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Chapter 1

Main Page

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<https://github.com/graycatlabs/serbus>

Serbus provides basic C APIs for the I2C and SPI serial bus protocols on GNU/Linux based systems, as well as a Python package built on top of them.

It's really just a wrapper for the ioctl commands provided by the standard Linux I2C and SPI drivers, so it should be pretty universal. That said, I've currently only tested it extensively on the BeagleBone Black, so use it at your own risk! (And let me know if it's working for you on another system)

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3.1 File List

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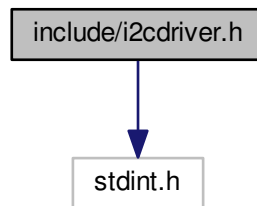
File Documentation

4.1 include/i2cdriver.h File Reference

A basic driver for controlling Linux I2C interfaces.

```
#include <stdint.h>
```

Include dependency graph for i2cdriver.h:



Functions

- `int I2C_open (uint8_t bus)`
Opens the /dev/i2c-[bus] interface.
- `void I2C_close (int i2c_fd)`
Closes the given I2C interface.
- `int I2C_enable10BitAddressing (int i2c_fd)`
Enables 10-bit addressing the given I2C interface.
- `int I2C_disable10BitAddressing (int i2c_fd)`
Disables 10-bit addressing the given I2C interface.
- `int I2C_setSlaveAddress (int i2c_fd, int addr)`
Sets the I2C slave address to communicate with.
- `int I2C_read (int i2c_fd, void *rx_buffer, int n_bytes)`
Reads a block from the given I2C interface.
- `int I2C_readTransaction (int i2c_fd, uint8_t byte, void *rx_buffer, int n_bytes)`
Writes the given command then reads a block from the given I2C interface.
- `int I2C_write (int i2c_fd, void *tx_buffer, int n_bytes)`
Writes a block to the given I2C interface.

4.1.1 Detailed Description

A basic driver for controlling Linux I2C interfaces.

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Requires an I2C Kernel driver be loaded to expose /dev/i2c-N interfaces which provide the standard Linux I2C ioctls. This driver is really just an ioctl wrapper.

4.1.2 Function Documentation

4.1.2.1 void I2C_close (int *i2c_fd*)

Closes the given I2C interface.

Parameters

<i>i2c_fd</i>	I2C bus file descriptor to close
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4.1.2.2 int I2C_disable10BitAddressing (int *i2c_fd*)

Disables 10-bit addressing the given I2C interface.

Parameters

<i>i2c_fd</i>	I2C file descriptor
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Returns

Returns 0 if successful, ioctl error code otherwise

4.1.2.3 int I2C_enable10BitAddressing (int *i2c_fd*)

Enables 10-bit addressing the given I2C interface.

Parameters

<i>i2c_fd</i>	I2C file descriptor
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Returns

Returns 0 if successful, ioctl error code otherwise

4.1.2.4 int I2C_open (uint8_t *bus*)

Opens the /dev/i2c-[bus] interface.

Parameters

<i>bus</i>	I2C bus number
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Returns

Returns the file descriptor for the I2C bus.

4.1.2.5 int I2C_read (int *i2c_fd*, void * *rx_buffer*, int *n_bytes*)

Reads a block from the given I2C interface.

Reads *n_bytes* from the current slave address on the given I2C interface. and puts them into the given buffer.

Parameters

<i>i2c_fd</i>	I2C file descriptor
<i>rx_buffer</i>	pointer to an array, already initialized to the required size
<i>n_bytes</i>	the number of bytes to read into <i>rx_buffer</i>

Returns

Returns 0 if successful, file access error code otherwise

4.1.2.6 int I2C_readTransaction (int *i2c_fd*, uint8_t *byte*, void * *rx_buffer*, int *n_bytes*)

Writes the given command then reads a block from the given I2C interface.

Writes the given byte, then immediately reads *n_bytes* bytes from the current slave address on the given I2C interface. Useful for things like reading register values from memory mapped devices.

Parameters

<i>i2c_fd</i>	I2C file descriptor
<i>byte</i>	the byte to write before reading
<i>rx_buffer</i>	pointer to an array, already initialized to the required size
<i>n_bytes</i>	the number of bytes to read into <i>rx_buffer</i>

Returns

Returns 0 if successful, file access error code otherwise

4.1.2.7 int I2C_setSlaveAddress (int *i2c_fd*, int *addr*)

Sets the I2C slave address to communicate with.

Sets the I2C slave address that's sent with all subsequent I2C transactions on the given I2C bus, until I2C_setSlaveAddress is called again with a new address.

Parameters

<i>i2c_fd</i>	I2C file descriptor
<i>addr</i>	the 7- or 10-bit address of the slave device

Returns

Returns 0 if successful, ioctl error code otherwise

4.1.2.8 int I2C_write (int *i2c_fd*, void * *tx_buffer*, int *n_bytes*)

Writes a block to the given I2C interface.

Writes *n_bytes* bytes from the given buffer to the current slave address on the given I2C interface.

Parameters

<i>i2c_fd</i>	I2C file descriptor
<i>tx_buffer</i>	pointer to an array containing the words to be transmitted
<i>n_bytes</i>	the number of bytes to write from tx_buffer

Returns

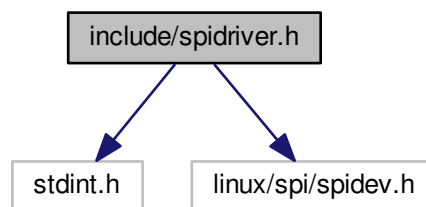
Returns 0 if successful, file access error code otherwise

4.2 include/spidriver.h File Reference

A basic driver for controlling Linux spidev interfaces.

```
#include <stdint.h>
#include <linux/spi/spidev.h>
```

Include dependency graph for spidriver.h:



Enumerations

- enum [SPI_bit_order](#) { [SPI_MSBFIRST](#), [SPI_LSBFIRST](#) }

Functions

- int [SPI_open](#) (uint8_t bus, uint8_t cs)
Opens the /dev/spidev[bus].[cs] interface.
- void [SPI_close](#) (int spidev_fd)
Closes the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_read](#) (int spidev_fd, void *rx_buffer, int n_words)
Reads from the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_write](#) (int spidev_fd, void *tx_buffer, int n_words)
Writes to the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_transfer](#) (int spidev_fd, void *tx_buffer, void *rx_buffer, int n_words)
Writes to and reads from the given spidev interface simultaneously.
- int [SPI_setBitOrder](#) (int spidev_fd, [SPI_bit_order](#) bit_order)
Sets the bit order of the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_setBitsPerWord](#) (int spidev_fd, uint8_t bits_per_word)
Sets the number of bits per word for the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_getBitsPerWord](#) (int spidev_fd)

- Gets the number of bits per word for the given spidev interface.*
- int [SPI_setMaxFrequency](#) (int spidev_fd, uint32_t frequency)
Sets the maximum clock frequency for the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_getMaxFrequency](#) (int spidev_fd)
Gets the maximum clock frequency for the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_setClockMode](#) (int spidev_fd, uint8_t clock_mode)
Sets the clock mode for the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_getClockMode](#) (int spidev_fd)
Gets the clock mode for the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_setCSActiveLow](#) (int spidev_fd)
Sets the given spidev interface's cs signal to be active low.
- int [SPI_setCSActiveHigh](#) (int spidev_fd)
Sets the given spidev interface's cs signal to be active high.
- int [SPI_enableCS](#) (int spidev_fd)
Enables the given spidev interface's cs output.
- int [SPI_disableCS](#) (int spidev_fd)
Disables the given spidev interface's cs output.
- int [SPI_enableLoopback](#) (int spidev_fd)
Puts the given spidev interface in loopback mode.
- int [SPI_disableLoopback](#) (int spidev_fd)
Disables loopback mode for the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_enable3Wire](#) (int spidev_fd)
Enables 3-wire SPI mode for the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_disable3Wire](#) (int spidev_fd)
Enables 4-wire SPI mode for the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_setMode](#) (int spidev_fd, uint8_t mode)
Sets the full SPI mode byte for the given spidev interface.
- int [SPI_getMode](#) (int spidev_fd)
Gets and returns the full SPI mode byte for the given spidev interface.

4.2.1 Detailed Description

A basic driver for controlling Linux spidev interfaces.

Author

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Requires an SPI Kernel driver be loaded to expose /dev/spidevX.Y interfaces which provide the standard Linux SPI ioctls. This driver is really just an ioctl wrapper.

4.2.2 Enumeration Type Documentation

4.2.2.1 enum SPI_bit_order

Passed to [SPI_setBitOrder](#) to specify the bit order to use for subsequent SPI transfers.

Enumerator

SPI_MSBFIRST Most significant bit first.

SPI_LSBFIRST Least significant bit first.

Definition at line 107 of file spidriver.h.

4.2.3 Function Documentation

4.2.3.1 void SPI_close (int *spidev_fd*)

Closes the given spidev interface.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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4.2.3.2 int SPI_disable3Wire (int *spidev_fd*)

Enables 4-wire SPI mode for the given spidev interface.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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Returns

Returns 0 if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.3 int SPI_disableCS (int *spidev_fd*)

Disables the given spidev interface's cs output.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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Returns

Returns 0 if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.4 int SPI_disableLoopback (int *spidev_fd*)

Disables loopback mode for the given spidev interface.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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Returns

Returns 0 if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.5 int SPI_enable3Wire (int *spidev_fd*)

Enables 3-wire SPI mode for the given spidev interface.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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Returns

Returns 0 if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.6 int SPI_enableCS (int *spidev_fd*)

Enables the given spidev interface's cs output.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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Returns

Returns 0 if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.7 int SPI_enableLoopback (int *spidev_fd*)

Puts the given spidev interface in loopback mode.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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Returns

Returns 0 if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.8 int SPI_getBitsPerWord (int *spidev_fd*)

Gets the number of bits per word for the given spidev interface.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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Returns

Returns bits per word, or -1 if error

4.2.3.9 int SPI_getClockMode (int *spidev_fd*)

Gets the clock mode for the given spidev interface.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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Returns

Returns Returns the clock mode, or -1 if error

4.2.3.10 int SPI_getMaxFrequency (int *spidev_fd*)

Gets the maximum clock frequency for the given spidev interface.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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Returns

Returns the frequency, or -1 if error

4.2.3.11 int SPI_getMode (int *spidev_fd*)

Gets and returns the full SPI mode byte for the given spidev interface.

Encodes current settings like the clock mode, SC active state, etc., and shouldn't typically need to be called directly.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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Returns

Returns SPI mode if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.12 int SPI_open (uint8_t *bus*, uint8_t *cs*)

Opens the /dev/spidev[*bus*].[*cs*] interface.

Parameters

<i>bus</i>	SPI bus number
<i>cs</i>	chip select number

Returns

Returns the file descriptor for the spidev interface.

4.2.3.13 int SPI_read (int *spidev_fd*, void * *rx_buffer*, int *n_words*)

Reads from the given spidev interface.

Reads *n_words* from the given spidev interface and puts them into the given buffer.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
<i>rx_buffer</i>	pointer to an array, already initialized to the required size
<i>n_words</i>	the number of words to read into tx_buffer

Returns

Returns the number of bytes read, or -1 if unable to read from interface

4.2.3.14 int SPI_setBitOrder (int *spidev_fd*, SPI_bit_order *bit_order*)

Sets the bit order of the given spidev interface.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
<i>bit_order</i>	one of SPI_MSBFIRST or SPI_LSBFIRST

Returns

Returns 0 if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.15 `int SPI_setBitsPerWord (int spidev_fd, uint8_t bits_per_word)`

Sets the number of bits per word for the given spidev interface.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
<i>bits_per_word</i>	number of bits per word

Returns

Returns 0 if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.16 `int SPI_setClockMode (int spidev_fd, uint8_t clock_mode)`

Sets the clock mode for the given spidev interface.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
<i>clock_mode</i>	one of SPI_MODE_0, SPI_MODE_1, SPI_MODE_2 or SPI_MODE_3

Returns

Returns 0 if successful, -1 if error

4.2.3.17 `int SPI_setCSActiveHigh (int spidev_fd)`

Sets the given spidev interface's cs signal to be active high.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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Returns

Returns 0 if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.18 `int SPI_setCSActiveLow (int spidev_fd)`

Sets the given spidev interface's cs signal to be active low.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
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Returns

Returns 0 if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.19 int SPI_setMaxFrequency (int *spidev_fd*, uint32_t *frequency*)

Sets the maximum clock frequency for the given spidev interface.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
<i>frequency</i>	maximum clock frequency

Returns

Returns 0 if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.20 int SPI_setMode (int *spidev_fd*, uint8_t *mode*)

Sets the full SPI mode byte for the given spidev interface.

Used to set things like the clock mode, SC active state, etc., and shouldn't typically need to be called directly.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
<i>mode</i>	SPI mode byte

Returns

Returns 0 if successful, or -1 if error

4.2.3.21 int SPI_transfer (int *spidev_fd*, void * *tx_buffer*, void * *rx_buffer*, int *n_words*)

Writes to and reads from the given spidev interface simultaneously.

Writes *n_words* from the given tx buffer to the given spidev interface, while simultaneously reading words into the given rx buffer.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
<i>tx_buffer</i>	pointer to an array containing the words to be transmitted
<i>rx_buffer</i>	pointer to an array, already initialized to the required size
<i>n_words</i>	the number of words to be transferred

Returns

Returns the number of bytes transferred, or -1 if unable to write interface

4.2.3.22 int SPI_write (int *spidev_fd*, void * *tx_buffer*, int *n_words*)

Writes to the given spidev interface.

Writes *n_words* from the given buffer to the given spidev interface.

Parameters

<i>spidev_fd</i>	spidev file descriptor
<i>tx_buffer</i>	pointer to an array containing the words to be transmitted
<i>n_words</i>	the number of words to be transmitted from tx_buffer

Returns

Returns the number of bytes written, or -1 if unable to write interface

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