The ALSA Driver API

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Card Management

Name

snd_card_create — create and initialize a soundcard structure

Synopsis

the pointer to store the created card instance

Description

Creates and initializes a soundcard structure.

The function allocates snd_card instance via kzalloc with the given space for the driver to use freely. The allocated struct is stored in the given card_ret pointer.

Returns zero if successful or a negative error code.

Name

snd_card_disconnect — disconnect all APIs from the file-operations (user space)

Synopsis

```
int snd_card_disconnect (card);
struct snd card * card;
```

Arguments

card

soundcard structure

Description

Disconnects all APIs from the file-operations (user space).

Returns zero, otherwise a negative error code.

Note

The current implementation replaces all active file->f_op with special dummy file operations (they do nothing except release).

Name

snd_card_set_id — set card identification name

Arguments

```
card
soundcard structure
nid
```

new identification string

Description

This function sets the card identification and checks for name collisions.

Name

snd_card_register — register the soundcard

Synopsis

```
int snd_card_register (card);
struct snd card * card;
```

Arguments

card

soundcard structure

Description

This function registers all the devices assigned to the soundcard. Until calling this, the ALSA control interface is blocked from the external accesses. Thus, you should call this function at the end of the initialization of the card.

Returns zero otherwise a negative error code if the registrain failed.

Name

snd_component_add — add a component string

Synopsis

Arguments

card

soundcard structure

component

the component id string

Description

This function adds the component id string to the supported list. The component can be referred from the alsa-lib.

Returns zero otherwise a negative error code.

Name

snd_card_file_add — add the file to the file list of the card

Synopsis

Arguments

card

soundcard structure

file

file pointer

Description

This function adds the file to the file linked-list of the card. This linked-list is used to keep tracking the connection state, and to avoid the release of busy resources by hotplug.

Returns zero or a negative error code.

Name

snd_card_file_remove — remove the file from the file list

Synopsis

Arguments

```
card
soundcard structure
file
```

file pointer

Description

This function removes the file formerly added to the card via snd_card_file_add function. If all files are removed and snd_card_free_when_closed was called beforehand, it processes the pending release of resources.

Returns zero or a negative error code.

Name

snd_power_wait — wait until the power-state is changed.

Arguments

card

soundcard structure

power_state

expected power state

Description

Waits until the power-state is changed.

Note

the power lock must be active before call.

Device Components

Name

snd_device_new — create an ALSA device component

Synopsis

Arguments

card

the card instance

```
the device type, SNDRV_DEV_XXX

device_data
the data pointer of this device

ops

the operator table
```

Description

Creates a new device component for the given data pointer. The device will be assigned to the card and managed together by the card.

The data pointer plays a role as the identifier, too, so the pointer address must be unique and unchanged.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_device_free — release the device from the card

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the card instance

device_data

the data pointer to release
```

Description

Removes the device from the list on the card and invokes the callbacks, dev_disconnect and dev_free, corresponding to the state. Then release the device.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure or if the device not found.

Name

snd_device_register — register the device

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the card instance

device_data

the data pointer to register
```

Description

Registers the device which was already created via snd_device_new. Usually this is called from snd_card_register, but it can be called later if any new devices are created after invocation of snd_card_register.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure or if the device not found.

Module requests and Device File Entries

Name

snd_request_card — try to load the card module

Synopsis

```
void snd_request_card (card);
int card;
```

card

the card number

Description

Tries to load the module "snd-card-X" for the given card number via request_module. Returns immediately if already loaded.

Name

snd_lookup_minor_data — get user data of a registered device

Synopsis

Arguments

```
minor
```

the minor number

type

device type (SNDRV_DEVICE_TYPE_XXX)

Description

Checks that a minor device with the specified type is registered, and returns its user data pointer.

Name

snd_register_device_for_dev — Register the ALSA device file for the card

```
int snd_register_device_for_dev (type, card, dev, f_ops,
```

```
private_data,
                                   name,
                                   device);
                                  type;
int
struct snd card *
                                  card;
                                  dev;
const struct file operations *
                                  f ops;
void *
                                  private_data;
const char *
                                  name;
struct device *
                                  device;
```

Arguments

```
the device type, SNDRV_DEVICE_TYPE_XXX

card

the card instance

dev

the device index

f_ops

the file operations

private_data
 user pointer for f_ops->open

name

the device file name

device

the struct device to link this new device to
```

Description

Registers an ALSA device file for the given card. The operators have to be set in reg parameter.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_unregister_device — unregister the device on the given card

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the device type, SNDRV_DEVICE_TYPE_XXX

card
the card instance

dev
the device index
```

Description

Unregisters the device file already registered via snd_register_device.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure

Memory Management Helpers

Name

copy_to_user_fromio — copy data from mmio-space to user-space

Arguments

```
the destination pointer on user-space

src

the source pointer on mmio

count
```

the data size to copy in bytes

Description

Copies the data from mmio-space to user-space.

Returns zero if successful, or non-zero on failure.

Name

copy_from_user_toio — copy data from user-space to mmio-space

Synopsis

```
the destination pointer on mmio-space

src

the source pointer on user-space

count

the data size to copy in bytes
```

Description

Copies the data from user-space to mmio-space.

Returns zero if successful, or non-zero on failure.

Name

snd_malloc_pages — allocate pages with the given size

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the size to allocate in bytes

gfp_flags

the allocation conditions, GFP_XXX
```

Description

Allocates the physically contiguous pages with the given size.

Returns the pointer of the buffer, or NULL if no enoguh memory.

Name

```
snd_free_pages — release the pages
```

Arguments

```
the buffer pointer to release

size

the allocated buffer size
```

Description

Releases the buffer allocated via snd_malloc_pages.

Name

snd_dma_alloc_pages — allocate the buffer area according to the given type

Synopsis

```
the DMA buffer type

device
the device pointer

size
the buffer size to allocate

dmab
```

Description

Calls the memory-allocator function for the corresponding buffer type.

Returns zero if the buffer with the given size is allocated successfuly, other a negative value at error.

Name

snd_dma_alloc_pages_fallback — allocate the buffer area according to the given type with fallback

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the DMA buffer type

device
the device pointer

size
the buffer size to allocate
```

buffer allocation record to store the allocated data

Description

Calls the memory-allocator function for the corresponding buffer type. When no space is left, this function reduces the size and tries to allocate again. The size actually allocated is stored in res_size argument.

Returns zero if the buffer with the given size is allocated successfuly, other a negative value at error.

Name

snd_dma_free_pages — release the allocated buffer

Synopsis

```
void snd_dma_free_pages (dmab);
struct snd_dma_buffer * dmab;
```

Arguments

dmab

the buffer allocation record to release

Description

Releases the allocated buffer via snd_dma_alloc_pages.

Name

snd_dma_get_reserved_buf — get the reserved buffer for the given device

Synopsis

Arguments

dmab

the buffer allocation record to store

id

the buffer id

Description

Looks for the reserved-buffer list and re-uses if the same buffer is found in the list. When the buffer is

found, it's removed from the free list.

Returns the size of buffer if the buffer is found, or zero if not found.

Name

snd_dma_reserve_buf — reserve the buffer

Synopsis

Arguments

dmab

the buffer to reserve

id

the buffer id

Description

Reserves the given buffer as a reserved buffer.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative code at error.

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PCM Core

Name

snd_pcm_new_stream — create a new PCM stream

Synopsis

Arguments

```
pcm
```

the pcm instance

stream

the stream direction, SNDRV_PCM_STREAM_XXX

substream count

the number of substreams

Description

Creates a new stream for the pcm. The corresponding stream on the pcm must have been empty before calling this, i.e. zero must be given to the argument of snd_pcm_new.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_pcm_new — create a new PCM instance

Arguments

```
the card instance

id

the id string

device

the device index (zero based)

playback_count

the number of substreams for playback

capture_count

the number of substreams for capture
```

the pointer to store the new pcm instance

Description

Creates a new PCM instance.

The pcm operators have to be set afterwards to the new instance via snd_pcm_set_ops.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

```
snd_pcm_set_ops — set the PCM operators
```

```
struct snd pcm ops * ops;
```

Arguments

```
the pcm instance

direction

stream direction, SNDRV_PCM_STREAM_XXX

ops

the operator table
```

Description

Sets the given PCM operators to the pcm instance.

Name

```
snd_pcm_set_sync — set the PCM sync id
```

Synopsis

```
void snd_pcm_set_sync (substream);
struct snd pcm_substream * substream;
```

Arguments

substream

the pcm substream

Description

Sets the PCM sync identifier for the card.

Name

snd_interval_refine — refine the interval value of configurator

```
int snd\_interval\_refine (i, v); struct snd\_interval * i; const struct snd interval * v;
```

Arguments

the interval value to refine

v

the interval value to refer to

Description

Refines the interval value with the reference value. The interval is changed to the range satisfying both intervals. The interval status (min, max, integer, etc.) are evaluated.

Returns non-zero if the value is changed, zero if not changed.

Name

snd_interval_ratnum — refine the interval value

Synopsis

Arguments

i

interval to refine

```
rats_count
    number of ratnum_t

rats
    ratnum_t array

nump
    pointer to store the resultant numerator

denp
    pointer to store the resultant denominator
```

Description

Returns non-zero if the value is changed, zero if not changed.

Name

snd_interval_list — refine the interval value from the list

Synopsis

```
the interval value to refine
count
the number of elements in the list
list
the value list
```

mask

the bit-mask to evaluate

Description

Refines the interval value from the list. When mask is non-zero, only the elements corresponding to bit 1 are evaluated.

Returns non-zero if the value is changed, zero if not changed.

Name

snd_pcm_hw_rule_add — add the hw-constraint rule

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_hw_rule_add (runtime,
                           cond,
                           var,
                           func,
                           private,
                           dep,
                           ...);
struct snd_pcm_runtime * runtime;
unsigned int
                            cond;
int
                            var;
snd_pcm_hw_rule_func_t
                            func;
void *
                            private;
int
                            dep;
                            ...;
```

Arguments

```
runtime
```

the pcm runtime instance

cond

condition bits

var

the variable to evaluate

func

```
the evaluation function
```

```
private

the private data pointer passed to function

dep

the dependent variables
```

variable arguments

Description

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_pcm_hw_constraint_integer — apply an integer constraint to an interval

Synopsis

Arguments

runtime

PCM runtime instance

var

hw_params variable to apply the integer constraint

Description

Apply the constraint of integer to an interval parameter.

Name

snd_pcm_hw_constraint_minmax — apply a min/max range constraint to an interval

Synopsis

Arguments

runtime

PCM runtime instance

var

hw_params variable to apply the range

min

the minimal value

max

the maximal value

Description

Apply the min/max range constraint to an interval parameter.

Name

snd_pcm_hw_constraint_list — apply a list of constraints to a parameter

Arguments

```
runtime
```

PCM runtime instance

cond

condition bits

var

hw_params variable to apply the list constraint

1

list

Description

Apply the list of constraints to an interval parameter.

Name

snd_pcm_hw_constraint_ratnums — apply ratnums constraint to a parameter

Synopsis

Arguments

runtime

PCM runtime instance

cond

```
condition bits
```

var

hw_params variable to apply the ratnums constraint

r

struct snd_ratnums constriants

Name

snd_pcm_hw_constraint_ratdens — apply ratdens constraint to a parameter

Synopsis

Arguments

runtime

PCM runtime instance

cond

condition bits

var

hw_params variable to apply the ratdens constraint

r

struct snd ratdens constriants

Name

snd_pcm_hw_constraint_msbits — add a hw constraint msbits rule

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_hw_constraint_msbits (runtime,
                                    cond,
                                    width,
                                    msbits);
struct snd_pcm_runtime * runtime;
unsigned int
                           cond;
                           width;
unsigned int
unsigned int
                           msbits;
Arguments
runtime
     PCM runtime instance
cond
     condition bits
width
     sample bits width
```

Name

msbits

msbits width

snd_pcm_hw_constraint_step — add a hw constraint step rule

Synopsis

```
runtime
```

PCM runtime instance

cond

condition bits

var

hw_params variable to apply the step constraint

step

step size

Name

snd_pcm_hw_constraint_pow2 — add a hw constraint power-of-2 rule

Synopsis

Arguments

runtime

PCM runtime instance

cond

condition bits

var

hw_params variable to apply the power-of-2 constraint

Name

snd_pcm_hw_param_value — return params field var value

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the hw_params instance

var

parameter to retrieve

dir

pointer to the direction (-1,0,1) or NULL
```

Description

Return the value for field var if it's fixed in configuration space defined by params. Return -EINVAL otherwise.

Name

snd_pcm_hw_param_first — refine config space and return minimum value

Synopsis

```
PCM instance

params

the hw_params instance

var

parameter to retrieve
```

pointer to the direction (-1,0,1) or NULL

Description

Inside configuration space defined by *params* remove from *var* all values > minimum. Reduce configuration space accordingly. Return the minimum.

Name

snd_pcm_hw_param_last — refine config space and return maximum value

Synopsis

```
PCM instance

params

the hw_params instance

var

parameter to retrieve
```

dir

pointer to the direction (-1,0,1) or NULL

Description

Inside configuration space defined by params remove from var all values < maximum. Reduce configuration space accordingly. Return the maximum.

Name

snd_pcm_lib_ioctl — a generic PCM ioctl callback

Synopsis

Arguments

substream

the pcm substream instance

cmd

ioctl command

arg

ioctl argument

Description

Processes the generic ioctl commands for PCM. Can be passed as the ioctl callback for PCM ops.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_pcm_period_elapsed — update the pcm status for the next period

Synopsis

```
void snd_pcm_period_elapsed (substream);
struct snd_pcm_substream * substream;
```

Arguments

substream

the pcm substream instance

Description

This function is called from the interrupt handler when the PCM has processed the period size. It will update the current pointer, wake up sleepers, etc.

Even if more than one periods have elapsed since the last call, you have to call this only once.

Name

snd_pcm_stop — try to stop all running streams in the substream group

Synopsis

Arguments

```
substream
```

the PCM substream instance

state

PCM state after stopping the stream

Description

The state of each stream is then changed to the given state unconditionally.

Name

snd_pcm_suspend — trigger SUSPEND to all linked streams

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_suspend (substream);
struct snd pcm_substream * substream;
```

Arguments

substream

the PCM substream

Description

After this call, all streams are changed to SUSPENDED state.

Name

snd_pcm_suspend_all — trigger SUSPEND to all substreams in the given pcm

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_suspend_all (pcm);
struct snd_pcm * pcm;
```

Arguments

pcm

the PCM instance

Description

After this call, all streams are changed to SUSPENDED state.

PCM Format Helpers

Name

snd_pcm_format_signed — Check the PCM format is signed linear

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_format_signed (format);
snd_pcm_format_t format;
```

Arguments

format

the format to check

Description

Returns 1 if the given PCM format is signed linear, 0 if unsigned linear, and a negative error code for non-linear formats.

Name

snd_pcm_format_unsigned — Check the PCM format is unsigned linear

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_format_unsigned (format);
snd pcm format t format;
```

Arguments

format

the format to check

Description

Returns 1 if the given PCM format is unsigned linear, 0 if signed linear, and a negative error code for non-linear formats.

Name

snd_pcm_format_linear — Check the PCM format is linear

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_format_linear (format);
snd_pcm_format_t format;
```

Arguments

format

the format to check

Description

Returns 1 if the given PCM format is linear, 0 if not.

Name

snd_pcm_format_little_endian — Check the PCM format is little-endian

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_format_little_endian (format);
snd_pcm_format_t format;
```

Arguments

format

the format to check

Description

Returns 1 if the given PCM format is little-endian, 0 if big-endian, or a negative error code if endian not specified.

Name

snd_pcm_format_big_endian — Check the PCM format is big-endian

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_format_big_endian (format);
snd_pcm_format_t format;
```

Arguments

format

the format to check

Description

Returns 1 if the given PCM format is big-endian, 0 if little-endian, or a negative error code if endian not specified.

Name

snd_pcm_format_width — return the bit-width of the format

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_format_width (format);
snd_pcm_format_t format;
```

Arguments

format

the format to check

Description

Returns the bit-width of the format, or a negative error code if unknown format.

Name

snd_pcm_format_physical_width — return the physical bit-width of the format

```
int snd_pcm_format_physical_width (format);
snd_pcm_format_t format;
```

Arguments

format

the format to check

Description

Returns the physical bit-width of the format, or a negative error code if unknown format.

Name

snd_pcm_format_size — return the byte size of samples on the given format

Synopsis

Arguments

```
format
```

the format to check

samples

sampling rate

Description

Returns the byte size of the given samples for the format, or a negative error code if unknown format.

Name

snd_pcm_format_silence_64 — return the silent data in 8 bytes array

Synopsis

```
const unsigned char * snd_pcm_format_silence_64 (format);
snd_pcm_format_t format;
```

Arguments

format

the format to check

Description

Returns the format pattern to fill or NULL if error.

Name

snd_pcm_format_set_silence — set the silence data on the buffer

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the PCM format

data

the buffer pointer

samples
```

the number of samples to set silence

Description

Sets the silence data on the buffer for the given samples.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_pcm_limit_hw_rates — determine rate_min/rate_max fields

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_limit_hw_rates (runtime);
struct snd_pcm_runtime * runtime;
```

Arguments

runtime

the runtime instance

Description

Determines the rate_min and rate_max fields from the rates bits of the given runtime->hw.

Returns zero if successful.

Name

snd_pcm_rate_to_rate_bit — converts sample rate to SNDRV_PCM_RATE_xxx bit

Synopsis

```
unsigned int snd_pcm_rate_to_rate_bit (rate);
unsigned int rate;
```

Arguments

rate

the sample rate to convert

Description

Returns the SNDRV_PCM_RATE_xxx flag that corresponds to the given rate, or

SNDRV PCM RATE KNOT for an unknown rate.

PCM Memory Management

Name

snd_pcm_lib_preallocate_free_for_all — release all pre-allocated buffers on the pcm

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_lib_preallocate_free_for_all (pcm);
struct snd_pcm * pcm;
```

Arguments

pcm

the pcm instance

Description

Releases all the pre-allocated buffers on the given pcm.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_pcm_lib_preallocate_pages — pre-allocation for the given DMA type

Synopsis

```
the pcm substream instance

type

DMA type (SNDRV_DMA_TYPE_*)

data

DMA type dependant data

size

the requested pre-allocation size in bytes

max

the max. allowed pre-allocation size
```

Description

Do pre-allocation for the given DMA buffer type.

When substream->dma_buf_id is set, the function tries to look for the reserved buffer, and the buffer is not freed but reserved at destruction time. The dma_buf_id must be unique for all systems (in the same DMA buffer type) e.g. using snd_dma_pci_buf_id.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_pcm_lib_preallocate_pages_for_all — pre-allocation for continous memory type (all substreams)

Synopsis

```
the pcm instance

type

DMA type (SNDRV_DMA_TYPE_*)

data

DMA type dependant data

size

the requested pre-allocation size in bytes

max

the max. allowed pre-allocation size
```

Description

Do pre-allocation to all substreams of the given pcm for the specified DMA type.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_pcm_sgbuf_ops_page — get the page struct at the given offset

Synopsis

```
the pcm substream instance

offset

the buffer offset
```

Description

Returns the page struct at the given buffer offset. Used as the page callback of PCM ops.

Name

snd_pcm_lib_malloc_pages — allocate the DMA buffer

Synopsis

Arguments

```
substream
```

the substream to allocate the DMA buffer to

size

the requested buffer size in bytes

Description

Allocates the DMA buffer on the BUS type given earlier to snd_pcm_lib_preallocate_xxx_pages.

Returns 1 if the buffer is changed, 0 if not changed, or a negative code on failure.

Name

snd_pcm_lib_free_pages — release the allocated DMA buffer.

Synopsis

```
int snd_pcm_lib_free_pages (substream);
struct snd pcm substream * substream;
```

substream

the substream to release the DMA buffer

Description

Releases the DMA buffer allocated via snd_pcm_lib_malloc_pages.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

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General Control Interface

Name

snd_ctl_new1 — create a control instance from the template

Synopsis

Arguments

```
ncontrol
the initialization record
private_data
the private data to set
```

Description

Allocates a new struct snd_kcontrol instance and initialize from the given template. When the access field of ncontrol is 0, it's assumed as READWRITE access. When the count field is 0, it's assumes as one.

Returns the pointer of the newly generated instance, or NULL on failure.

Name

snd_ctl_free_one — release the control instance

Synopsis

```
void snd_ctl_free_one (kcontrol);
struct snd kcontrol * kcontrol;
```

Arguments

kcontrol

the control instance

Description

Releases the control instance created via snd_ctl_new or snd_ctl_new1. Don't call this after the control was added to the card.

Name

snd_ctl_add — add the control instance to the card

Synopsis

Arguments

card

the card instance

kcontrol

the control instance to add

Description

Adds the control instance created via snd_ctl_new or snd_ctl_new1 to the given card. Assigns also an unique numid used for fast search.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

It frees automatically the control which cannot be added.

Name

snd_ctl_remove — remove the control from the card and release it

Synopsis

Arguments

card

the card instance

kcontrol

the control instance to remove

Description

Removes the control from the card and then releases the instance. You don't need to call snd_ctl_free_one. You must be in the write lock - down_write(card->controls_rwsem).

Returns 0 if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_ctl_remove_id — remove the control of the given id and release it

```
int snd_ctl_remove_id (card,
```

```
id);
struct snd_card * card;
struct snd_ctl_elem_id * id;
```

Arguments

```
card
the card instance
id
```

the control id to remove

Description

Finds the control instance with the given id, removes it from the card list and releases it.

Returns 0 if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_ctl_rename_id — replace the id of a control on the card

Synopsis

```
the card instance

src_id

the old id

dst_id

the new id
```

Description

Finds the control with the old id from the card, and replaces the id with the new one.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_ctl_find_numid — find the control instance with the given number-id

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the card instance

numid

the number-id to search
```

Description

Finds the control instance with the given number-id from the card.

Returns the pointer of the instance if found, or NULL if not.

The caller must down card->controls_rwsem before calling this function (if the race condition can happen).

Name

snd_ctl_find_id — find the control instance with the given id

```
struct snd_card * card;
struct snd ctl elem id * id;
```

Arguments

```
the card instance

id

the id to search
```

Description

Finds the control instance with the given id from the card.

Returns the pointer of the instance if found, or NULL if not.

The caller must down card->controls_rwsem before calling this function (if the race condition can happen).

AC97 Codec API

Name

snd_ac97_write — write a value on the given register

Synopsis

```
ac97
the ac97 instance
reg
the register to change
```

value

the value to set

Description

Writes a value on the given register. This will invoke the write callback directly after the register check. This function doesn't change the register cache unlike #snd_ca97_write_cache, so use this only when you don't want to reflect the change to the suspend/resume state.

Name

snd_ac97_read — read a value from the given register

Synopsis

```
unsigned short snd_ac97_read (ac97, reg);
struct snd_ac97 * ac97;
unsigned short reg;
```

Arguments

```
the ac97 instance

reg

the register to read
```

Description

Reads a value from the given register. This will invoke the read callback directly after the register check.

Returns the read value.

Name

snd_ac97_write_cache — write a value on the given register and update the cache

```
void snd_ac97_write_cache (ac97,
```

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```
reg,
                            value);
struct snd_ac97 * ac97;
unsigned short
                   reg;
unsigned short
```

value;

Arguments

```
ac97
      the ac97 instance
reg
      the register to change
value
      the value to set
```

Description

Writes a value on the given register and updates the register cache. The cached values are used for the cached-read and the suspend/resume.

Name

snd_ac97_update — update the value on the given register

Synopsis

```
int snd_ac97_update (ac97,
                      reg,
                      value);
struct snd ac97 * ac97;
unsigned short
                   reg;
unsigned short
                   value;
```

```
ac97
      the ac97 instance
reg
```

the register to change

value

the value to set

Description

Compares the value with the register cache and updates the value only when the value is changed.

Returns 1 if the value is changed, 0 if no change, or a negative code on failure.

Name

snd_ac97_update_bits — update the bits on the given register

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the ac97 instance

reg

the register to change

mask

the bit-mask to change

value

the value to set
```

Description

Updates the masked-bits on the given register only when the value is changed.

Returns 1 if the bits are changed, 0 if no change, or a negative code on failure.

Name

```
snd_ac97_get_short_name — retrieve codec name
```

Synopsis

```
const char * snd_ac97_get_short_name (ac97);
struct snd ac97 * ac97;
```

Arguments

ac97

the codec instance

Description

Returns the short identifying name of the codec.

Name

```
snd_ac97_bus — create an AC97 bus component
```

Synopsis

Arguments

card

```
num

the bus number

ops

the bus callbacks table

private_data

private data pointer for the new instance
```

the pointer to store the new AC97 bus instance.

Description

Creates an AC97 bus component. An struct snd_ac97_bus instance is newly allocated and initialized.

The ops table must include valid callbacks (at least read and write). The other callbacks, wait and reset, are not mandatory.

The clock is set to 48000. If another clock is needed, set (*rbus)->clock manually.

The AC97 bus instance is registered as a low-level device, so you don't have to release it manually.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

```
snd_ac97_mixer — create an Codec97 component
```

Synopsis

Arguments

bus

the AC97 bus which codec is attached to

template

the template of ac97, including index, callbacks and the private data.

rac97

the pointer to store the new ac97 instance.

Description

Creates an Codec97 component. An struct snd_ac97 instance is newly allocated and initialized from the template. The codec is then initialized by the standard procedure.

The template must include the codec number (num) and address (addr), and the private data (private_data).

The ac97 instance is registered as a low-level device, so you don't have to release it manually.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_ac97_update_power — update the powerdown register

Synopsis

Arguments

```
ac97
```

the codec instance

reg

the rate register, e.g. AC97_PCM_FRONT_DAC_RATE

powerup

non-zero when power up the part

Description

Update the AC97 powerdown register bits of the given part.

Name

snd_ac97_suspend — General suspend function for AC97 codec

Synopsis

```
void snd_ac97_suspend (ac97);
struct snd_ac97 * ac97;
```

Arguments

ac97

the ac97 instance

Description

Suspends the codec, power down the chip.

Name

snd_ac97_resume — General resume function for AC97 codec

Synopsis

```
void snd_ac97_resume (ac97);
struct snd_ac97 * ac97;
```

Arguments

ac97

the ac97 instance

Description

Do the standard resume procedure, power up and restoring the old register values.

Name

snd_ac97_tune_hardware — tune up the hardware

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the ac97 instance

quirk

quirk list

override

explicit quirk value (overrides the list if non-NULL)
```

Description

Do some workaround for each pci device, such as renaming of the headphone (true line-out) control as "Master". The quirk-list must be terminated with a zero-filled entry.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_ac97_set_rate — change the rate of the given input/output.

Arguments

```
the ac97 instance

reg

the register to change

rate

the sample rate to set
```

Description

Changes the rate of the given input/output on the codec. If the codec doesn't support VAR, the rate must be 48000 (except for SPDIF).

The valid registers are AC97_PMC_MIC_ADC_RATE, AC97_PCM_FRONT_DAC_RATE, AC97_PCM_LR_ADC_RATE. AC97_PCM_SURR_DAC_RATE and AC97_PCM_LFE_DAC_RATE are accepted if the codec supports them. AC97_SPDIF is accepted as a pseudo register to modify the SPDIF status bits.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_ac97_pcm_assign — assign AC97 slots to given PCM streams

Synopsis

Arguments

bus

```
the ac97 bus instance
```

```
pcms_count

count of PCMs to be assigned
```

pcms

PCMs to be assigned

Description

It assigns available AC97 slots for given PCMs. If none or only some slots are available, pcm->xxx.slots and pcm->xxx.rslots[] members are reduced and might be zero.

Name

```
snd_ac97_pcm_open — opens the given AC97 pcm
```

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the ac97 pcm instance

rate

rate in Hz, if codec do
```

rate in Hz, if codec does not support VRA, this value must be 48000Hz

cfg

pcm

output stream characteristics

slots

a subset of allocated slots (snd_ac97_pcm_assign) for this pcm

Description

It locks the specified slots and sets the given rate to AC97 registers.

Name

snd_ac97_pcm_close — closes the given AC97 pcm

Synopsis

```
int snd_ac97_pcm_close (pcm);
struct ac97_pcm * pcm;
```

Arguments

pcm

the ac97 pcm instance

Description

It frees the locked AC97 slots.

Name

snd_ac97_pcm_double_rate_rules — set double rate constraints

Synopsis

```
int snd_ac97_pcm_double_rate_rules (runtime);
struct snd pcm_runtime * runtime;
```

Arguments

runtime

the runtime of the ac97 front playback pcm

Description

Installs the hardware constraint rules to prevent using double rates and more than two channels at the

same time.

Virtual Master Control API

Name

snd_ctl_make_virtual_master — Create a virtual master control

Synopsis

```
struct snd_kcontrol * snd_ctl_make_virtual_master (name, tlv); char * name; const unsigned int * tlv;
```

Arguments

name

name string of the control element to create

tlv

optional TLV int array for dB information

Description

Creates a virtual matster control with the given name string. Returns the created control element, or NULL for errors (ENOMEM).

After creating a vmaster element, you can add the slave controls via snd_ctl_add_slave or snd ctl add slave uncached.

The optional argument *t1v* can be used to specify the TLV information for dB scale of the master control. It should be a single element with #SNDRV_CTL_TLVT_DB_SCALE, #SNDRV_CTL_TLV_DB_MINMAX or #SNDRV_CTL_TLVT_DB_MINMAX_MUTE type, and should be the max 0dB.

Name

snd_ctl_add_slave — Add a virtual slave control

```
int snd_ctl_add_slave (master,
```

```
slave);
struct snd_kcontrol * master;
struct snd kcontrol * slave;
```

Arguments

```
waster vmaster element

slave

slave element to add
```

Description

Add a virtual slave control to the given master element created via snd_ctl_create_virtual_master beforehand. Returns zero if successful or a negative error code.

All slaves must be the same type (returning the same information via info callback). The fucntion doesn't check it, so it's your responsibility.

Also, some additional limitations: at most two channels, logarithmic volume control (dB level) thus no linear volume, master can only attenuate the volume without gain

Name

snd_ctl_add_slave_uncached — Add a virtual slave control

Synopsis

```
vmaster element

slave

slave element to add
```

Description

Add a virtual slave control to the given master. Unlike snd_ctl_add_slave, the element added via this function is supposed to have volatile values, and get callback is called at each time quried from the master.

When the control peeks the hardware values directly and the value can be changed by other means than the put callback of the element, this function should be used to keep the value always up-to-date.

Chapter 4. MIDI API

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Raw MIDI API

Name

snd_rawmidi_receive — receive the input data from the device

Synopsis

Arguments

substream

the rawmidi substream

buffer

the buffer pointer

count

the data size to read

Description

Reads the data from the internal buffer.

Returns the size of read data, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_rawmidi_transmit_empty — check whether the output buffer is empty

Synopsis

```
int snd_rawmidi_transmit_empty (substream);
struct snd_rawmidi_substream * substream;
```

Arguments

substream

the rawmidi substream

Description

Returns 1 if the internal output buffer is empty, 0 if not.

Name

snd_rawmidi_transmit_peek — copy data from the internal buffer

Synopsis

Arguments

substream

the rawmidi substream

buffer

the buffer pointer

count

data size to transfer

Description

Copies data from the internal output buffer to the given buffer.

Call this in the interrupt handler when the midi output is ready, and call snd_rawmidi_transmit_ack after the transmission is finished.

Returns the size of copied data, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_rawmidi_transmit_ack — acknowledge the transmission

Synopsis

Arguments

substream

the rawmidi substream

count

the tranferred count

Description

Advances the hardware pointer for the internal output buffer with the given size and updates the condition. Call after the transmission is finished.

Returns the advanced size if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_rawmidi_transmit — copy from the buffer to the device

Synopsis

Arguments

substream

the rawmidi substream

buffer

the buffer pointer

count

the data size to transfer

Description

Copies data from the buffer to the device and advances the pointer.

Returns the copied size if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_rawmidi_new — create a rawmidi instance

Arguments

```
the card instance

id

the id string

device

the device index

output_count

the number of output streams

input_count

the number of input streams

rrawmidi

the pointer to store the new rawmidi instance
```

Description

Creates a new rawmidi instance. Use snd_rawmidi_set_ops to set the operators to the new instance.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_rawmidi_set_ops — set the rawmidi operators

Arguments

```
the rawmidi instance

stream

the stream direction, SNDRV_RAWMIDI_STREAM_XXX

ops

the operator table
```

Description

Sets the rawmidi operators for the given stream direction.

MPU401-UART API

Name

snd_mpu401_uart_interrupt — generic MPU401-UART interrupt handler

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the irq number

dev_id

mpu401 instance
```

Description

Processes the interrupt for MPU401-UART i/o.

Name

snd_mpu401_uart_interrupt_tx — generic MPU401-UART transmit irq handler

Synopsis

Arguments

```
trq
the irq number

dev_id
mpu401 instance
```

Description

Processes the interrupt for MPU401-UART output.

Name

snd_mpu401_uart_new — create an MPU401-UART instance

```
int snd_mpu401_uart_new (card,
                            device,
                            hardware,
                           port,
                            info_flags,
                            irq,
                            irq_flags,
                            rrawmidi);
struct snd card *
                         card;
                         device;
unsigned short
                         hardware;
unsigned long
                         port;
                         info_flags;
unsigned int
int
                         irq;
```

Arguments

```
card
     the card instance
device
     the device index, zero-based
hardware
     the hardware type, MPU401_HW_XXXX
port
     the base address of MPU401 port
info flags
     bitflags MPU401_INFO_XXX
ira
     the irq number, -1 if no interrupt for mpu
irq flags
     the irq request flags (SA_XXX), 0 if irq was already reserved.
rrawmidi
     the pointer to store the new rawmidi instance
```

Description

Creates a new MPU-401 instance.

Note that the rawmidi instance is returned on the rrawmidi argument, not the mpu401 instance itself. To access to the mpu401 instance, cast from rawmidi->private_data (with struct snd_mpu401 magic-cast).

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code.

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Proc Info Interface

Proc Info Interface

Name

snd_iprintf — printf on the procfs buffer

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the procfs buffer

fmt

the printf format

...

variable arguments
```

Description

Outputs the string on the procfs buffer just like printf.

Returns the size of output string.

Name

snd_info_get_line — read one line from the procfs buffer

Synopsis

```
struct snd_info_buffer * buffer;
char * line;
int len;
```

Arguments

```
the procfs buffer

line

the buffer to store

len

the max. buffer size - 1
```

Description

Reads one line from the buffer and stores the string.

Returns zero if successful, or 1 if error or EOF.

Name

```
snd_info_get_str — parse a string token
```

Synopsis

Arguments

```
dest
     the buffer to store the string token
src
     the original string
```

len

the max. length of token - 1

Description

Parses the original string and copy a token to the given string buffer.

Returns the updated pointer of the original string so that it can be used for the next call.

Name

snd_info_create_module_entry — create an info entry for the given module

Synopsis

Arguments

```
module

the module pointer

name

the file name

parent

the parent directory
```

Description

Creates a new info entry and assigns it to the given module.

Returns the pointer of the new instance, or NULL on failure.

Name

snd_info_create_card_entry — create an info entry for the given card

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the card instance

name
the file name

parent
the parent directory
```

Description

Creates a new info entry and assigns it to the given card.

Returns the pointer of the new instance, or NULL on failure.

Name

snd_card_proc_new — create an info entry for the given card

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the card instance

name
the file name

entryp
the pointer to store the new info entry
```

Description

Creates a new info entry and assigns it to the given card. Unlike snd_info_create_card_entry, this function registers the info entry as an ALSA device component, so that it can be unregistered/released without explicit call. Also, you don't have to register this entry via snd_info_register, since this will be registered by snd_card_register automatically.

The parent is assumed as card->proc_root.

For releasing this entry, use snd_device_free instead of snd_info_free_entry.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

snd_info_free_entry — release the info entry

Synopsis

```
void snd_info_free_entry (entry);
struct snd info entry * entry;
```

Arguments

entry

the info entry

Description

Releases the info entry. Don't call this after registered.

Name

snd_info_register — register the info entry

Synopsis

```
int snd_info_register (entry);
struct snd_info_entry * entry;
```

Arguments

entry

the info entry

Description

Registers the proc info entry.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

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Hardware-Dependent Devices API

Name

snd_hwdep_new — create a new hwdep instance

Synopsis

Arguments

```
the card instance

id

the id string

device

the device index (zero-based)

rhwdep

the pointer to store the new hwdep instance
```

Description

Creates a new hwdep instance with the given index on the card. The callbacks (hwdep->ops) must be set on the returned instance after this call manually by the caller.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Jack Abstraction Layer API

Name

```
snd_jack_new — Create a new jack
```

Synopsis

Arguments

card

the card instance

```
an identifying string for this jack

type

a bitmask of enum snd_jack_type values that can be detected by this jack

jjack
```

Used to provide the allocated jack object to the caller.

Description

Creates a new jack object.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure. On success jjack will be initialised.

Name

```
snd_jack_set_parent — Set the parent device for a jack
```

Synopsis

Arguments

```
jack
```

The jack to configure

parent

The device to set as parent for the jack.

Description

Set the parent for the jack input device in the device tree. This function is only valid prior to registration of the jack. If no parent is configured then the parent device will be the sound card.

Name

snd_jack_report — Report the current status of a jack

Synopsis

Arguments

jack

The jack to report status for

status

The current status of the jack

ISA DMA Helpers

Name

snd_dma_program — program an ISA DMA transfer

Synopsis

Arguments

dma

the dma number

addr

the physical address of the buffer

```
size
```

the DMA transfer size

mode

the DMA transfer mode, DMA_MODE_XXX

Description

Programs an ISA DMA transfer for the given buffer.

Name

snd_dma_disable — stop the ISA DMA transfer

Synopsis

```
void snd_dma_disable (dma);
unsigned long dma;
```

Arguments

dma

the dma number

Description

Stops the ISA DMA transfer.

Name

snd_dma_pointer — return the current pointer to DMA transfer buffer in bytes

Synopsis

```
unsigned int snd_dma_pointer (dma, size);
unsigned long dma;
unsigned int size;
```

Arguments

```
dma
```

the dma number

size

the dma transfer size

Description

Returns the current pointer in DMA tranfer buffer in bytes

Other Helper Macros

Name

snd_register_device — Register the ALSA device file for the card

Synopsis

```
int snd_register_device (type,
                           card,
                           dev,
                           f_{ops}
                           private_data,
                           name);
int
                                  type;
struct snd_card *
                                  card;
                                  dev;
const struct file_operations * f_ops;
void *
                                  private_data;
const char *
                                  name;
```

Arguments

```
the device type, SNDRV_DEVICE_TYPE_XXX

card
the card instance

dev
the device index
```

Description

Registers an ALSA device file for the given card. The operators have to be set in reg parameter.

This function uses the card's device pointer to link to the correct struct device.

Returns zero if successful, or a negative error code on failure.

Name

```
snd_printk — printk wrapper
```

Synopsis

Arguments

```
format string

args...

variable arguments
```

Description

Works like prints but prints the file and the line of the caller when configured with CONFIG_SND_VERBOSE_PRINTK.

Name

snd_printd — debug printk

Synopsis

Arguments

```
fmt
format string

args...

variable arguments
```

Description

Works like snd_printk for debugging purposes. Ignored when CONFIG_SND_DEBUG is not set.

Name

snd_BUG — give a BUG warning message and stack trace

Synopsis

```
snd_BUG ();
```

Arguments

None

Description

Calls warn if CONFIG_SND_DEBUG is set. Ignored when CONFIG_SND_DEBUG is not set.

Name

snd_BUG_ON — debugging check macro

Synopsis

```
snd_BUG_ON (cond);
cond;
```

Arguments

cond

condition to evaluate

Description

When CONFIG_SND_DEBUG is set, this macro evaluates the given condition, and call warn and returns the value if it's non-zero.

When CONFIG_SND_DEBUG is not set, this just returns zero, and the given condition is ignored.

NOTE

the argument won't be evaluated at all when CONFIG_SND_DEBUG=n. Thus, don't put any statement that influences on the code behavior, such as pre/post increment, to the argument of this macro. If you want to evaluate and give a warning, use standard warn_on.

Name

```
snd_printdd — debug printk
```

Synopsis

Arguments

format

format string

args...

variable arguments

Description

Works like snd_printk for debugging purposes. Ignored when CONFIG_SND_DEBUG_VERBOSE is not set.