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Mobile & Embedded Systems

Lecture 14
GPIO (2)



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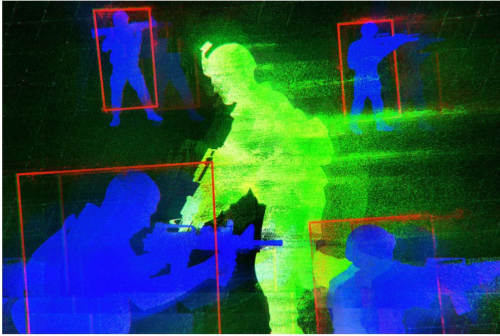
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EA announces kernel-level anti-cheat system for PC games / EA's new system starts with FIFA 23 this fall

By TOM WARREN / @tomwarren
Sep 13, 2022, 4:51 PM CDT
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EA's new anti-cheat arrives in FIFA 23 first. Illustration by Alex Castro / The Verge

Electronics Arts (EA) is launching a new kernel-level anti-cheat system for its PC games. The EA AntiCheat (EAAC) will debut first in *FIFA 23* later this fall and is a custom anti-cheat system developed in-house by EA developers. It's designed to protect EA games from tampering and cheaters, and EA says it won't add anti-cheat to *every* game and treat its implementation on a case-by-case basis.

"PC cheat developers have increasingly moved into the kernel, so we need to

News From 2021 - Call of Duty's Driver



“Cheaters aren’t welcome. There’s no tolerance for cheaters, and soon you’ll know what we mean.”

[from Call of Duty Twitter account [here](#)]

“The system will use a combination of a PC **kernel-level driver**, machine learning algorithms to examine player behavior, and a “team of dedicated professionals” working to investigate cheaters.”

“PC games are increasingly using **kernel-level drivers** to detect sophisticated cheating, but since they **run at such a high level** in Windows, there are always **privacy concerns** surrounding such an approach.”

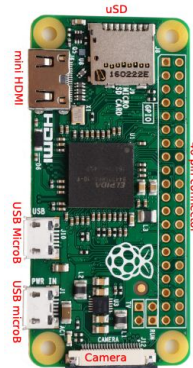
“The **driver itself will monitor processes** interacting with Warzone to **see if they’re trying to inject code or manipulate the game**, and report the results back.”

Assignment 2

- Use libgpiod with GPIO pins
 - Button, LED
- Lecture today will further help with this project
- Due Saturday
- Any questions?

GPIO: General-Purpose Input/Output

Raspberry Pi Zero v1.3



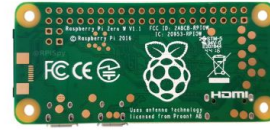
Processor - BCM2835
ARM v7
Single Core
1GHz
(same as B/B+ and A/A+)

Memory
512MB RAM
uSD slot to run OS

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		GND	25	
ID_SD	30	0	DNC	27
GPCLK1	5	21	5	29
GPCLK2	6	22	6	31
PWM1	13	23	13	33
miso1	19	24	19	35
	26	25	26	37
		GND	39	
PP1	USB	TV +	TV	Run
PP6	GND	TV -	TV	Run
PP8	3.3V			
PP14	SD CLK			
PP15	SD CMD			
PP16	SD DATA			
PP17	SD DATA1			
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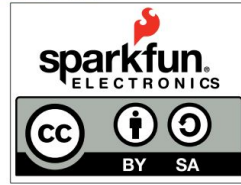


GPIO Pins

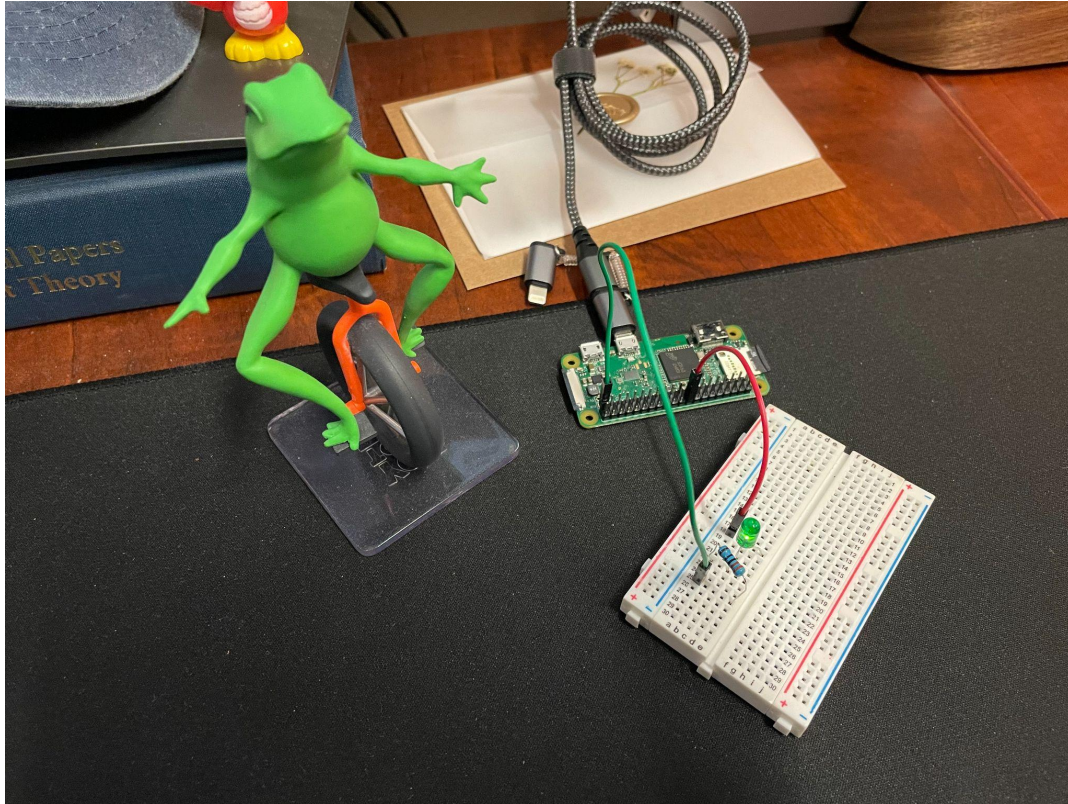
“behavior (including whether it is an input or output pin) can be controlled / programmed by the user at run time.”

“GPIO”, SUNXI. URL: <https://linux-sunxi.org/GPIO>

Can trigger interrupts



Cute Demo of LEDs Turning On From RPi



Assignment 2: Important Note



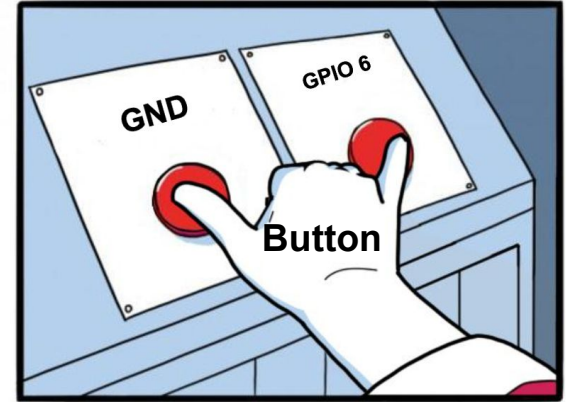
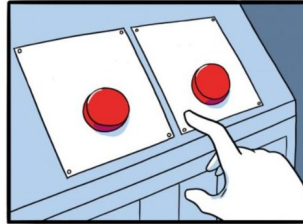
Be **very** careful
what you connect

What does this mean for your logic?

Why does having the button connect
GPIO 6 to GND work?

Do not directly connect 3.3V, 5V,
and GND to each other

Bad, bad, bad things will happen



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What did we just do?

Insightful Student Questions

“For *trigger.sh*, a shell type, this is a file that executes something. For *10-module.rules*, this is a file located in the root. This is a file that executes if something happens (in this case, *insmod hello.ko*)

How come *trigger.sh* is stored in `/local/bin` ? Can shell files be stored in any location that is not the root? Where can I learn more about different possibilities for this? For example, how could I make an LED on breadboard turn on for *sudo insmod hello.ko*, then LED turn off for *sudo insmod hello.ko*? Is a file in a root the appropriate way?

I guess what I'm wondering: What are shell types typically used for? What file type is *10-module.rules* and what is it typically used for? What are some fun applications of this?”

Install git on your Pi

More Time For Exercise 11

Access code: fire

Solution code: chocolate

Install git on your Pi during this time:

sudo apt update

sudo apt install git -y

Shell Scripting Example - `sudo nano /usr/local/bin/trigger.sh`

`#!/bin/bash`

<- From reference at bottom

`/bin/date >> /tmp/udev.log`

Note: > overwrites
>> appends

Shell Scripting Example - Execute

```
$ sudo ls -al /usr/local/bin
```

```
$ sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/trigger.sh
```

<- From reference at bottom

```
$ sudo ls -al /usr/local/bin
```

```
$ /usr/local/bin/trigger.sh
```

```
(in another window): $ sudo tail -f /tmp/udev.log
```

Let's Try Out udev With Our Fake Device

- Switch to root: `$ sudo su -`
- `$ udevadm monitor`
- Insert the hello.ko module, see what happens
- Remove the hello.ko module, see what happens
- Make new file in `/etc/udev/rules.d`
 - E.g. `10-module.rules`
 - It should contain one line: `SUBSYSTEM=="mes", ACTION=="add", RUN+="/usr/local/bin/trigger.sh"`
 - What do we use for subsystem? [Stack Exchange](#)
- `$ udevadm control --reload`
- Insert and remove module while **tail**ing log in `/tmp/udev.log`

More GPIO

Accessing GPIO


- **Kernel space**
 - gpio
 - **gpiod**
- **User space**
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Example: sysfs

Where In The World Is gpio6?

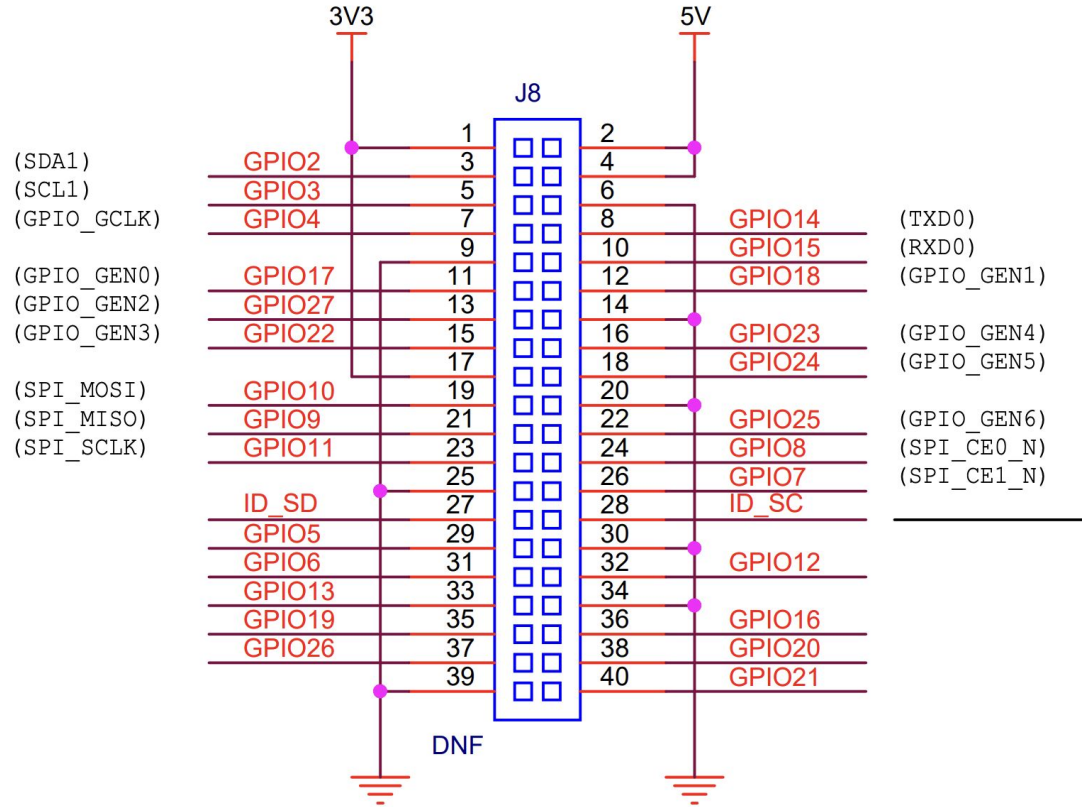
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gpio10	gpio115	gpio2	gpio30	gpio37	gpio47	gpio61	gpio69	gpio75	gpio81	gpiochip32
gpio11	gpio116	gpio20	gpio31	gpio38	gpio48	gpio62	gpio7	gpio76	gpio86	gpiochip64
gpio110	gpio117	gpio22	gpio32	gpio39	gpio49	gpio63	gpio70	gpio77	gpio87	gpiochip96
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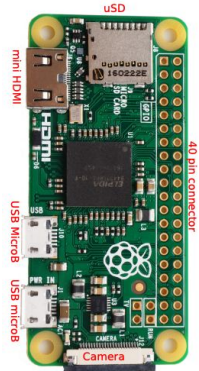
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spi1 CS1	17	0	17	11		12	18	1
	27	2	27	13		14	GND	
	22	3	22	15		16	23	4
			3.3V	17		18	24	5
	MOSI	12	10	19		20	GND	
	MISO	13	9	21		22	25	6
	CLKL	14	11	23		24	8	11
			GND	25		26	7	10
ID_SD	30	0	DNC	27		28	DNC	
GPCLK1	5	21	5	29		30	GND	1
GPCLK2	6	22	6	31		32	12	26
PWM1	13	23	13	33		34	GND	
misol	19	24	19	35		36	16	27
	26	25	26	37		38	20	28
			GND	39		40	21	29

PP1	USB
PP6	GND
PP8	3.3V
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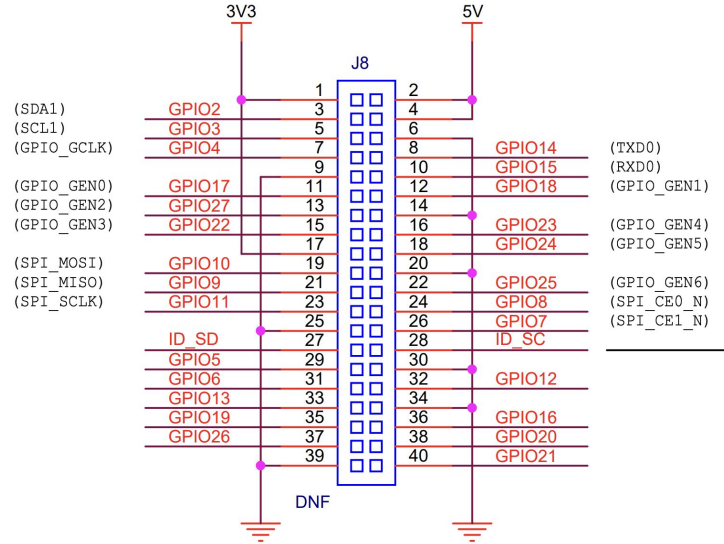
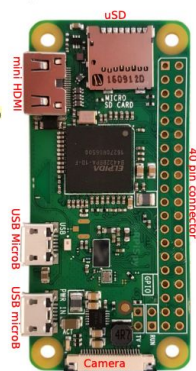
USB
microB for power
microB for OTG

Audio
from HDMI port only

Wireless

2.4GHz
802.11n
Bluetooth 4.1/BLE

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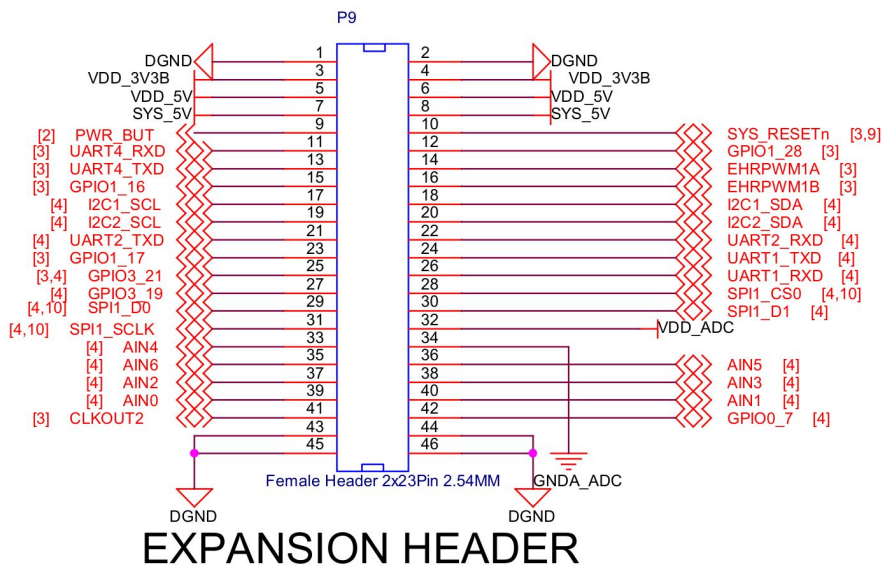


Note: Mapping Between Two GPIO Naming Systems For BeagleBone Black

= (GPIO_CHIP*32) + GPIO_PIN

This is because each GPIO chip (controller) has 32 pins (lines)

E.g., for **GPIO1_28**: **GPIO_60** = (1*32) + 28



Beaglebone Black Pinout Diagram

P9			P8		
Function	Physical Pins	Function	Function	Physical Pins	Function
DGND	1	DGND	DGND	1	DGND
VDD 3.3 V	3	VDD 3.3 V	MMC1_DAT6	3	MMC1_DAT7
VDD 5V	5	VDD 5V	MMC1_DAT2	5	MMC1_DAT3
SYS 5V	7	SYS 5V	GPIO_66	7	GPIO_67
PWR_BUT	9	SYS_RESET	GPIO_69	9	GPIO_68
UART4_RXD	11	GPIO_60	GPIO_45	11	GPIO_44
UART4_TXD	13	EHRPWM1A	EHRPWM2B	13	GPIO_26
GPIO_48	15	EHRPWM1B	GPIO_47	15	GPIO_46
SPIO_CS0	17	SPIO_D1	GPIO_27	17	GPIO_65
I2C2_SCL	19	I2C_SDA	EHRPWM2A	19	MMC1_CMD
SPIO_DO	21	SPIO_SCLK	MMC1_CLK	21	MMC1_DAT5
GPIO_49	23	UART1_TXD	MMC1_DAT4	23	MMC1_DAT1
GPIO_117	25	UART1_RXD	MMC1_DAT0	25	GPIO_61
GPIO_115	27	SPI1_CS0	LCD_VSYNC	27	LCD_PCLK
SP11_DO	29	GPIO_112	LCD_HSYNC	29	LCD_AC_BIAS
SP11_SCLK	31	VDD_ADC	LCD_DATA14	31	LCD_DATA15
AIN4	33	GND_ADC	LCD_DATA13	33	LCD_DATA11
AIN6	35	AIN5	LCD_DATA12	35	LCD_DATA10
AIN0	39	AIN1	LCD_DATA8	37	LCD_DATA9
GPIO_20	41	ECAPWMO	LCD_DATA6	39	LCD_DATA7
DGND	43	DGND	LCD_DATA4	41	LCD_DATA5
DGND	45	DGND	LCD_DATA2	43	LCD_DATA3
			LCD_DATA0	45	LCD_DATA1

LEGEND

- Power, Ground, Reset
- Digital Pins
- PWM Output
- 1.8 Volt Analog Inputs
- Shared I2C Bus
- Reconfigurable Digital

Example: sysfs

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```

```
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gpio110 gpio117  gpio22  gpio32  gpio39  gpio49  gpio63  gpio70  gpio77  gpio87  gpiochip96
gpio111 gpio12   gpio23  gpio33  gpio4   gpio5   gpio65  gpio71  gpio78  gpio88  unexport
gpio112 gpio13   gpio26  gpio34  gpio44  gpio50  gpio66  gpio72  gpio79  gpio89
gpio113 gpio14   gpio27  gpio35  gpio45  gpio51  gpio67  gpio73  gpio8   gpio9
```

```
debian@beaglebone:/sys/class/gpio$ ls gpio45
```

```
active_low  device  direction  edge  label  power  subsystem  uevent  value
```

```
debian@beaglebone:/sys/class/gpio$ cat gpio45/direction
```

```
in
```

```
debian@beaglebone:/sys/class/gpio$ echo out > gpio45/direction
```

```
debian@beaglebone:/sys/class/gpio$ cat gpio45/direction
```

```
out
```

```
debian@beaglebone:/sys/class/gpio$ echo 1 > gpio45/value
```

Accessing GPIO

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 - Char dev [Kernel 4.8]
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User Space: **libgpiod**

- Char device instead sysfs
- Gpiochips (GPIO controllers)
 - For BBB, each chip has 32 lines/pins
 - Look at **/dev**
 - **ls -al /dev/gpio***
- Can't use echo/cat
- d stands for device, not daemon

libgpiod - Command Line

Descriptions copied from: <https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/libs/libgpiod/libgpiod.git/about/>

- **gpiodetect** - list all gpiochips present on the system, their names, labels and number of GPIO lines
- **gpioinfo** - list all lines of specified gpiochips, their names, consumers, direction, active state and additional flag
- **gpioget** - read values of specified GPIO lines
- **gpioset** - set values of specified GPIO lines, potentially keep the lines exported and wait until timeout, user input or signal
- **gpiofind** - find the gpiochip name and line offset given the line name
- **gpiomon** - wait for events on GPIO lines, specify which events to watch, how many events to process before exiting or if the events should be reported to the console

libgpiod - C Library (C++, Python, & More Supported)

Core functions (text below copied & modified from ISC - see reference below):

- Open GPIO chip via a **gpiod_chip_open** function
 - **gpiod_chip_open_by_name()**
 - Returns a **gpiod_chip struct** which used by subsequent API calls
- Open GPIO line(s)
 - **gpiod_chip_get_line()**
 - **gpiod_chip_get_lines()**
 - Returns **gpiod_line struct**
- Request use of line as input/output
 - **gpiod_line_request_input()**
 - **gpiod_line_request_output()**
- Read value of input
 - **gpiod_line_get_value()**
- Set output
 - **gpiod_line_set_value()**

libgpiod - Command Line

In-Class Demo

libgpiod - C Library (C++, Python, & More Supported) (2)

Core functions (text below copied & modified from ISC - see reference below):

- Release line(s)
 - `gpiod_line_release()`
- Release chip(s)
 - `gpiod_chip_close()`
- Other APIs for more advanced functions
 - Setting pin modes for pullup/pulldown resistors
 - Defining callback function for when an event occurs (e.g., level of an input pin changing)

```
#include <gpiod.h>
```

libgpiod - A Workflow (Modified from ICS - See Reference Below)

```
*chipname = "gpiochipX";  
chip = gpiod_chip_open_by_name(chipname);  
line = gpiod_chip_get_line(chip, v);  
gpiod_line_request_output(line, "something", z);  
gpiod_line_set_value(line, t)  
gpiod_line_set_value(line, y)  
gpiod_line_release(line);  
gpiod_chip_close(chip);
```

User Space: **libgpiod** vs. **sysfs**

- sysfs (deprecated) straightforward to use from shell
 - Not so much for C and Python
 - Latency
 - Lacking pullup/down feature
- libgpiod to the rescue
 - Faster ([adafruit](#): 400Khz pin toggling on Pi 3 via C)
 - Easy functions in C, Python, and other languages

Accessing GPIO

- Kernel space

- `gpio`

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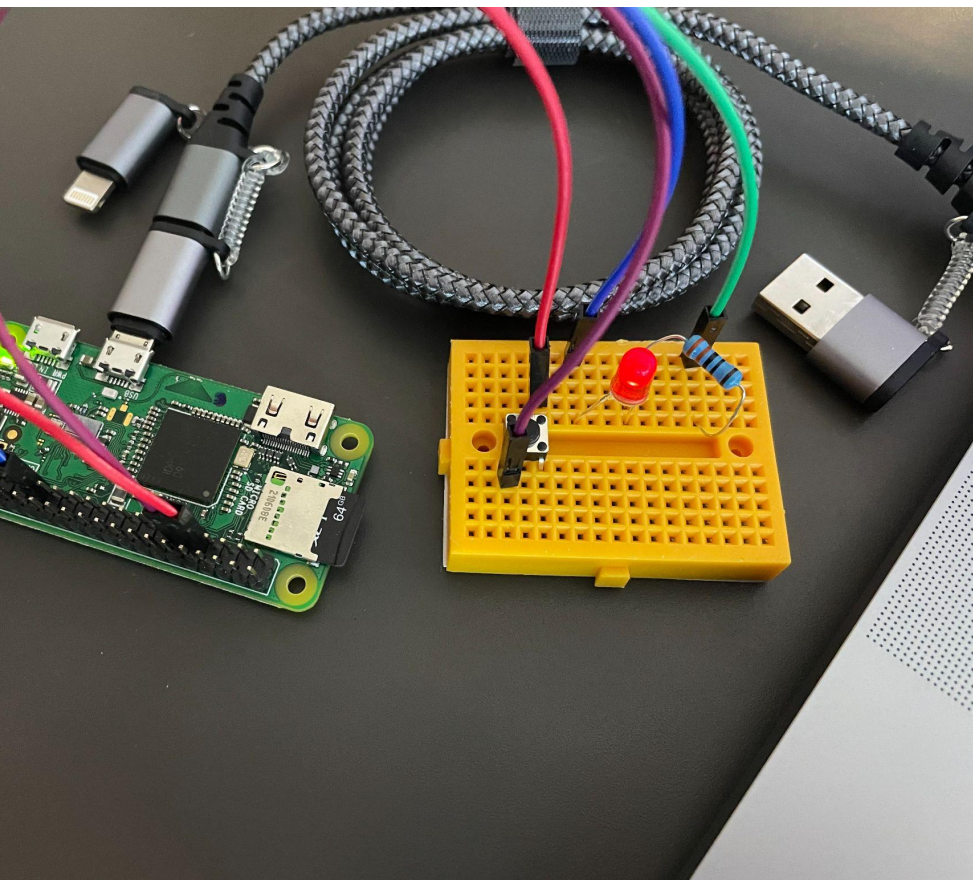
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Position

Power

Ground

Control

Wiring

BCM

Serial

PWM

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	27	2	27	13	14	GN	
	22	3	22	15	16	23	
		3.3V	17		18	24	
MOSI	12	10	19		20	GN	
MISO	13	9	21		22	25	
SCLK	14	11	23		24	8	
		GND	25		26	7	
ID_SD	30	0	DNC	27	28	DNC	
GPCLK1	5	21	5	29	30	GN	
GPCLK2	6	22	6	31	32	12	
PWM1	13	23	13	33	34	GN	
PWM1 miso1	19	24	19	35	36	16	
	26	25	26	37	38	20	
		GND	39		40	21	
PP1	USB		TV +	TV	Run	Run	
PP6	GND		TV -	TV	Run	Run	

Kernel Space: gpio - Interrupts

```
1 // From: Johannes4Linux
2 // https://github.com/Johannes4Linux/Linux-Driver-Tutorial/blob/main/11\_gpio\_irq/gpio\_irq.c
3
4 #include <linux/module.h>
5 #include <linux/init.h>
6 #include <linux/gpio.h>
7 #include <linux/interrupt.h>
8
9 /* Meta Information */
10 MODULE_LICENSE("GPL");
11 MODULE_AUTHOR("Johannes 4 GNU/Linux");
12 MODULE_DESCRIPTION("A simple LKM for a gpio interrupt");
13
14 /** variable contains pin number of interrupt controller to which GPIO 17 is mapped to */
15 unsigned int irq_number;
16
17 /**
18  * @brief Interrupt service routine is called, when interrupt is triggered
19  */
20 static irq_handler_t gpio_irq_handler(unsigned int irq, void *dev_id, struct pt_regs *regs) {
21     printk("gpio_irq: Interrupt was triggered and ISR was called!\n");
22     return (irq_handler_t) IRQ_HANDLED;
23 }
```

Kernel Space: gpio - Interrupts (continued)

```
1 // @brief This function is called, when the module is loaded into the kernel
2 static int __init ModuleInit(void) {
3     printk("gpio_irq: Loading module... ");
4
5     /* Setup the gpio */
6     if(gpio_request(17, "rpi-gpio-17")) {
7         printk("Error!\nCan not allocate GPIO 17\n");
8         return -1;
9     }
10
11     /* Set GPIO 17 direction */
12     if(gpio_direction_input(17)) {
13         printk("Error!\nCan not set GPIO 17 to input!\n");
14         gpio_free(17);
15         return -1;
16     }
```

Kernel Space: gpio - Interrupts (continued - 2)

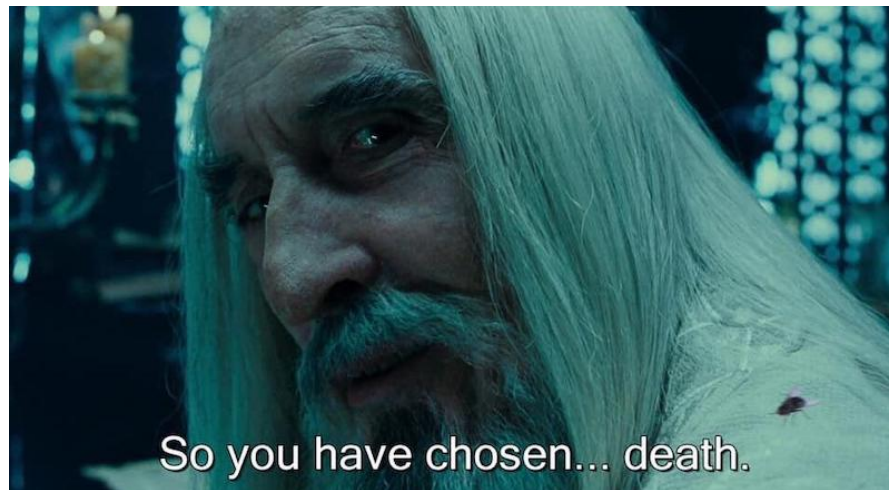
```
1  /* Setup the interrupt */
2  irq_number = gpio_to_irq(17);
3
4  if(request_irq(irq_number, (irq_handler_t) gpio_irq_handler, IRQF_TRIGGER_RISING, "my_gpio_irq", NULL) != 0){
5      printk("Error!\nCan not request interrupt nr.: %d\n", irq_number);
6      gpio_free(17);
7      return -1;
8  }
9
10  printk("Done!\n");
11  printk("GPIO 17 is mapped to IRQ Nr.: %d\n", irq_number);
12  return 0;
13 }
14
15 // @brief This function is called, when the module is removed from the kernel
16 static void __exit ModuleExit(void) {
17     printk("gpio_irq: Unloading module... ");
18     free_irq(irq_number, NULL);
19     gpio_free(17);
20 }
```

Kernel Space: gpio - Interrupts (continued - 3)

```
1 module_init(ModuleInit);  
2 module_exit(ModuleExit);
```

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Kernel Space: gpio

- Old functions (**gpio**) were **gpio_*** (**gpio.h**) - [link](#) to code shown in Bootlin Elixir screenshot below. Deprecated now.

```

/ include / linux / gpio.h
All sym▼ Search Identifier

1  /* SPDX-License-Identifier: GPL-2.0 */
2  /*
3   * <linux/gpio.h>
4   *
5   * This is the LEGACY GPIO bulk include file, including legacy APIs. It is
6   * used for GPIO drivers still referencing the global GPIO numberspace,
7   * and should not be included in new code.
8   *
9   * If you're implementing a GPIO driver, only include <linux/gpio/driver.h>
10  * If you're implementing a GPIO consumer, only include <linux/gpio/consumer.h>
11  */
12  #ifndef __LINUX_GPIO_H
13  #define __LINUX_GPIO_H
14
15  #include <linux/errno.h>
16
17  /* see Documentation/driver-api/gpio/legacy.rst */
18
```

Kernel Space: **gpiod**

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```
/ include / linux / gpio / consumer.h      All symbols Search Identifier
63
64 /* Acquire and dispose GPIOs */
65 struct gpio_desc *__must_check gpiod_get(struct device *dev,
66                                         const char *con_id,
67                                         enum gpiod_flags flags);
68 struct gpio_desc *__must_check gpiod_get_index(struct device *dev,
69                                                const char *con_id,
70                                                unsigned int idx,
71                                                enum gpiod_flags flags);
72 struct gpio_desc *__must_check gpiod_get_optional(struct device *dev,
73                                                  const char *con_id,
74                                                  enum gpiod_flags flags);
75 struct gpio_desc *__must_check gpiod_get_index_optional(struct device *dev,
76                                                         const char *con_id,
77                                                         unsigned int index,
78                                                         enum gpiod_flags flags);
79 struct gpio_descs *__must_check gpiod_get_array(struct device *dev,
80                                                 const char *con_id,
81                                                 enum gpiod_flags flags);
82 struct gpio_descs *__must_check gpiod_get_array_optional(struct device *dev,
83                                                         const char *con_id,
84                                                         enum gpiod_flags flags);
85 void gpiod_put(struct gpio_desc *desc);
86 void gpiod_put_array(struct gpio_descs *descs);
87
88 struct gpio_desc *__must_check devm_gpiod_get(struct device *dev,
89                                              const char *con_id,
```

What Does **gpiod** Solve?

Text from [this](#) commit on kernel.org (2013):

This patch exports the `gpiod_*` family of API functions, a safer alternative to the legacy GPIO interface. Differences between the `gpiod` and legacy `gpio` APIs are:

- **gpio works with integers**, whereas **gpiod operates on opaque handlers** which cannot be forged or used before proper acquisition
- `gpiod` get/set functions are **aware of the active low state of a GPIO**
- `gpio` consumers should now include `<linux/gpio/consumer.h>` to access the new interface, whereas chips drivers will use `<linux/gpio/driver.h>`

The legacy `gpio` API is now built as inline functions on top of `gpiod`.

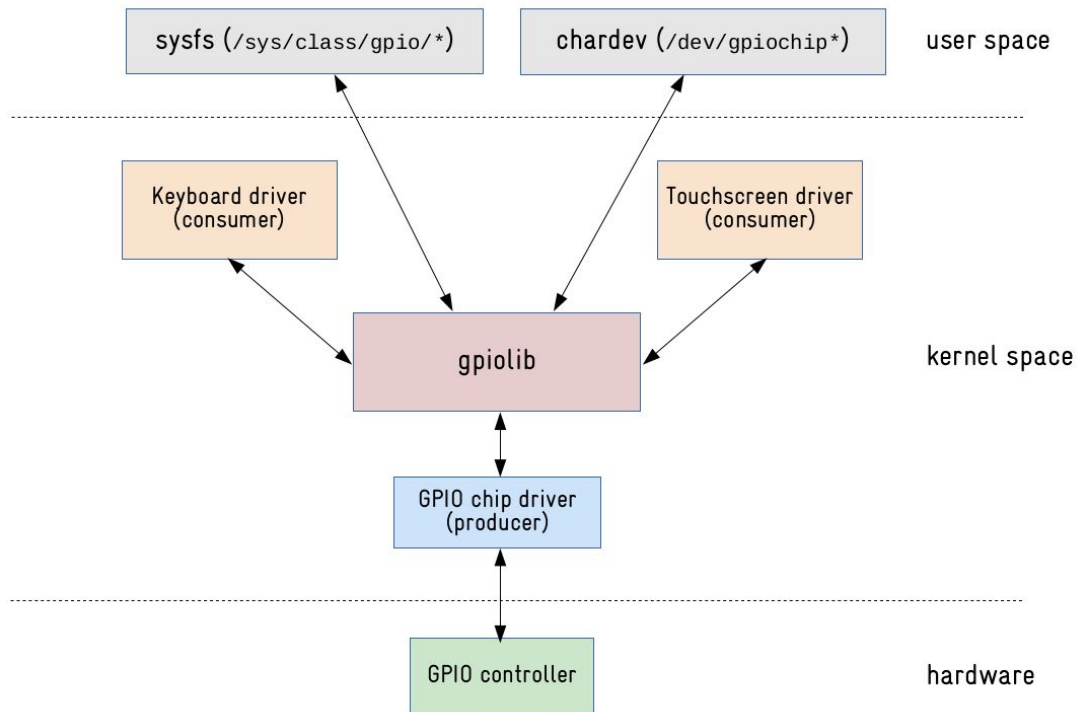
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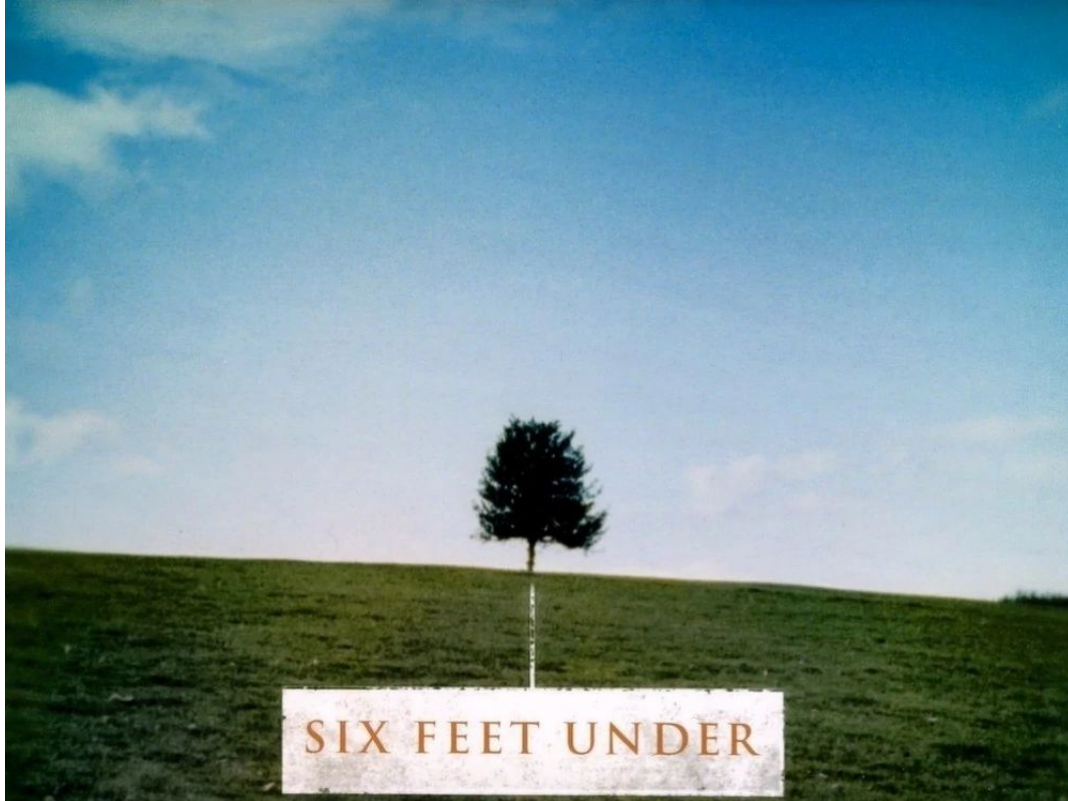
Implementing **gpiod** Must Be Fun Right?

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This requires knowledge
of the device tree...



The Device Tree



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“The **devicetree** is a **data structure** for **describing hardware**. Rather than hard coding every detail of a device into an operating system, many aspects of the hardware can be described in a data structure that is **passed to the operating system** at boot time.”

- <https://www.devicetree.org>

“can now configure his platform without having to recompile the kernel” -

https://docs.google.com/document/u/1/d/17P54kZkZO_-JtTjrFuVz-Cp_RMMg7GB_8W9JK9sLKfA/pub

Did you ever hear the tragedy of Board Files the Unwise?



Board Files

- In kernel 3.2
 - arch/arm/mach-omap2/board-am335xevm.c
 - More than 4,000 lines of code
 - Get a sense of this by looking at [this](#) file
 - Good luck getting the kernel to compile with this mess
 - Consider capes



<https://imgflip.com/memtemplate/294137091/Man-behind-man>

What Is The Motivation For Device Tree Appearing In Linux?

From Linus Torvalds <>
Date Thu, 17 Mar 2011 19:50:36 -0700
SubjectRe: [GIT PULL] omap changes for v2.6.39 merge window

On Thu, Mar 17, 2011 at 11:30 AM, Tony Lindgren <tony@atomide.com> wrote:

>

> Please pull omap changes for this merge window from:

Excerpts from Linus' response (modified for language):

Gaah. Guys, this whole ARM thing is a x'ing pain in the x.

You need to stop stepping on each others toes. There is no way that your changes to those crazy clock-data files should constantly result in those annoying conflicts, just because different people in different ARM trees do some x renaming of some random device. Seriously.

That usb_musb_init() thing in arch/arm/mach-omap2/usb-musb.c also seems to be totally insane. I wonder what kind of insanity I'm missing just because I don't happen to see the merge conflicts, just because people were lucky enough to happen to not touch the same file within a few lines.

Somebody needs to get a grip in the ARM community. I do want to do these merges, just to see how screwed up things are, but guys, this is just ridiculous.

And stop the crazy renaming already! Just leave it off. Don't rename boards and drivers "just because", at least not when there clearly are clashes.

Somebody in the ARM community really needs to step up and tell people to stop x'ing around.

Enough Is Enough: Device Tree

- To be continued