
How to Use the SAMA5D2 I2C Under Linux®

Introduction

This application note describes how to get started using the SAMA5D2 I2C under Linux.

In most cases, I2C devices are controlled by a kernel driver. However, it is also possible to access all devices on an adapter from user space through the I2C dev interface. I2C dev is a character device node file that can be accessed by read(), write() and ioctl(). The interface of each I2C bus can be exported to user space through its own I2C dev device node.

I2C dev application demo code is provided in the section [Application](#).

Reference Documents

Title	Reference	Available
SAMA5D2 Series Datasheet	DS60001476	https://www.microchip.com/design-centers/32-bit-mpus
SAMA5D27 SOM1 Kit1 User Guide	DS50002667	https://www.microchip.com/DevelopmentTools/ProductDetails/PartNO/ATSAMA5D27-SOM1-EK1

Prerequisites

- Hardware
 - PC
 - SAMA5D27 SOM1 Evaluation Kit (Part Number: ATSAMA5D27-SOM1-EK1)
 - SDCard
 - mikroBUS™ Thermo 5 Click board™
- Software

This demo runs on the AT91 Linux platform built by Buildroot. The first step is to set up the AT91 Buildroot development environment. Refer to the web site: <http://www.at91.com/linux4sam/bin/view/Linux4SAM/BuildRoot>

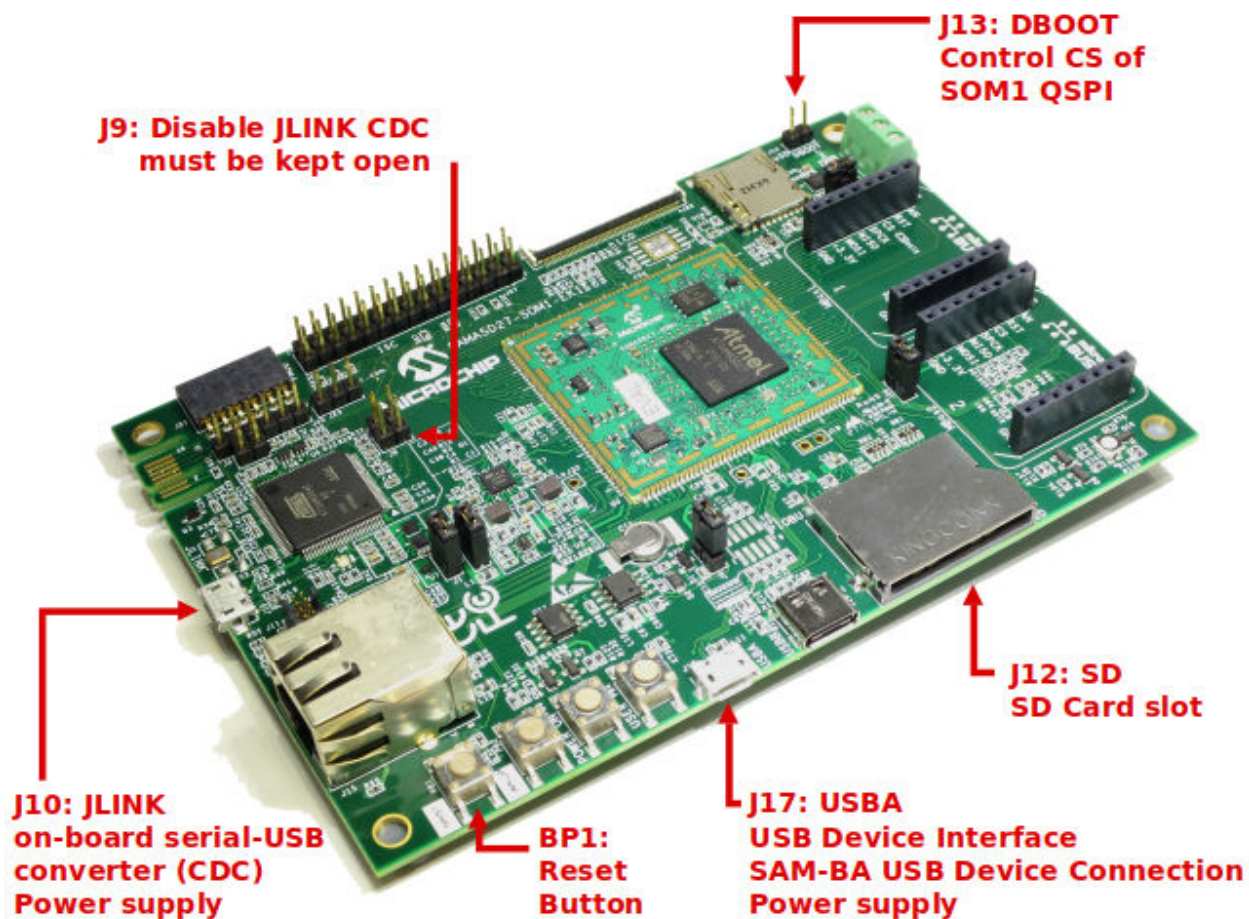
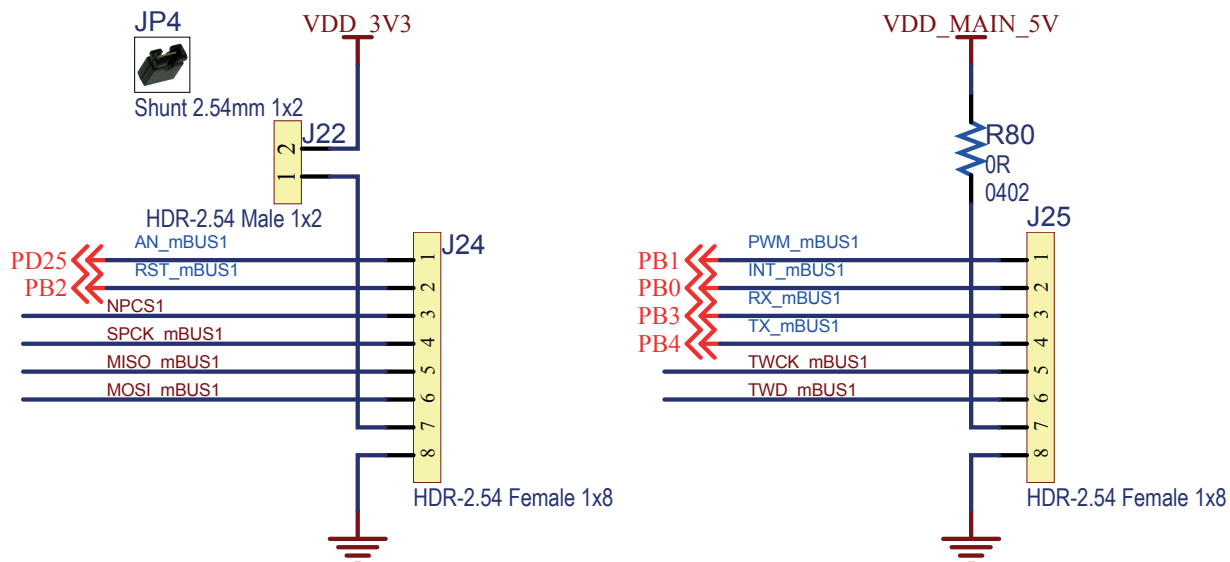


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1. Hardware Design

1.1 Interface



The mikroBUS1 connector is used for easy testing and monitoring.

To control the mikroBUS1 I2C on Linux, FLEXCOM1 (I2C mode) is connected to the I2C bus of the mikroBUS1 interface on the SAMA5D27-SOM1-EK as described below:

FLEXCOM1 I2C

- FLEXCOM1_IO1 → PA23 → TWCK_mBUS1
- FLEXCOM1_IO0 → PA24 → TWD_mBUS1

For more details about the pin multiplexing of the SAMA5D2, refer to the table “Pin Description (all packages)” in the SAMA5D2 data sheet.

FLEXCOM I/O Lines Description

Name	Description			Type
	USART/UART	SPI	TWI	
FLEXCOM_IO0	TXD	MOSI	TWD	I/O
FLEXCOM_IO1	RXD	MISO	TWCK	I/O
FLEXCOM_IO2	SCK	SPCK	–	I/O
FLEXCOM_IO3	CTS	NPCS0/NSS	–	I/O
FLEXCOM_IO4	RTS	NPCS1	–	O

1.2 Device Connection

A Thermo 5 click board is used in this demo. It must be connected to the SAMA5D27-SOM1-EK mikroBUS1.

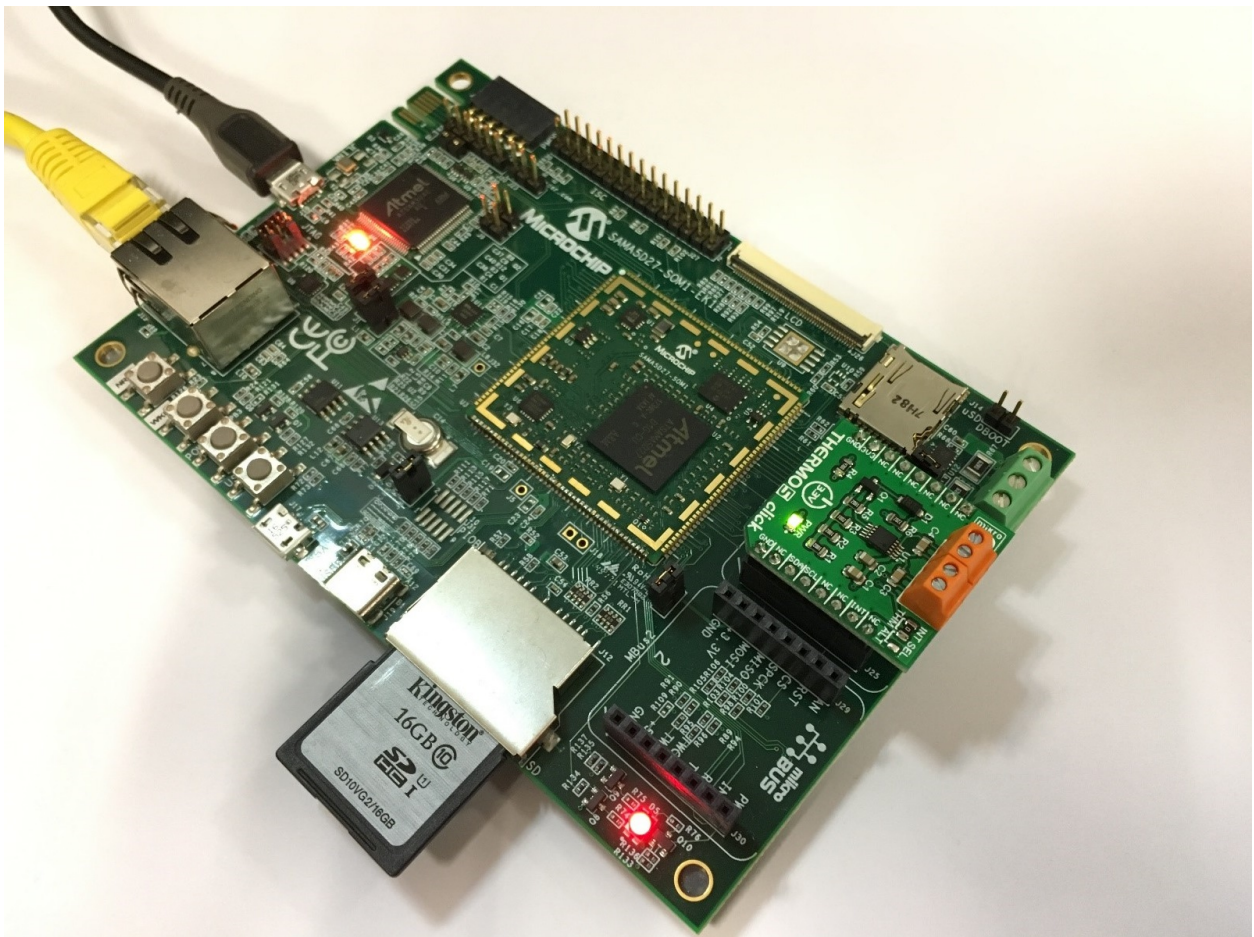
The Thermo 5 click board measures temperature in the default range of 0°C to 127°C and in the extended range of -64°C to 191°C with $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ accuracy. It features the **EMC1414** temperature sensor.

Refer to <https://www.mikroe.com/thermo-5-click>.

Figure 1-1. Thermo 5 Click Board



Figure 1-2. Thermo 5 On the SAMA5D27-SOM1-EK1 Evaluation Board



2. Software Design

The Microchip Linux platform was built using Buildroot with the following configuration:

`atmel_sama5d27_som1_ek_mmc_dev_defconfig`

The I2C bus driver works under this default configuration.

There are two methods to access the I2C bus driver:

- In kernel space:
 - Register your own I2C driver via `i2c_add_driver()` interface, then access the I2C bus driver via struct `i2c_client` handle.
- In user space:
 - Enable `I2C_CHARDEV` kernel feature, then access the I2C bus driver via `/dev/i2c-X` device node.

`I2C_CHARDEV` is a good choice because the full code runs in user space (easy development) with the default configuration `I2C_CHARDEV` feature enabled.

2.1 Device Tree

- Action: no need to change
- Location: `buildroot-at91/output/build/linux-linux4sam_6.0/arch/arm/boot/dts`
- Sources:
 - `sama5d2.dtsi`
 - `at91-sama5d27_som1_ek.dts`

Device tree for FLEXCOM1 in `sama5d2.dtsi`:

```
flx1: flexcom@f8038000 {
    compatible = "atmel,sama5d2-flexcom"; // specify which driver will be used for this
                                           // FLEXCOM device
    reg = <0xf8038000 0x200>; // FLEXCOM1 base address is 0xf8038000, size is 0x200

    clocks = <&flx1_clk>; // definition for FLEXCOM1 clock source
    #address-cells = <1>;
    #size-cells = <1>;
    ranges = <0x0 0xf8038000 0x800>;
    status = "disabled"; // default disabled, and will be replaced with "okay"
};

flx1_clk: flx1_clk {
    #clock-cells = <0>;
    reg = <20>; // PID for FLEXCOM1 is 20, this definition of offset will be used to enable
                // FLEXCOM1 clock in PMC
    atmel,clk-output-range = <0 83000000>; // FLEXCOM1 input clock, max frequency is 83MHz
};
```


Device tree for I2C device function in at91-sama5d27_som1_ek.dts:

```
aliases {
    serial0 = &uart1; /* DBGU */
    serial1 = &uart4; /* mikro BUS 1 */
    serial2 = &uart2; /* mikro BUS 2 */
    i2c1 = &i2c1;
    i2c2 = &i2c2; // the aliases of FLEXCOM1 I2C is i2c2, then FLEXCOM1 I2C will be
                // registered as I2C adapter 2
};

flx1: flexcom@f8038000 {
    atmel,flexcom-mode = <ATMEL_FLEXCOM_MODE_TWI>; // specify I2C mode for this FLEXCOM port
    status = "okay"; // enable this device

    i2c2: i2c@600 {
        compatible = "atmel,sama5d2-i2c"; // specify which driver will be used for this I2C
                                           // device
        reg = <0x600 0x200>; // register offset address for I2C in FLEXCOM1 is 0x600,
                             // size is 0x200
        interrupts = <20 IRQ_TYPE_LEVEL_HIGH 7>; // PID for FLEXCOM4 is 23, high level
                                                  // triggered, priority is 7
                                                  // used to configure FLEXCOM4 interrupt in AIC

        dmas = <0>, <0>; // DMA feature wasn't enabled
        dma-names = "tx", "rx";
        #address-cells = <1>;
        #size-cells = <0>;
        clocks = <&flx1_clk>; // definition for FLEXCOM1 clock source
        pinctrl-names = "default";
        pinctrl-0 = <&pinctrl_mikrobus_i2c>; // pin definition for I2C
        atmel,fifo-size = <16>; // specify size of fifo is 16
        status = "okay"; // enable this I2C device
    };
};

pinctrl_mikrobus_i2c: mikrobus1_i2c {
    pinmux = <PIN_PA24_FLEXCOM1_IO0>, // the mux of PA24 will be switched to FLEXCOM1_IO0
            <PIN_PA23_FLEXCOM1_IO1>; // the mux of PA23 will be switched to FLEXCOM1_IO1
    bias-disable; // pull up/down feature disabled
};
```

2.2 Kernel

- Action: no need to change
- Location: buildroot-at91/output/build/linux-linux4sam_6.0/
- Defconfig: sama5_defconfig
- Driver files:
 - drivers/i2c/i2c-core-base.c
 - drivers/i2c/i2c-dev.c
 - drivers/i2c/busses/i2c-at91.c

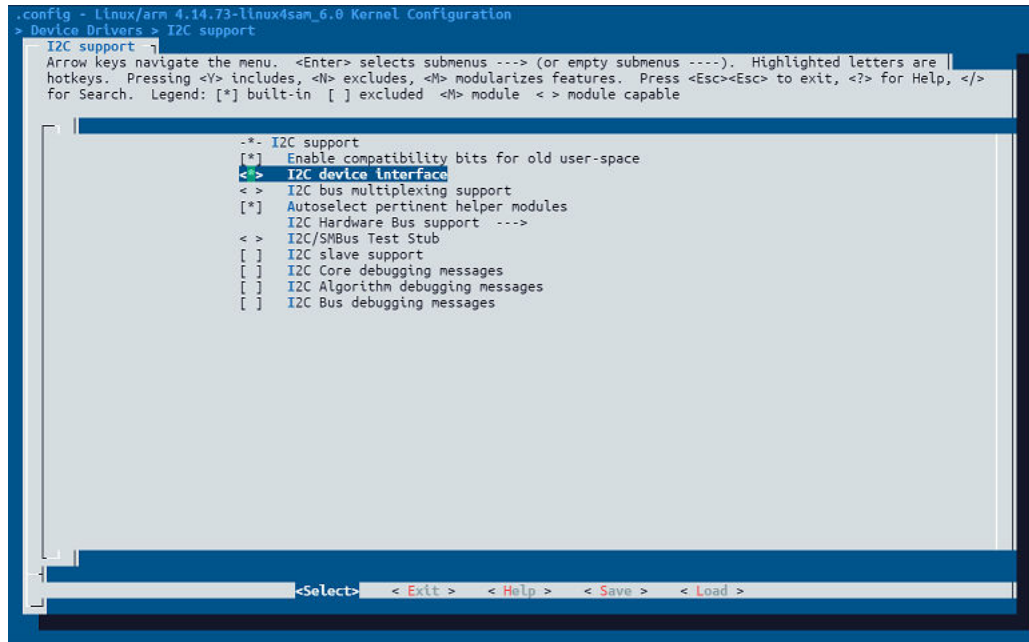
Check the kernel configuration for the ADC function:

```
user@at91:~/buildroot-at91$ make linux-menuconfig
```

Device Drivers > I2C support > I2C device interface

Driver for I2C_CHARDEV device.

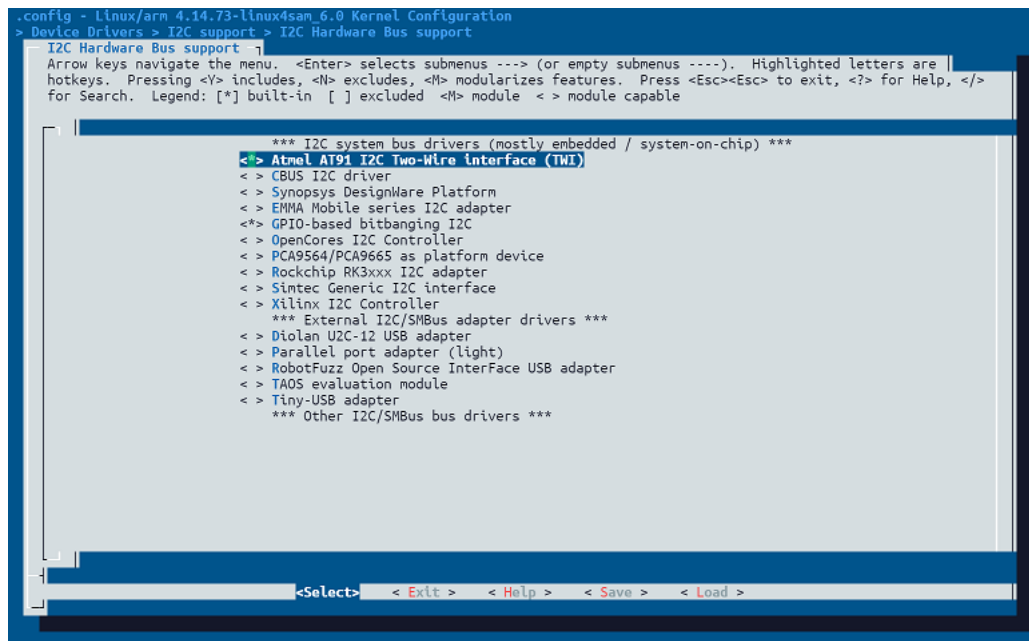
In the default configuration, this item should be selected.



Device Drivers > I2C support > Atmel AT91 I2C Two-Wire interface (TWI)

Driver for AT91 I2C controller.

In the default configuration, this item should be selected.



2.3 Rootfs

- Action: no need to change
- Location: `buildroot-at91/output/images/rootfs.tar`

As discussed in the section [Device Tree](#), the FLEXCOM1 I2C is registered as an I2C adapter 2.

The following device node is used to access the FLEXCOM1 I2C bus driver:

- /dev/i2c-2

2.4 Application

This section provides a C language demo i2c_dev.c to read temperature data from the Thermo 5 click board via /dev/i2c-2 node

How to Compile

```
user@at91:~$ buildroot-at91/output/host/bin/arm-buildroot-linux-uclibcgnueabi-gcc
i2c_dev.c -o i2c_test
```

Source Code

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <sys/ioctl.h>
#include <linux/i2c.h>
#include <linux/i2c-dev.h>

#define DEV_I2C "/dev/i2c-2"

#define SLAVE_ADDR 0x4C /* EMC1414 I2C slave address */
// #define COMBINED_TRANSACTION

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int fd;
    int ret;
    unsigned char buf[2];

    // open device node
    fd = open(DEV_I2C, O_RDWR);
    if (fd < 0) {
        printf("ERROR open %s ret=%d\n", DEV_I2C, fd);
        return -1;
    }

    if (ioctl(fd, I2C_SLAVE, SLAVE_ADDR) < 0) {
        printf("ERROR ioctl() set slave address\n");
        return -1;
    }

    #ifdef COMBINED_TRANSACTION
    struct i2c_rdwr_ioctl_data data;
    struct i2c_msg messages[2];

    // Set conversion rate
    buf[0] = 0x04; // Conversion rate register address
    buf[1] = 0x04; // Set conversion rate to 1 second
    messages[0].addr = SLAVE_ADDR; //device address
    messages[0].flags = 0; //write
    messages[0].len = 2;
    messages[0].buf = buf; //data address

    data.msgs = &messages[0];
    data.nmsgs = 1;
    if (ioctl(fd, I2C_RDWR, &data) < 0) {
        printf("ERROR ioctl() conversion rate\n");
        return -1;
    }

    // Read temperature
    buf[0] = 0x00; // Internal Diode High Byte register address
    buf[1] = 0; // clear receive buffer
    messages[0].addr = SLAVE_ADDR; //device address
    messages[0].flags = 0; //write
    messages[0].len = 1;
    messages[0].buf = &buf[0]; //data address
```

```

    messages[1].addr = SLAVE_ADDR; //device address
    messages[1].flags = I2C_M_RD; //read
    messages[1].len = 1;
    messages[1].buf = &buf[1];

    data.msgs = messages;
    data.nmsgs = 2;
    while (1) {
        if (ioctl(fd, I2C_RDWR, &data) < 0) {
            printf("ERROR ioctl() read data\n");
            return -1;
        }

        printf("Temperature is %d\n", buf[1]);
        sleep(1);
    }

#else
    // Set conversion rate
    buf[0] = 0x04; // Conversion rate register address
    buf[1] = 0x04; // Set conversion rate to 1 second
    ret = write(fd, buf, 2);
    if (ret != 2) {
        printf("ERROR write() conversion rate\n");
        return -1;
    }

    // Read temperature
    // Set internal address register pointer
    buf[0] = 0x00; // Internal Diode High Byte register address
    ret = write(fd, &buf[0], 1);
    if (ret != 1) {
        printf("ERROR write() register address\n");
        return -1;
    }

    while (1) {
        // Read temperature
        // Read data
        buf[1] = 0; // clear receive buffer
        ret = read(fd, &buf[1], 1);
        if (ret != 1) {
            printf("ERROR read() data\n");
            return -1;
        }

        printf("Temperature is %d\n", buf[1]);
        sleep(1);
    }
#endif

    // close device node
    close(fd);

    return 0;
}

```

3. Hands-On

Copy `i2c_test` app to the target and execute it. The temperature data is then printed out.

```
# chmod +x i2c_test
# ./i2c_test
Temperature is 26
Temperature is 26
Temperature is 26
Temperature is 26
Temperature is 26
Temperature is 26
```

4. Tools and Utilities

I2c-tools is a tool for I2C bus testing which is included in Buildroot.

In the default Buildroot configuration, this tool is selected.

```
user@at91:~/buildroot-at91$ make menuconfig
```

Target packages > Hardware handling > i2c-tools

There are several commands in i2c-tools:

```
# i2cdetect
Error: No i2c-bus specified!
Usage: i2cdetect [-y] [-a] [-q|-r] I2CBUS [FIRST LAST]
       i2cdetect -F I2CBUS
       i2cdetect -l
       I2CBUS is an integer or an I2C bus name
       If provided, FIRST and LAST limit the probing range.
# i2cdetect -y 3
   0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  a  b  c  d  e  f
00: -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --
10: -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --
20: -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --
30: -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --
40: -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --
50: UU 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 -- -- -- -- -- -- --
60: 60 -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --
70: -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --

# i2cdump
Error: No i2c-bus specified!
Usage: i2cdump [-f] [-y] [-r first-last] I2CBUS ADDRESS [MODE [BANK [BANKREG]]]
       I2CBUS is an integer or an I2C bus name
       ADDRESS is an integer (0x03 - 0x77)
       MODE is one of:
         b (byte, default)
         w (word)
         W (word on even register addresses)
         s (SMBus block)
         i (I2C block)
         c (consecutive byte)
       Append p for SMBus PEC
# i2cdump -f -y 3 0x50
No size specified (using byte-data access)
   0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  a  b  c  d  e  f      0123456789abcdef
00: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
10: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
20: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
30: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
40: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
50: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
60: 20 4d 43 48 49 50 20 52 46 4f 12 02 42 42 31 ff  MCHIP RFO??BB1.
70: 00 00 44 32 37 2d 53 4f 4d 31 2d 45 4b 31 44 f7  ..D27-SOM1-EK1D?
80: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
90: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
a0: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
b0: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
c0: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
d0: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
e0: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff  .....
f0: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff 54 10 ec 33 c5 7d .....T??3??

# i2cget
Usage: i2cget [-f] [-y] I2CBUS CHIP-ADDRESS [DATA-ADDRESS [MODE]]
       I2CBUS is an integer or an I2C bus name
       ADDRESS is an integer (0x03 - 0x77)
       MODE is one of:
         b (read byte data, default)
         w (read word data)
         c (write byte/read byte)
       Append p for SMBus PEC
# i2cget -f -y 3 0x50 0x60
0x20
```

```
# i2cget -f -y 3 0x50 0x61
0x4d

# i2cset
Usage: i2cset [-f] [-y] [-m MASK] [-r] I2CBUS CHIP-ADDRESS DATA-ADDRESS [VALUE] ... [MODE]
I2CBUS is an integer or an I2C bus name
ADDRESS is an integer (0x03 - 0x77)
MODE is one of:
  c (byte, no value)
  b (byte data, default)
  w (word data)
  i (I2C block data)
  s (SMBus block data)
Append p for SMBus PEC
WARNING: DO NOT modify any data in Eeprom of SAMA5D27_SOM1

# i2ctransfer
Usage: i2ctransfer [-f] [-y] [-v] [-V] I2CBUS DESC [DATA] [DESC [DATA]]...
I2CBUS is an integer or an I2C bus name
DESC describes the transfer in the form: {r|w}LENGTH[@address]
  1) read/write-flag 2) LENGTH (range 0-65535) 3) I2C address (use last one if omitted)
DATA are LENGTH bytes for a write message. They can be shortened by a suffix:
  = (keep value constant until LENGTH)
  + (increase value by 1 until LENGTH)
  - (decrease value by 1 until LENGTH)
  p (use pseudo random generator until LENGTH with value as seed)
```

Example (bus 0, read 8 byte at offset 0x64 from EEPROM at 0x50): # i2ctransfer 0 w1@0x50 0x64 r8

Example (same EEPROM, at offset 0x42 write 0xff 0xfe ... 0xf0): # i2ctransfer 0 w17@0x50 0x42 0xff-

5. Microchip Peripheral I/O Python® (MPIO)

The Microchip Peripheral I/O (MPIO) Python package provides easy access to various hardware peripherals found on Microchip MPU processors and evaluation boards running Linux. The API is clean, consistent, flexible, documented, and well tested. It makes navigating and exercising even the most complex hardware peripherals a trivial task.

For more information, see <https://github.com/linux4sam/mpio>. Code examples showing how to work with the MPIO interface modules are provided in the folder `mpio/examples`.

5.1 MPIO in buildroot

In order to benefit from MPIO in your buildroot configuration, follow the steps below:

1. Enable Python

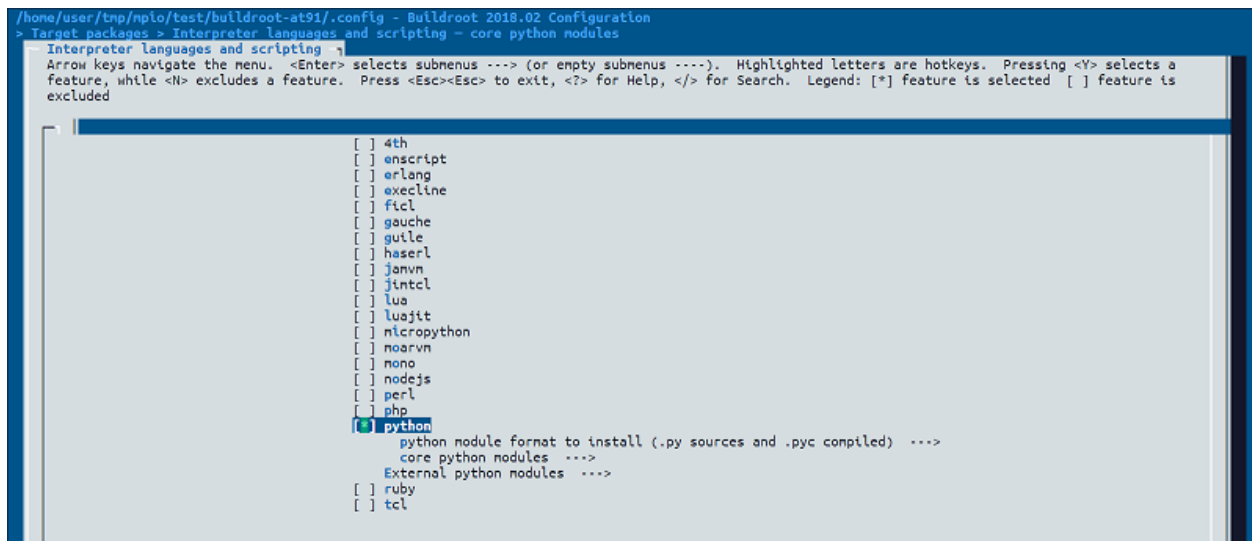
```
user@at91:~/buildroot-at91$ make menuconfig
```

Select “**python**” to enable python support:

- Target packages > Interpreter languages and scripting > [*] **python**

Then enter “**python module format to install**” and select “**.py sources and .pyc compiled**”.

- Target packages > Interpreter languages and scripting > python > python module format to install > **.py sources and .pyc compiled**



Some additional python modules must be selected. Enter “**core python modules**” and select “**curses module**”, “**readline**” and “**hashlib module**”.

- Target packages > Interpreter languages and scripting > core python modules > [*] **curses module**
- Target packages > Interpreter languages and scripting > core python modules > [*] **readline**

- Target packages > Interpreter languages and scripting > core python modules > [*] hashlib module

```

/home/user/tmp/mpio/test/buildroot-at91/.config - Buildroot 2018.02 Configuration
> Target packages > Interpreter languages and scripting > core python modules
core python modules
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---> (or empty submenus ----). Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> selects a feature, while <N> excludes a feature. Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] feature is selected [ ] feature is excluded

*** The following modules are unusual or require extra libraries ***
[ ] bzip2 module (NEW)
[ ] bsddb module (NEW)
[ ] codecs module (NEW)
[*] curses module
[ ] ossaudiodev module (NEW)
[*] readline
[ ] ssl (NEW)
[ ] unicodedata module
[ ] sqlite module
[ ] xml module (NEW)
[ ] zlib module (NEW)
[*] hashlib module

```

Enter “External python modules” and select “python-setuptools”.

- Target packages > Interpreter languages and scripting > External python modules > [*] python-setuptools

```

/home/user/tmp/mpio/test/buildroot-at91/.config - Buildroot 2018.02 Configuration
> Target packages > Interpreter languages and scripting > External python modules
External python modules
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---> (or empty submenus ----). Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> selects a feature, while <N> excludes a feature. Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] feature is selected [ ] feature is excluded

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[ ] python-pyudev (NEW)
[ ] python-pyusb (NEW)
[ ] python-pyxb (NEW)
[ ] python-pyxml (NEW)
[ ] python-pyzmq (NEW)
[ ] python-raven (NEW)
[ ] python-remi (NEW)
[ ] python-requests (NEW)
[ ] python-requests-oauthlib (NEW)
[ ] python-requests-toolbelt (NEW)
[ ] python-rpi-gpio (NEW)
[ ] python-rtplib-fb (NEW)
[ ] python-scandir (NEW)
[ ] python-schedule (NEW)
[ ] python-sdnotify (NEW)
[ ] python-secretstorage (NEW)
[ ] python-see (NEW)
[ ] python-serial (NEW)
[ ] python-service-identity (NEW)
[ ] python-setuptools (NEW)
[*] python-setuptools
[ ] python-sh (NEW)
[ ] python-shutilwhich (NEW)

```

2. Enable the MPIO Module

Enter “External options” and select “python-mpio”.

- External options > [*] python-mpio

```

/home/user/tmp/mpio/test/buildroot-at91/.config - Buildroot 2018.02 Configuration
> External options
External options
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---> (or empty submenus ----). Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> selects a feature, while <N> excludes a feature. Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] feature is selected [ ] feature is excluded

*** MCHP (in /home/user/tmp/mpio/test/buildroot-external-microchip) ***
[ ] gl-decoder
*** gst1-at91 needs a toolchain w/ glibc ***
*** libplanes depends on libdrm, cairo, lua, and cJSON ***
[ ] ptc_examples
*** python-iocontrol depends on pyqt5 and mpio ***
[*] python-mpio
[ ] dt-overlay-at91
Init configuration (none) ----

```

3. Finish the buildroot Configuration and Build

Enter “Filesystem images” and set the exact size of rootfs to 120MB.

- Filesystem images > (120M) exact size

```

/home/user/tmp/mpio/test/buildroot-at91/.config - Buildroot 2018.02 Configuration
# Filesystem images
Filesystem images
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus --- (or empty submenus ---). Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> selects a
feature, while <N> excludes a feature. Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] feature is selected [ ] feature is
excluded

[ ] axfs root filesystem
[ ] cloop root filesystem for the target device
[ ] cpio the root filesystem (for use as an initial RAM filesystem)
[ ] cramfs root filesystem
[*] ext2/3/4 root filesystem
    ext2/3/4 variant (ext4) --->
    ( ) filesystem label
    (120M) exact size
    (0) exact number of inodes (leave at 0 for auto calculation)
    (5) reserved blocks percentage
    (-O ^64bit) additional mke2fs options
    Compression method (no compression) --->

```

After saving, the following new settings are added to the configuration file of buildroot:

```

.....
BR2_PACKAGE_PYTHON=y
BR2_PACKAGE_PYTHON_PY_PYC=y
BR2_PACKAGE_PYTHON_CURSES=y
BR2_PACKAGE_PYTHON_READLINE=y
BR2_PACKAGE_PYTHON_HASHLIB=y
BR2_PACKAGE_PYTHON_SETUPTOOLS=y
BR2_PACKAGE_PYTHON_MPIO=y
BR2_TARGET_ROOTFS_EXT2_SIZE="120M"
.....

```

Then re-configure and build buildroot:

```

user@at91:~/buildroot-at91$ make atmel_sama5d27_som1_ek_mmc_dev_defconfig
user@at91:~/buildroot-at91$ make

```

5.2 Examples

After building successfully, burn your SD card with buildroot-at91/output/images/sdcard.img.

Execute the python codes on the target board, for example:

```

# ./adc2.py DEVICE
# ./gpio1.py PIN
# ./pwm_led.py DEVICE CHANNEL
.....

```

Note: The python example code can be found in <https://github.com/linux4sam/mpio/examples>

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