoc

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<a href="#">org.osgi.service.e.serial.usb</a>	SerialDevice service properties for USB-Serial devices Specification Package Version 1.0.	30

## Package org.osgi.service.serial

Serial Device Service Specification Package Version 1.0.

See:

[Description](#)

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<a href="#">SerialConnection</a>	SerialConnection is an open communications port.	18
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Exception Summary		Page
<a href="#">PortInUseException</a>	Thrown when the specified port is in use.	17
<a href="#">UnsupportedCommunicationOperationException</a>	Thrown when a driver doesn't allow the specified operation.	29

## Package org.osgi.service.serial Description

Serial Device Service Specification Package Version 1.0.

Bundles wishing to use this package must list the package in the Import-Package header of the bundle's manifest. This package has two types of users: the consumers that use the API in this package and the providers that implement the API in this package.

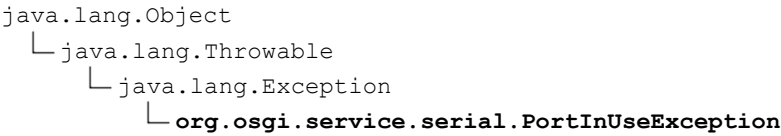
Example import for consumers using the API in this package:

```
Import-Package: org.osgi.service.serial; version="[1.0,2.0)"
```



# Class PortInUseException

[org.osgi.service.serial](#)



All Implemented Interfaces:  
Serializable

```
public class PortInUseException
extends Exception
```

Thrown when the specified port is in use.

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<a href="#">PortInUseException</a> (String currentOwner)	Constructor.	17

Method Summary		Page
String <a href="#">currentOwner</a> ()	Describes the current owner of the communications port.	17

## Constructor Detail

### PortInUseException

```
public PortInUseException(String currentOwner)

    Constructor.
```

## Method Detail

### currentOwner

```
public String currentOwner()

    Describes the current owner of the communications port.

    Returns:
        current owner
```

# Interface SerialConnection

[org.osgi.service.serial](http://org.osgi.service.serial)

public interface **SerialConnection**

SerialConnection is an open communications port.

Field Summary		Page
int	<a href="#">DATABITS_5</a> 5 data bit format.	19
int	<a href="#">DATABITS_6</a> 6 data bit format.	19
int	<a href="#">DATABITS_7</a> 7 data bit format.	20
int	<a href="#">DATABITS_8</a> 8 data bit format.	20
int	<a href="#">FLOWCONTROL_NONE</a> Flow control off.	20
int	<a href="#">FLOWCONTROL_RTSCTS_IN</a> RTS/CTS flow control on input.	20
int	<a href="#">FLOWCONTROL_RTSCTS_OUT</a> RTS/CTS flow control on output.	20
int	<a href="#">FLOWCONTROL_XONXOFF_IN</a> XON/XOFF flow control on input.	20
int	<a href="#">FLOWCONTROL_XONXOFF_OUT</a> XON/XOFF flow control on output.	20
int	<a href="#">PARITY_EVEN</a> EVEN parity scheme.	21
int	<a href="#">PARITY_MARK</a> MARK parity scheme.	21
int	<a href="#">PARITY_NONE</a> No parity bit.	21
int	<a href="#">PARITY_ODD</a> ODD parity scheme.	21
int	<a href="#">PARITY_SPACE</a> SPACE parity scheme.	21
int	<a href="#">STOPBITS_1</a> Number of STOP bits - 1.	21
int	<a href="#">STOPBITS_1_5</a> Number of STOP bits - 1-1/2.	21
int	<a href="#">STOPBITS_2</a> Number of STOP bits - 2.	21

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int	<a href="#"><code>getDataBits()</code></a> Gets the currently configured number of data bits.	23
int	<a href="#"><code>getFlowControlMode()</code></a> Gets the currently configured flow control mode.	23
InputStream	<a href="#"><code>getInputStream()</code></a> Returns an input stream. This is the only way to receive data from the communications port. If the port is unidirectional and doesn't support receiving data, then <code>getInputStream</code> returns null.	22
OutputStream	<a href="#"><code>getOutputStream()</code></a> Returns an output stream. This is the only way to send data to the communications port.	22
int	<a href="#"><code>getParity()</code></a> Get the currently configured parity setting.	23
int	<a href="#"><code>getStopBits()</code></a> Gets the currently defined stop bits.	23
boolean	<a href="#"><code>isDTR()</code></a> Gets the state of the DTR (Data Terminal Ready) bit in the UART, if supported by the underlying implementation.	23
boolean	<a href="#"><code>isRTS()</code></a> Gets the state of the RTS (Request To Send) bit in the UART, if supported by the underlying implementation.	24
void	<a href="#"><code>setDTR(boolean dtr)</code></a> Sets or clears the DTR (Data Terminal Ready) bit in the UART, if supported by the underlying implementation.	24
void	<a href="#"><code>setFlowControlMode(int flowcontrol)</code></a> Sets the flow control mode.	24
void	<a href="#"><code>setRTS(boolean rts)</code></a> Sets or clears the RTS (Request To Send) bit in the UART, if supported by the underlying implementation.	24
void	<a href="#"><code>setSerialPortParams(int baudrate, int dataBits, int stopBits, int parity)</code></a> Sets serial port parameters.	25

## Field Detail

### DATABITS\_5

```
public static final int DATABITS_5 = 5
```

5 data bit format.

### DATABITS\_6

```
public static final int DATABITS_6 = 6
```

6 data bit format.

---

## **DATABITS\_7**

```
public static final int DATABITS_7 = 7
```

7 data bit format.

---

## **DATABITS\_8**

```
public static final int DATABITS_8 = 8
```

8 data bit format.

---

## **FLOWCONTROL\_NONE**

```
public static final int FLOWCONTROL_NONE = 0
```

Flow control off.

---

## **FLOWCONTROL\_RTSCS\_IN**

```
public static final int FLOWCONTROL_RTSCS_IN = 1
```

RTS/CTS flow control on input.

---

## **FLOWCONTROL\_RTSCS\_OUT**

```
public static final int FLOWCONTROL_RTSCS_OUT = 2
```

RTS/CTS flow control on output.

---

## **FLOWCONTROL\_XONXOFF\_IN**

```
public static final int FLOWCONTROL_XONXOFF_IN = 4
```

XON/XOFF flow control on input.

---

## **FLOWCONTROL\_XONXOFF\_OUT**

```
public static final int FLOWCONTROL_XONXOFF_OUT = 8
```

XON/XOFF flow control on output.

---

## **PARITY\_NONE**

```
public static final int PARITY_NONE = 0
```

No parity bit.

---

## **PARITY\_ODD**

```
public static final int PARITY_ODD = 1
```

ODD parity scheme. The parity bit is added so there are an odd number of TRUE bits.

---

## **PARITY\_EVEN**

```
public static final int PARITY_EVEN = 2
```

EVEN parity scheme. The parity bit is added so there are an even number of TRUE bits.

---

## **PARITY\_MARK**

```
public static final int PARITY_MARK = 3
```

MARK parity scheme.

---

## **PARITY\_SPACE**

```
public static final int PARITY_SPACE = 4
```

SPACE parity scheme.

---

## **STOPBITS\_1**

```
public static final int STOPBITS_1 = 1
```

Number of STOP bits - 1.

---

## **STOPBITS\_2**

```
public static final int STOPBITS_2 = 2
```

Number of STOP bits - 2.

---

## **STOPBITS\_1\_5**

```
public static final int STOPBITS_1_5 = 3
```

Number of STOP bits - 1-1/2. Some UARTs permit 1-1/2 STOP bits only with 5 data bit format, but permit 1 or 2 STOP bits with any format.

## Method Detail

### close

```
void close()
```

Closes the communications port.

---

### getInputStream

```
InputStream getInputStream()  
            throws IOException
```

Returns an input stream.  
This is the only way to receive data from the communications port.  
If the port is unidirectional and doesn't support receiving data, then `getInputStream` returns null.

**Returns:**

InputStream object that can be used to read from the port

**Throws:**

IOException - if an I/O error occurred

---

### getOutputStream

```
OutputStream getOutputStream()  
            throws IOException
```

Returns an output stream.  
This is the only way to send data to the communications port.  
If the port is unidirectional and doesn't support sending data, then `getOutputStream` returns null.

**Returns:**

OutputStream object that can be used to write to the port

**Throws:**

IOException - if an I/O error occurred

---

### getBaudRate

```
int getBaudRate()
```

Gets the currently configured baud rate.

**Returns:**

integer value indicating the baud rate

---

## getDataBits

```
int getDataBits()
```

Gets the currently configured number of data bits.

### Returns:

integer that can be equal to DATABITS\_5, DATABITS\_6, DATABITS\_7, or DATABITS\_8

---

## getFlowControlMode

```
int getFlowControlMode()
```

Gets the currently configured flow control mode.

### Returns:

an integer bitmask of the modes FLOWCONTROL\_NONE, FLOWCONTROL\_RTSCTS\_IN, FLOWCONTROL\_RTSCTS\_OUT, FLOWCONTROL\_XONXOFF\_IN, and FLOWCONTROL\_XONXOFF\_OUT.

---

## getParity

```
int getParity()
```

Get the currently configured parity setting.

### Returns:

integer that can be equal to PARITY\_NONE, PARITY\_ODD, PARITY\_EVEN, PARITY\_MARK or PARITY\_SPACE.

---

## getStopBits

```
int getStopBits()
```

Gets the currently defined stop bits.

### Returns:

integer that can be equal to STOPBITS\_1, STOPBITS\_2, or STOPBITS\_1\_5

---

## isDTR

```
boolean isDTR()
```

Gets the state of the DTR (Data Terminal Ready) bit in the UART, if supported by the underlying implementation.

### Returns:

state of the DTR

---

## isRTS

```
boolean isRTS()
```

Gets the state of the RTS (Request To Send) bit in the UART, if supported by the underlying implementation.

**Returns:**  
state of the RTS

---

## setDTR

```
void setDTR(boolean dtr)
```

Sets or clears the DTR (Data Terminal Ready) bit in the UART, if supported by the underlying implementation.

**Parameters:**  
dtr -

- true set DTR
- false clear DTR

---

## setFlowControlMode

```
void setFlowControlMode(int flowcontrol)  
    throws UnsupportedCommOperationException
```

Sets the flow control mode.

**Parameters:**  
flowcontrol - Can be a bitmask combination of

- FLOWCONTROL\_NONE: no flow control
- FLOWCONTROL\_RTSCS\_IN: RTS/CTS (hardware) flow control for input
- FLOWCONTROL\_RTSCS\_OUT: RTS/CTS (hardware) flow control for output
- FLOWCONTROL\_XONXOFF\_IN: XON/XOFF (software) flow control for input
- FLOWCONTROL\_XONXOFF\_OUT: XON/XOFF (software) flow control for output

**Throws:**  
[UnsupportedCommOperationException](#) - if any of the flow control mode was not supported by the underline OS, or if input and output flow control are set to different values, i.e. one hardware and one software. The flow control mode will revert to the value before the call was made.

---

## setRTS

```
void setRTS(boolean rts)
```



Sets or clears the RTS (Request To Send) bit in the UART, if supported by the underlying implementation.

**Parameters:**

rts -

- true set RTS
- false clear RTS

---

**setSerialPortParams**

```
void setSerialPortParams(int baudrate,
                        int dataBits,
                        int stopBits,
                        int parity)
    throws UnsupportedCommOperationException
```

Sets		serial				port		parameters.
DEFAULT:	9600	baud,	8	data	bits,	1	stop	bit, no parity

**Parameters:**

baudrate - If the baudrate passed in by the application is unsupported by the driver, the driver will throw an `UnsupportedCommOperationException`

dataBits -

- DATABITS\_5: 5 bits
- DATABITS\_6: 6 bits
- DATABITS\_7: 7 bits
- DATABITS\_8: 8 bits

stopBits -

- STOPBITS\_1: 1 stop bit
- STOPBITS\_2: 2 stop bits
- STOPBITS\_1\_5: 1.5 stop bits

parity -

- PARITY\_NONE: no parity
- PARITY\_ODD: odd parity
- PARITY\_EVEN: even parity
- PARITY\_MARK: mark parity
- PARITY\_SPACE: space parity

**Throws:**

[UnsupportedCommOperationException](#) - if any of the above parameters are specified incorrectly. All four of the parameters will revert to the values before the call was made.

# Interface SerialDevice

[org.osgi.service.serial](http://org.osgi.service.serial)

```
public interface SerialDevice
```

SerialDevice is an interface to express a device performing serial communication.

Field Summary		Page
String	<p><a href="#">BUS_TYPE</a></p> <p>Optional.</p> <p>The key string of "bus.type" service property.</p> <p>Represents underlying technology such as USB-Serial.</p> <p>The value is String.</p>	27
String	<p><a href="#">CURRENT_OWNER</a></p> <p>The key string of "current.owner" service property.</p> <p>Represents the owner of the port.</p> <p>The value is String.</p> <p><a href="#">EMPTY_STRING</a> if no owner is available.</p>	27
String	<p><a href="#">DEVICE_CATEGORY</a></p> <p>Constant for the value of the service property <code>DEVICE_CATEGORY</code> used for all Serial devices.</p>	27
String	<p><a href="#">EMPTY_STRING</a></p> <p>The value string of service property, when information is not available.</p>	26
String	<p><a href="#">SERIAL_COMPORT</a></p> <p>The key string of "serial.comport" service property.</p> <p>Represents the name of the port.</p> <p>The value is String.</p> <p>Example1: <code>"/dev/ttyUSB0"</code></p> <p>Example2: <code>"COM5"</code></p> <p>Example3: <code>"/dev/tty.usbserial-XXXXXX"</code></p>	27

Method Summary		Page
<a href="#">SerialConnection</a>	<p><a href="#">open</a> (String apname, int timeout)</p> <p>Opens the communications port.</p> <p>Open obtains exclusive ownership of the port.</p>	27

## Field Detail

### EMPTY\_STRING

```
public static final String EMPTY_STRING = ""
```

The value string of service property, when information is not available.

DEVICE\_CATEGORY

```
public static final String DEVICE_CATEGORY = "Serial"
```

Constant for the value of the service property `DEVICE_CATEGORY` used for all Serial devices. Value is "Serial".

SERIAL\_COMPORT

```
public static final String SERIAL_COMPORT = "serial.comport"
```

The key string of "serial.comport" service property.  
Represents the value name of the port.  
The value is String.  
Example1: "/dev/ttyUSB0"  
Example2: "COM5"  
Example3: "/dev/tty.usbserial-XXXXXX"

CURRENT\_OWNER

```
public static final String CURRENT_OWNER = "current.owner"
```

The key string of "current.owner" service property.  
Represents the owner of the port.  
The value is String.  
[EMPTY\\_STRING](#) if no owner is available.

BUS\_TYPE

```
public static final String BUS_TYPE = "bus.type"
```

Optional.  
The key string of "bus.type" service property.  
Represents underlying technology such as USB-Serial.  
The value is String.

Method Detail

open

```
SerialConnection open(String appname,  
                      int timeout)  
    throws PortInUseException
```

Opens the communications port.  
Open obtains exclusive ownership of the port.

**Parameters:**  
appname - Name of application making this call. This name will become the owner of the port.  
Useful when resolving ownership contention.

`timeout` - Time in milliseconds to block waiting for port open.

**Returns:**

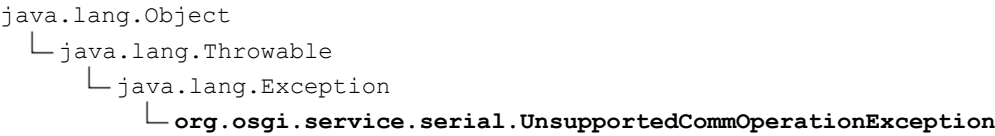
`SerialConnection`

**Throws:**

[`PortInUseException`](#) - if the port is in use by some other application that is not willing to relinquish ownership

# Class **UnsupportedCommOperationException**

[org.osgi.service.serial](#)



**All Implemented Interfaces:**  
Serializable

```
public class UnsupportedCommOperationException
extends Exception
```

Thrown when a driver doesn't allow the specified operation.

Constructor Summary					Page
<a href="#">UnsupportedCommOperationException</a> ()					
Constructs	an	UnsupportedCommOperationException	with	no detail message.	29
<a href="#">UnsupportedCommOperationException</a> (String message)					
Constructs	an	UnsupportedCommOperationException	with	the specified detail message.	29

## Constructor Detail

### UnsupportedCommOperationException

```
public UnsupportedCommOperationException ()

Constructs an UnsupportedCommOperationException with no detail message.
```

### UnsupportedCommOperationException

```
public UnsupportedCommOperationException (String message)

Constructs an UnsupportedCommOperationException with the specified detail message.
```

**Parameters:**  
message - the detail message

## Package org.osgi.service.serial.usb

SerialDevice service properties for USB-Serial devices Specification Package Version 1.0.

See:

[Description](#)

Interface Summary		Page
<a href="#">USBSerialDevice</a>	Defines additional SerialDevice service properties for USB-Serial devices.	31

## Package org.osgi.service.serial.usb Description

SerialDevice service properties for USB-Serial devices Specification Package Version 1.0.

Bundles wishing to use this package must list the package in the Import-Package header of the bundle's manifest. This package has two types of users: the consumers that use the API in this package and the providers that implement the API in this package.

Example import for consumers using the API in this package:

```
Import-Package: org.osgi.service.serial; version="[1.0,2.0)"
```

## Interface USBSerialDevice

[org.osgi.service.serial.usb](http://org.osgi.service.serial.usb)

public interface **USBSerialDevice**

Defines additional SerialDevice service properties for USB-Serial devices.

Field Summary								Page
String	<a href="#">BUS_TYPE_USB</a>	The value string of "bus.type" service property.						32
String	<a href="#">USB_ADDRESS</a>	The key string of "usb.address" service property. Used to identify USB devices with same VID / PID.						32
String	<a href="#">USB_BALTERNATESETTING</a>	Optional. The key string of "usb.bAlternateSetting" service property. Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor.						35
String	<a href="#">USB_BCDDEVICE</a>	The key string of "usb.bcdDevice" service property. Service properties from USB Device Descriptor.						34
String	<a href="#">USB_BCDUSB</a>	Optional. The key string of "usb.bcdUSB" service property. Service properties from USB Device Descriptor.						33
String	<a href="#">USB_BDEVICECLASS</a>	The key string of "usb.bDeviceClass" service property. Service properties from USB Device Descriptor.						33
String	<a href="#">USB_BDEVICEPROTOCOL</a>	The key string of "usb.bDeviceProtocol" service property. Service properties from USB Device Descriptor.						33
String	<a href="#">USB_BDEVICESUBCLASS</a>	The key string of "usb.bDeviceSubClass" service property. Service properties from USB Device Descriptor.						33
String	<a href="#">USB_BINTERFACECLASS</a>	The key string of "usb.bInterfaceClass" service property. Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor.						35
String	<a href="#">USB_BINTERFACENUMBER</a>	The key string of "usb.bInterfaceNumber" service property. Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor.						35
String	<a href="#">USB_BINTERFACEPROTOCOL</a>	The key string of "usb.bInterfaceProtocol" service property. Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor.						36
String	<a href="#">USB_BINTERFACESUBCLASS</a>	The key string of "usb.bInterfaceSubClass" service property. Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor.						36
String	<a href="#">USB_BMAXPACKETSIZE0</a>	Optional. The key string of "usb.bMaxPacketSize0" service property. Service properties from USB Device Descriptor.						33

String	<a href="#">USB_BNUMCONFIGURATIONS</a> Optional. The key string of "usb.bNumConfigurations" service property. Service properties from USB Device Descriptor.	34
String	<a href="#">USB_BNUMENDPOINTS</a> Optional. The key string of "usb.bNumEndpoints" service property. Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor.	35
String	<a href="#">USB_BUS</a> The key string of "usb.bus" service property. Used to identify USB devices with same VID / PID.	32
String	<a href="#">USB_IDPRODUCT</a> The key string of "usb.idProduct" service property. Service properties from USB Device Descriptor.	34
String	<a href="#">USB_IDVENDOR</a> The key string of "usb.idVendor" service property. Service properties from USB Device Descriptor.	34
String	<a href="#">USB_INTERFACE</a> Optional. The key string of "usb.iInterface" service property. Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor.	36
String	<a href="#">USB_MANUFACTURER</a> Optional. The key string of "usb.Manufacturer" service property. Service properties from USB Device Descriptor.	34

**Field Detail**

**BUS\_TYPE\_USB**

```
public static final String BUS_TYPE_USB = "USB"
```

The value string of "bus.type" service property.

**USB\_BUS**

```
public static final String USB_BUS = "usb.bus"
```

The key string of "usb.bus" service property.  
Used to identify USB devices with same VID / PID. The value is the ID of the USB bus assigned when connecting the USB device. USB bus ID is integer. The USB bus ID does not change while the USB device remains connected.  
The value is Integer.  
Example: 3

**USB\_ADDRESS**

```
public static final String USB_ADDRESS = "usb.address"
```

The key string of "usb.address" service property.  
Used to identify USB devices with same VID / PID. The value is the ID of the USB address assigned when



connecting the USB device. USB address is integer (001-127). The USB address does not change while the USB device remains connected. The value is Integer.  
Example: 2

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## USB\_BCDUSB

```
public static final String USB_BCDUSB = "usb.bcdUSB"
```

Optional.  
The key string of "usb.bcdUSB" service property.  
Service properties from USB Device Descriptor. Device Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bcdUSB".  
The value is String, the 4-digit BCD format. Example: "0210"

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## USB\_BDEVICECLASS

```
public static final String USB_BDEVICECLASS = "usb.bDeviceClass"
```

The key string of "usb.bDeviceClass" service property.  
Service properties from USB Device Descriptor. Device Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bDeviceClass".  
The value is String, hexadecimal, 2-digits.  
Example: "ff"

---

## USB\_BDEVICESUBCLASS

```
public static final String USB_BDEVICESUBCLASS = "usb.bDeviceSubClass"
```

The key string of "usb.bDeviceSubClass" service property.  
Service properties from USB Device Descriptor. Device Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bDeviceSubClass".  
The value is String, hexadecimal, 2-digits.  
Example: "ff"

---

## USB\_BDEVICEPROTOCOL

```
public static final String USB_BDEVICEPROTOCOL = "usb.bDeviceProtocol"
```

The key string of "usb.bDeviceProtocol" service property.  
Service properties from USB Device Descriptor. Device Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bDeviceProtocol".  
The value is String, hexadecimal, 2-digits.  
Example: "ff"

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## USB\_BMAXPACKETSIZE0

```
public static final String USB_BMAXPACKETSIZE0 = "usb.bMaxPacketSize0"
```

Optional.  
The key string of "usb.bMaxPacketSize0" service property.  
Service properties from USB Device Descriptor. Device Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bMaxPacketSize0".  
The value is Integer.

---

## USB\_IDVENDOR

```
public static final String USB_IDVENDOR = "usb.idVendor"
```

The key string of "usb.idVendor" service property.  
Service properties from USB Device Descriptor. Device Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "idVendor".  
The value is String, hexadecimal, 4-digits.  
Example: "0403"

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## USB\_IDPRODUCT

```
public static final String USB_IDPRODUCT = "usb.idProduct"
```

The key string of "usb.idProduct" service property.  
Service properties from USB Device Descriptor. Device Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "idProduct".  
The value is String, hexadecimal, 4-digits.  
Example: "8372"

---

## USB\_BCDDEVICE

```
public static final String USB_BCDDEVICE = "usb.bcdDevice"
```

The key string of "usb.bcdDevice" service property.  
Service properties from USB Device Descriptor. Device Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bcdDevice".  
The value is String, the 4-digit BCD format.  
Example: "0200"

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## USB\_MANUFACTURER

```
public static final String USB_MANUFACTURER = "usb.Manufacturer"
```

Optional.  
The key string of "usb.Manufacturer" service property.  
Service properties from USB Device Descriptor. Device Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "iManufacturer".  
The value is String of indicated in iManufacturer. (The value is not the index.)  
Example: "Buffalo Inc."

---

## USB\_BNUMCONFIGURATIONS

```
public static final String USB_BNUMCONFIGURATIONS = "usb.bNumConfigurations"
```

Optional.  
The key string of "usb.bNumConfigurations" service property.  
Service properties from USB Device Descriptor. Device Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bNumConfigurations".  
The value is Integer.

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## USB\_BINTERFACENUMBER

```
public static final String USB_BINTERFACENUMBER = "usb.bInterfaceNumber"
```

The key string of "usb.bInterfaceNumber" service property.  
Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor. Interface Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bInterfaceNumber".  
The value is Integer.

---

## USB\_BALTERNATESETTING

```
public static final String USB_BALTERNATESETTING = "usb.bAlternateSetting"
```

Optional.  
The key string of "usb.bAlternateSetting" service property.  
Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor. Interface Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bAlternateSetting".  
The value is Integer.

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## USB\_BNUMENDPOINTS

```
public static final String USB_BNUMENDPOINTS = "usb.bNumEndpoints"
```

Optional.  
The key string of "usb.bNumEndpoints" service property.  
Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor. Interface Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bNumEndpoints".  
The value is Integer.

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## USB\_BINTERFACECLASS

```
public static final String USB_BINTERFACECLASS = "usb.bInterfaceClass"
```

The key string of "usb.bInterfaceClass" service property.  
Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor. Interface Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bInterfaceClass".  
The value is String, hexadecimal, 2-digits.  
Example: "ff"

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## USB\_BINTERFACESUBCLASS

```
public static final String USB_BINTERFACESUBCLASS = "usb.bInterfaceSubClass"
```

The key string of "usb.bInterfaceSubClass" service property.  
Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor. Interface Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bInterfaceSubClass".  
The value is String, hexadecimal, 2-digits.  
Example: "ff"

---

## USB\_BINTERFACEPROTOCOL

```
public static final String USB_BINTERFACEPROTOCOL = "usb.bInterfaceProtocol"
```

The key string of "usb.bInterfaceProtocol" service property.  
Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor. Interface Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "bInterfaceProtocol".  
The value is String, hexadecimal, 2-digits.  
Example: "ff"

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## USB\_INTERFACE

```
public static final String USB_INTERFACE = "usb.iInterface"
```

Optional.  
The key string of "usb.iInterface" service property.  
Service properties from USB Interface Descriptor. Interface Descriptor's Field from USB Spec is "iInterface".  
The value is String of indicated in iInterface. (The value is not the index.)

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## 8 Considered Alternatives

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### 8.1 USB Category

RFC 202 tried to give a technical solution for RFP 149 at the beginning.

The current draft of RFC 202 did not describe the necessary communication functions and included some unclear definitions regarding protocols (USB, Serial devices, etc). During the discussion at REG WG we decided to take another approach instead of updating RFC 202.

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## 9 Security Considerations

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ServicePermission is needed when a bundle get SerialDevice service.

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## **10.3 Acronyms and Abbreviations**

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## **10.4 End of Document**