PARPORT interface documentation

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Described here are the following functions:

Global functions::

parport_register_driver parport_unregister_driver parport_enumerate parport_register_device parport_unregister_device parport_claim_parport_claim_or_block parport_release parport_yield parport_yield_blocking parport_wait_peripheral parport_poll_peripheral parport_wait_event parport_negotiate parport_read parport_write parport_open parport_close parport_device id parport_device coords parport find class parport find device parport set timeout

Port functions (can be overridden by low-level drivers):

```
SPP::

port->ops->read_data port->ops->write_data port->ops->read_status port->ops->read_control port->ops->write_control port->ops->enable_irq port->ops->disable_irq port->ops->data_forward port->ops->data_reverse

EPP::

port->ops->epp_write_data port->ops->epp_read_data port->ops->epp_write_addr port->ops->epp_read_addr
```

ECP:: port->ops->ecp write data port->ops->ecp read data port->ops->ecp write addr

Other::

port->ops->nibble_read_data_port->ops->byte_read_data_port->ops->compat_write_data

The parport subsystem comprises parport (the core port-sharing code), and a variety of low-level drivers that actually do the port accesses. Each low-level driver handles a particular style of port (PC, Amiga, and so on).

The parport interface to the device driver author can be broken down into global functions and port functions.

The global functions are mostly for communicating between the device driver and the parport subsystem: acquiring a list of available ports, claiming a port for exclusive use, and so on. They also include <code>generic</code> functions for doing standard things that will work on any IEEE 1284-capable architecture.

The port functions are provided by the low-level drivers, although the core parport module provides generic defaults for some routines. The port functions can be split into three groups: SPP, EPP, and ECP.

SPP (Standard Parallel Port) functions modify so-called SPP registers: data, status, and control. The hardware may not actually have registers exactly like that, but the PC does and this interface is modelled after common PC implementations. Other low-level drivers may be able to emulate most of the functionality.

EPP (Enhanced Parallel Port) functions are provided for reading and writing in IEEE 1284 EPP mode, and ECP (Extended Capabilities Port) functions are used for IEEE 1284 ECP mode. (What about BECP? Does anyone care?)

Hardware assistance for EPP and/or ECP transfers may or may not be available, and if it is available it may or may not be used. If hardware is not used, the transfer will be software-driven. In order to cope with peripherals that only tenuously support IEEE 1284, a low-level driver specific function is provided, for altering 'fudge factors'.

Global functions

parport_register_driver - register a device driver with parport

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

In order to be notified about parallel ports when they are detected, parport_register_driver should be called. Your driver will immediately be notified of all ports that have already been detected, and of each new port as low-level drivers are loaded.

A struct parport driver contains the textual name of your driver, a pointer to a function to handle new ports, and a pointer to a

function to handle ports going away due to a low-level driver unloading. Ports will only be detached if they are not being used (i.e. there are no devices registered on them).

The visible parts of the struct parport * argument given to attach/detach are:

There are other members of the structure, but they should not be touched.

The modes member summarises the capabilities of the underlying hardware. It consists of flags which may be bitwise-ored together:

PARPORT_MODE_PCSPP	IBM PC registers are available, i.e. functions that act on data, control and status registers are probably writing directly to the hardware.
PARPORT_MODE_TRISTATE	The data drivers may be turned off. This allows the data lines to be used for reverse (peripheral to host) transfers.
PARPORT_MODE_COMPAT	The hardware can assist with compatibility-mode (printer) transfers, i.e. compat_write_block.
PARPORT_MODE_EPP	The hardware can assist with EPP transfers.
PARPORT_MODE_ECP	The hardware can assist with ECP transfers.
PARPORT_MODE_DMA	The hardware can use DMA, so you might want to pass ISA DMA-able memory (i.e. memory allocated using the GFP_DMA flag with kmalloc) to the low-level driver in order to take advantage of it.

There may be other flags in modes as well.

The contents of modes is advisory only. For example, if the hardware is capable of DMA, and PARPORT_MODE_DMA is in modes, it doesn't necessarily mean that DMA will always be used when possible. Similarly, hardware that is capable of assisting ECP transfers won't necessarily be used.

RETURN VALUE

Zero on success, otherwise an error code.

ERRORS

None. (Can it fail? Why return int?)

EXAMPLE

```
static void lp_attach (struct parport *port)
       private = kmalloc (...);
       dev[count++] = parport register device (...);
static void lp_detach (struct parport *port)
{
static struct parport_driver lp_driver = {
        "lp",
       lp_attach,
        lp detach,
       NULL /* always put NULL here */
};
int lp_init (void)
        if (parport_register_driver (&lp_driver)) {
               /* Failed; nothing we can do. */
               return -EIO;
        }
```

}

SEE ALSO

parport unregister driver, parport register device, parport enumerate

parport unregister driver - tell parport to forget about this driver

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

This tells parport not to notify the device driver of new ports or of ports going away. Registered devices belonging to that driver are NOT unregistered: parport unregister device must be used for each one.

EXAMPLE

SEE ALSO

parport register driver, parport enumerate

parport_enumerate - retrieve a list of parallel ports (DEPRECATED)

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
struct parport *parport_enumerate (void);
```

DESCRIPTION

Retrieve the first of a list of valid parallel ports for this machine. Successive parallel ports can be found using the struct parport *next element of the struct parport * that is returned. If next is NULL, there are no more parallel ports in the list. The number of ports in the list will not exceed PARPORT_MAX.

RETURN VALUE

A struct parport * describing a valid parallel port for the machine, or NULL if there are none.

ERRORS

This function can return NULL to indicate that there are no parallel ports to use.

EXAMPLE

```
}
```

NOTES

parport enumerate is deprecated; parport register driver should be used instead.

SEE ALSO

parport_register_driver, parport_unregister_driver

parport_register_device - register to use a port

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Use this function to register your device driver on a parallel port (port). Once you have done that, you will be able to use parport_claim and parport_release in order to use the port.

The (name) argument is the name of the device that appears in /proc filesystem. The string must be valid for the whole lifetime of the device (until parport unregister device is called).

This function will register three callbacks into your driver: preempt, wakeup and irq. Each of these may be NULL in order to indicate that you do not want a callback.

When the preempt function is called, it is because another driver wishes to use the parallel port. The preempt function should return non-zero if the parallel port cannot be released yet -- if zero is returned, the port is lost to another driver and the port must be reclaimed before use.

The wakeup function is called once another driver has released the port and no other driver has yet claimed it. You can claim the parallel port from within the wakeup function (in which case the claim is guaranteed to succeed), or choose not to if you don't need it

If an interrupt occurs on the parallel port your driver has claimed, the irq function will be called. (Write something about shared interrupts here.)

The handle is a pointer to driver-specific data, and is passed to the callback functions.

flags may be a bitwise combination of the following flags:

Flag	Meaning
PARPORT DEV EXCL	The device cannot share the parallel port at all. Use this only when absolutely
TAID ORI_DEV_EACE	necessary.

The typedefs are not actually defined -- they are only shown in order to make the function prototype more readable.

The visible parts of the returned struct pardevice are:

RETURN VALUE

A struct pardevice *: a handle to the registered parallel port device that can be used for parport claim, parport release, etc.

ERRORS

A return value of NULL indicates that there was a problem registering a device on that port.

EXAMPLE

```
static int preempt (void *handle)
       if (busy_right_now)
            return 1;
       must_reclaim_port = 1;
       return 0;
}
static void wakeup (void *handle)
       struct toaster *private = handle;
       struct pardevice *dev = private->dev;
       if (!dev) return; /* avoid races */
       if (want port)
             parport_claim (dev);
static int toaster detect (struct toaster *private, struct parport *port)
        private->dev = parport_register_device (port, "toaster", preempt,
                                               wakeup, NULL, 0,
                                               private);
        if (!private->dev)
               /* Couldn't register with parport. */
               return -EIO;
       must reclaim_port = 0;
       busy right now = 1;
        parport_claim_or_block (private->dev);
        /* Don't need the port while the toaster warms up. */
       busy right now = 0;
       busy right now = 1;
        if (must reclaim port) {
              parport_claim_or_block (private->dev);
               must_reclaim_port = 0;
        }
```

SEE ALSO

parport unregister device, parport claim

parport unregister device - finish using a port

SYNPOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
void parport unregister device (struct pardevice *dev);
```

DESCRIPTION

This function is the opposite of parport_register_device. After using parport_unregister_device, <code>dev</code> is no longer a valid device handle.

You should not unregister a device that is currently claimed, although if you do it will be released automatically.

EXAMPLE

```
...
kfree (dev->private); /* before we lose the pointer */
parport_unregister_device (dev);
```

SEE ALSO

parport_unregister_driver

parport claim, parport claim or block - claim the parallel port for a device

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
int parport_claim (struct pardevice *dev);
int parport_claim_or_block (struct pardevice *dev);
```

DESCRIPTION

These functions attempt to gain control of the parallel port on which dev is registered. parport_claim does not block, but parport_claim or block may do. (Put something here about blocking interruptibly or non-interruptibly.)

You should not try to claim a port that you have already claimed.

RETURN VALUE

A return value of zero indicates that the port was successfully claimed, and the caller now has possession of the parallel port.

If parport claim or block blocks before returning successfully, the return value is positive.

ERRORS

The port is unavailable at the moment, but another attempt to claim it may succeed.

SEE ALSO

parport release

parport release - release the parallel port

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
void parport release (struct pardevice *dev);
```

DESCRIPTION

Once a parallel port device has been claimed, it can be released using parport_release. It cannot fail, but you should not release a device that you do not have possession of.

EXAMPLE

SEE ALSO

change mode, parport claim, parport claim or block, parport yield

parport yield, parport yield blocking - temporarily release a parallel port

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
int parport_yield (struct pardevice *dev)
int parport_yield_blocking (struct pardevice *dev);
```

DESCRIPTION

When a driver has control of a parallel port, it may allow another driver to temporarily borrow it. parport_yield does not block; parport_yield_blocking may do.

RETURN VALUE

A return value of zero indicates that the caller still owns the port and the call did not block.

A positive return value from parport_yield_blocking indicates that the caller still owns the port and the call blocked. A return value of -EAGAIN indicates that the caller no longer owns the port, and it must be re-claimed before use.

ERRORS

-EAGAIN Ownership of the parallel port was given away.

SEE ALSO

parport_release

parport_wait_peripheral - wait for status lines, up to 35ms

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Wait for the status lines in mask to match the values in val.

RETURN VALUE

-EINTR	a signal is pending
0	the status lines in mask have values in val
1	timed out while waiting (35ms elapsed)

SEE ALSO

parport poll peripheral

parport_poll_peripheral - wait for status lines, in usec

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Wait for the status lines in mask to match the values in val.

RETURN VALUE

-E	INTR	a signal is pending	
0		the status lines in mask have values in val	
1		timed out while waiting (usec microseconds have elapsed)	

SEE ALSO

parport_wait_peripheral

parport_wait_event - wait for an event on a port

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
int parport_wait_event (struct parport *port, signed long timeout)
```

DESCRIPTION

Wait for an event (e.g. interrupt) on a port. The timeout is in jiffies.

RETURN VALUE

0	success
<0	error (exit as soon as possible)
>0	timed out

parport_negotiate - perform IEEE 1284 negotiation

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
int parport_negotiate (struct parport *, int mode);
```

DESCRIPTION

Perform IEEE 1284 negotiation.

RETURN VALUE

0	handshake OK; IEEE 1284 peripheral and mode available
-1	handshake failed; peripheral not compliant (or none present)
1	handshake OK; IEEE 1284 peripheral present but mode not available

SEE ALSO

parport read, parport write

parport_read - read data from device

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
ssize_t parport_read (struct parport *, void *buf, size_t len);
```

DESCRIPTION

Read data from device in current IEEE 1284 transfer mode. This only works for modes that support reverse data transfer.

RETURN VALUE

If negative, an error code; otherwise the number of bytes transferred.

SEE ALSO

parport_write, parport_negotiate

parport write - write data to device

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
ssize_t parport_write (struct parport *, const void *buf, size_t len);
```

DESCRIPTION

Write data to device in current IEEE 1284 transfer mode. This only works for modes that support forward data transfer.

RETURN VALUE

If negative, an error code; otherwise the number of bytes transferred.

SEE ALSO

parport read, parport negotiate

parport open - register device for particular device number

This is like parport_register_device but takes a device number instead of a pointer to a struct parport.

RETURN VALUE

See parport register device. If no device is associated with devnum, NULL is returned.

SEE ALSO

parport_register_device

parport_close - unregister device for particular device number

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
void parport_close (struct pardevice *dev);
```

DESCRIPTION

This is the equivalent of parport unregister device for parport open.

SEE ALSO

parport unregister device, parport open

parport_device_id - obtain IEEE 1284 Device ID

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
ssize t parport device id (int devnum, char *buffer, size t len);
```

DESCRIPTION

Obtains the IEEE 1284 Device ID associated with a given device.

RETURN VALUE

If negative, an error code; otherwise, the number of bytes of buffer that contain the device ID. The format of the device ID is as follows:

```
[length][ID]
```

The first two bytes indicate the inclusive length of the entire Device ID, and are in big-endian order. The ID is a sequence of pairs of the form:

key:value;

NOTES

Many devices have ill-formed IEEE 1284 Device IDs.

SEE ALSO

parport find class, parport find device

parport_device_coords - convert device number to device coordinates

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
```

Convert between device number (zero-based) and device coordinates (port, multiplexor, daisy chain address).

RETURN VALUE

Zero on success, in which case the coordinates are (*parport, *mux, *daisy).

SEE ALSO

parport open, parport device id

parport find class - find a device by its class

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
typedef enum {
        PARPORT CLASS LEGACY = 0, /* Non-IEEE1284 device */
        PARPORT CLASS PRINTER,
        PARPORT_CLASS_MODEM,
        PARPORT_CLASS_NET,
PARPORT CLASS HDC,
                                          /* Hard disk controller */
        PARPORT_CLASS_PCMCIA,
        PARPORT_CLASS_MEDIA,
PARPORT_CLASS_FDC,
                                           /* Multimedia device */
                                           /* Floppy disk controller */
        PARPORT CLASS PORTS,
        PARPORT_CLASS_SCANNER,
        PARPORT_CLASS_DIGCAM,
PARPORT_CLASS_OTHER,
                                          /* Anything else */
        PARPORT CLASS UNSPEC,
                                          /* No CLS field in ID */
        PARPORT CLASS SCSIADAPTER
} parport_device_class;
int parport_find_class (parport_device_class cls, int from);
```

DESCRIPTION

Find a device by class. The search starts from device number from+1.

RETURN VALUE

The device number of the next device in that class, or -1 if no such device exists.

NOTES

Example usage:

```
int devnum = -1;
while ((devnum = parport_find_class (PARPORT_CLASS_DIGCAM, devnum)) != -1) {
    struct pardevice *dev = parport_open (devnum, ...);
    ...
}
```

SEE ALSO

parport_find_device, parport_open, parport_device_id

parport_find_device - find a device by its class

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
int parport find device (const char *mfg, const char *mdl, int from);
```

DESCRIPTION

Find a device by vendor and model. The search starts from device number from+1.

RETURN VALUE

The device number of the next device matching the specifications, or -1 if no such device exists.

NOTES

Example usage:

```
int devnum = -1;
while ((devnum = parport_find_device ("IOMEGA", "ZIP+", devnum)) != -1) {
    struct pardevice *dev = parport_open (devnum, ...);
    ...
}
```

SEE ALSO

parport find class, parport open, parport device id

parport_set_timeout - set the inactivity timeout

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <linux/parport.h>
long parport_set_timeout (struct pardevice *dev, long inactivity);
```

DESCRIPTION

Set the inactivity timeout, in jiffies, for a registered device. The previous timeout is returned.

RETURN VALUE

The previous timeout, in jiffies.

NOTES

Some of the port->ops functions for a parport may take time, owing to delays at the peripheral. After the peripheral has not responded for inactivity jiffies, a timeout will occur and the blocking function will return.

A timeout of 0 jiffies is a special case: the function must do as much as it can without blocking or leaving the hardware in an unknown state. If port operations are performed from within an interrupt handler, for instance, a timeout of 0 jiffies should be used.

Once set for a registered device, the timeout will remain at the set value until set again.

SEE ALSO

port->ops->xxx read/write yyy

PORT FUNCTIONS

The functions in the port->ops structure (struct parport operations) are provided by the low-level driver responsible for that port.

port->ops->read_data - read the data register

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

If port->modes contains the PARPORT_MODE_TRISTATE flag and the PARPORT_CONTROL_DIRECTION bit in the control register is set, this returns the value on the data pins. If port->modes contains the PARPORT_MODE_TRISTATE flag and the PARPORT_CONTROL_DIRECTION bit is not set, the return value _may_ be the last value written to the data register. Otherwise the return value is undefined.

SEE ALSO

write data, read status, write control

port->ops->write_data - write the data register

Writes to the data register. May have side-effects (a STROBE pulse, for instance).

SEE ALSO

read data, read status, write control

port->ops->read status - read the status register

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Reads from the status register. This is a bitmask:

- PARPORT_STATUS_ERROR (printer fault, "hFault")
- PARPORT STATUS SELECT (on-line, "Select")
- PARPORT_STATUS_PAPEROUT (no paper, "PError")
- PARPORT_STATUS_ACK (handshake, "nAck")
- PARPORT_STATUS_BUSY (busy, "Busy")

There may be other bits set.

SEE ALSO

read_data, write_data, write_control

port->ops->read_control - read the control register

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Returns the last value written to the control register (either from write control or frob control). No port access is performed.

SEE ALSO

read_data, write_data, read_status, write_control

port->ops->write_control - write the control register

Writes to the control register. This is a bitmask:

```
- PARPORT_CONTROL_STROBE (nStrobe)
- PARPORT_CONTROL_AUTOFD (nAutoFd)
- PARPORT_CONTROL_INIT (nInit)
- PARPORT_CONTROL_SELECT (nSelectIn)
```

SEE ALSO

read_data, write_data, read_status, frob_control

port->ops->frob_control - write control register bits

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

This is equivalent to reading from the control register, masking out the bits in mask, exclusive-or'ing with the bits in val, and writing the result to the control register.

As some ports don't allow reads from the control port, a software copy of its contents is maintained, so frob_control is in fact only one port access.

SEE ALSO

read data, write data, read status, write control

port->ops->enable_irq - enable interrupt generation

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

The parallel port hardware is instructed to generate interrupts at appropriate moments, although those moments are architecture-specific. For the PC architecture, interrupts are commonly generated on the rising edge of nAck.

SEE ALSO

disable irq

port->ops->disable_irq - disable interrupt generation

The parallel port hardware is instructed not to generate interrupts. The interrupt itself is not masked.

SEE ALSO

enable_irq

port->ops->data_forward - enable data drivers

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Enables the data line drivers, for 8-bit host-to-peripheral communications.

SEE ALSO

data_reverse

port->ops->data_reverse - tristate the buffer

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Places the data bus in a high impedance state, if port->modes has the PARPORT_MODE_TRISTATE bit set.

SEE ALSO

data_forward

port->ops->epp_write_data - write EPP data

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Writes data in EPP mode, and returns the number of bytes written.

The flags parameter may be one or more of the following, bitwise-or'ed together:

PARPORT EPP FAST	Use fast transfers. Some chips provide 16-bit and 32-bit registers. However, if a transfer
TARTORI_ETT_TAST	times out, the return value may be unreliable.

SEE ALSO

```
epp_read_data, epp_write_addr, epp_read_addr
```

port->ops->epp_read_data - read EPP data

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Reads data in EPP mode, and returns the number of bytes read.

The flags parameter may be one or more of the following, bitwise-or'ed together:

PARPORT EPP FAST	Use fast transfers. Some chips provide 16-bit and 32-bit registers. However, if a transfer
TAM ORI_ETI_FAST	times out, the return value may be unreliable.

SEE ALSO

epp write data, epp write addr, epp read addr

port->ops->epp_write_addr - write EPP address

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Writes EPP addresses (8 bits each), and returns the number written.

The flags parameter may be one or more of the following, bitwise-or'ed together:

PARPORT_EPP_FAST Use fast transfers. Some chips provide 16-bit and 32-bit registers. However, i times out, the return value may be unreliable.	f a transfer
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(Does PARPORT EPP FAST make sense for this function?)

SEE ALSO

epp_write_data, epp_read_data, epp_read_addr

port->ops->epp_read_addr - read EPP address

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Reads EPP addresses (8 bits each), and returns the number read.

The flags parameter may be one or more of the following, bitwise-or'ed together:

PARPORT EPP FAST	Use fast transfers. Some chips provide 16-bit and 32-bit registers. However, if a transfer
TARCORT_EIT_TAST	times out, the return value may be unreliable.

(Does PARPORT_EPP_FAST make sense for this function?)

port->ops->ecp_write_data - write a block of ECP data

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Writes a block of ECP data. The flags parameter is ignored.

RETURN VALUE

The number of bytes written.

SEE ALSO

ecp_read_data, ecp_write_addr

port->ops->ecp_read_data - read a block of ECP data

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Reads a block of ECP data. The flags parameter is ignored.

RETURN VALUE

The number of bytes read. NB. There may be more unread data in a FIFO. Is there a way of stunning the FIFO to prevent this?

SEE ALSO

ecp_write_block, ecp_write_addr

port->ops->ecp write addr - write a block of ECP addresses

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Writes a block of ECP addresses. The flags parameter is ignored.

RETURN VALUE

The number of bytes written.

NOTES

This may use a FIFO, and if so shall not return until the FIFO is empty.

SEE ALSO

ecp read data, ecp write data

port->ops->nibble_read_data - read a block of data in nibble mode

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Reads a block of data in nibble mode. The flags parameter is ignored.

RETURN VALUE

The number of whole bytes read.

SEE ALSO

byte read data, compat write data

port->ops->byte_read_data - read a block of data in byte mode

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Reads a block of data in byte mode. The flags parameter is ignored.

RETURN VALUE

The number of bytes read.

SEE ALSO

nibble_read_data, compat_write_data

port->ops->compat_write_data - write a block of data in compatibility mode

SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

Writes a block of data in compatibility mode. The flags parameter is ignored.

RETURN VALUE

The number of bytes written.

SEE ALSO

nibble_read_data, byte_read_data