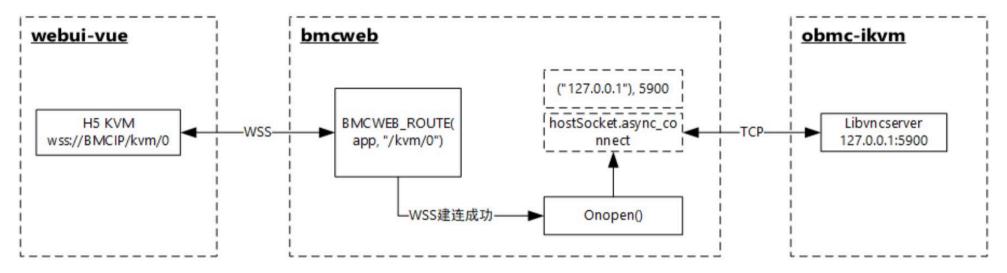
# OpenBMC development obmc-ikvm video transmission



# 1. Connection establishment process

The KVM connection process mainly involves four code packages: webui-vue, bmcweb, obmc-ikvm and libvncserver. The connection logic diagram is shown in the following figure:



### 1.1 WebUI click "Start KVM"

Remote Control- >Remote Console->Start H5KVM, call the openTerminal() method on the front end, create an RFB client instance and connect to the websocket service via wss://10.18.35.109/kvm/0

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 1 openTerminal() {
 // 从Vuex store获取认证令牌

 3 const\_token = this.\$store.getters['authentication/token'l:

```
3
      const token = this.$store.getters['authentication/token'];
 4
 5
      /* 初始化RFB客户端连接
 6
       * - 使用DOM元素作为显示容器
 7
       * - 构造带认证token的WebSocket地址
 8
       * - 通过wsProtocols传递token进行身份验证 */
 9
      this.rfb = new RFB(
10
       this.$refs.panel,
11
        `wss://${window.location.host}/kvm/0`,
12
        { wsProtocols: [token] }
13
     );
14
      . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
15 }}
```

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### 1.2 Bmcweb router detects WSS connection

The bmcweb/include/kvm\_websokcet.hpp code implements the routing registration and session management of KVM WebSocket, supports permission control, connection management and message processing, and is suitable for real-time KVM data transmission scenarios.

Registered a WebSocket route with the path /kvm/0

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```
1
     inline void requestRoutes(App& app)
  2
  3
         sessions.reserve(maxSessions);
  4
  5
         BMCWEB ROUTE(app, "/kvm/0")
  6
              .privileges({{"ConfigureComponents", "ConfigureManager"}})
  7
              .websocket()
  8
              .onopen([](crow::websocket::Connection& conn) {
  9
              BMCWEB LOG DEBUG("Connection {} opened", logPtr(&conn));
 10
 11
              if (sessions.size() == maxSessions)
 12
 13
                  conn.close("Max sessions are already connected");
 14
                  return:
 15
             }
 16
 17
              sessions[&conn] = std::make shared<KvmSession>(conn);
 18
         })
 19
              .onclose([](crow::websocket::Connection& conn, const std::string&) {
 20
              sessions.erase(&conn);
twen
         })
twen
              .onmessage([](crow::websocket::Connection& conn,
twen
                            const std::string& data, bool) {
twen
              if (sessions[&conn])
 25
 26
                  sessions[&conn]->onMessage(data);
 27
 28
         });
 29
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```

After the websocket connection between webui and bmcweb is successfully established, the onpen() event will be triggered, and the KvmSession object will be created in its event processing function: sessions[&conn] = std::make\_shared(conn);

When the KvmSession object is constructed, a TCP endpoint ("127.0.0.1"), 5900) is created and the KVM service is connected via hostSocket.async\_connect();

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 1
    class KvmSession : public std::enable_shared_from_this<KvmSession>
                                                                                //继承的目的是防止异步操作中对象提前销毁导致空指针问题
 2
                                                                                //为了能安全的在类内部获取指向自身的std::shared ptr
 3
      public:
 4
        explicit KvmSession(crow::websocket::Connection& connIn) :
 5
            conn(connIn), hostSocket(conn.getIoContext())
 6
 7
```

```
boost::asio::ip::tcp::endpoint endpoint(
  8
                 boost::asio::ip::make address("127.0.0.1"), 5900);
  9
             hostSocket.async connect(
 10
                 endpoint, [this, &connIn](const boost::system::error code& ec) {
 11
                 if (ec)
 12
 13
                    BMCWEB LOG ERROR(
 14
                        "conn:{}, Couldn't connect to KVM socket port: {}",
 15
                        logPtr(&conn), ec);
 16
                    if (ec != boost::asio::error::operation aborted)
 17
 18
                        connIn.close("Error in connecting to KVM port");
 19
                    }
 20
                    return;
twen
twen
twen
                 doRead();
twen
            });
 25
 26
 27
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### 1.3 Relationship between obmc-ikvm and libvncserver

The service or code location where bmcweb establishes a connection through hostSocket.async connect() is actually in libvncserver

rfbGetScreen() function initializes and assigns port + interface

rfbInitSockets()->rfbScreen->listenSock = rfbListenOnTCPPort(rfbScreen->port, iface) creates a socket socket(), bind(), and then listen()

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 1
    rfbScreenInfoPtr rfbGetScreen(int* argc,char** argv,
 2
     int width,int height,int bitsPerSample,int samplesPerPixel,
 3
     int bytesPerPixel)
 4
 5
        screen->port=5900;
 6
        screen->ipv6port=5900;
 7
        screen->listenInterface = htonl(INADDR_ANY);
 8
         . . . . . .
 9 }
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 1
    rfbListenOnTCPPort(int port,
 2
                        in addr t iface)
```

```
3
  4
         struct sockaddr in addr;
  5
         rfbSocket sock;
  6
          int one = 1:
  7
  8
         memset(&addr, 0, sizeof(addr));
  9
         addr.sin family = AF INET;
 10
         addr.sin port = htons(port);
 11
         addr.sin addr.s addr = iface;
 12
 13
         if ((sock = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0)) == RFB INVALID SOCKET) {
 14
         return RFB INVALID SOCKET;
 15
 16
         if (setsockopt(sock, SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR,
 17
                 (const char *)&one, sizeof(one)) < 0) {</pre>
 18
         rfbCloseSocket(sock):
 19
         return RFB INVALID SOCKET;
 20
twen
         if (bind(sock, (struct sockaddr *)&addr, sizeof(addr)) < 0) {</pre>
twen
          rfbCloseSocket(sock);
          return RFB INVALID SOCKET;
twen
twen
 25
         if (listen(sock, 32) < 0) {
 26
         rfbCloseSocket(sock);
 27
         return RFB INVALID SOCKET;
 28
         }
 29
 30
         return sock;
 31
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rfbProcessEvents()->rfbCheckFds(screen,usec) listens for new connections accept() and processes communication data

### 1.4 Establishing a connection

So far, the connection between the front-end webui-vue and the back-end obmc-ikvm is established:

- 1. Between webui-vue and bmcweb: establish a websocket connection, the external port number is encrypted 443
- 2. Between bmcweb and libvncserver: establish a TCP socket, the port number is 5900 by default, and supports customizing other ports, and the interface is localloop
- 3. Between libvncserver and obmc-ikvm: registering a callback function in obmc-ikmv to handle the reception of front-end data and the sending of underlying video data

It should be noted here that libvncserver this is a library that implements the VNC (Virtual Network Computing) protocol. It is responsible for handling standard VNC protocol handshake, authentication, data encoding and transmission details. By registering the processing function in obmc-ikvm, the communication data is parsed and processed in the obmc-ikvm service.

### 2. Data Transfer

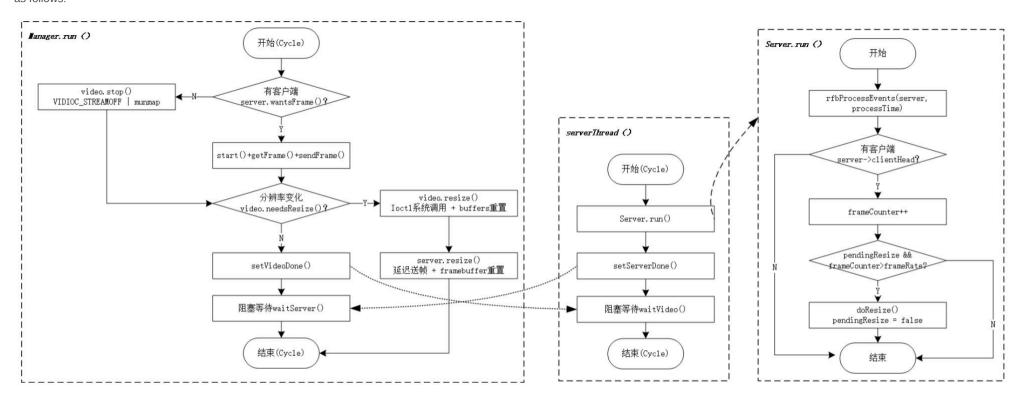
### 2.1 Logic between Manager.run() and serverThread() threads

- 1. After the obmc-ikvm service is started, the overall startup process is: main() -> manager.run(), and the thread serverThread() is started at the same time, as shown in the following code:
- 2. continueExecuting = true, after creating the KVM session, server.wantsFrame() = true, cd->skipFrame = video.getFrameRate();
- 3. Loop1: Execute video.start() to get fd = open("/dev/video0", O\_RDWR), video buffer adjustment Video::resize(), resizeAfterOpen = true;
- 4. Loop1: Execute video.getFrame() to get the underlying video data and store it in the buffer (char\*)buffers[lastFrameIndex].data;
- 5. Loop1: Execute server.sendFrame(). If (cd->skipFrame){cd->skipFrame-; continue;} will delay 30 frames to send data to the front end.
- 6. Loop1: if (video.needsResize()) = true, waitServer() waits for the thread to finish executing server.run(), then sets manager->setServerDone(), the thread waits for Video to be set, waitVideo();
- 7. Loop1: Then videoDone = false; video.resize(); server.resize(); setVideoDone(); Then, the thread executes
- 8. Loop2-N: Then the main thread Manager::run() and the thread serverThread are cross-executed. The cross-point is controlled by the unique\_lock mutex, which ensures the cross-polling processing of the video acquisition and sending of the main thread and the rfbProcessEvents(server, processTime) in the server.run() in the thread;

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```
twen
                 video.resize();
twen
                 server.resize();
twen
                 setVideoDone();
 25
             }
 26
             else
 27
 28
                 setVideoDone();
                                           //A: 视频数据已经准备完毕,等待发送
 29
                 waitServer();
                                           //B: 阻塞等待server状态
 30
 31
 32
 33
         run.join();
 34 | }
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     void Manager::serverThread(Manager* manager)
  1
  2
  3
         while (manager->continueExecuting)
  4
         {
  5
             manager->server.run();
                                         //执行rfbProcessEvents处理libvncserve事件
  6
                                        //C: server处理完毕,释放互斥锁
             manager->setServerDone();
  7
             manager->waitVideo();
                                         //D: 等待视频数据处理状态
  8
         }
  9 }
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  1
     void Server::run()
  2
  3
         rfbProcessEvents(server, processTime);
  4
  5
         if (server->clientHead)
  6
         {
  7
             frameCounter++;
  8
             if (pendingResize && frameCounter > video.getFrameRate())
  9
 10
                 doResize();
 11
                 pendingResize = false;
 12
 13
 14 }
```

One thing to note is that in the open source framework, videoDone is only set to false when video.needResize() is called, and is true in all other scenarios. Therefore, the overall processing flow chart is as follows:



### 2.2 The whole process of data processing

For example, a user enters a keyboard key value through the front-end KVM interface:

- 1. The front end sends data to bmcweb through websocket, bmcweb triggers the onMessage() event and reads the data into inputBuffer, and finally calls doWrite()
- 2. The doWrite() function calls hostSocket.async write some() to send inputBuffer.data() data to libvncserver
- 3. The following processing is performed in libvncserver: rfbProcessEvents->rfbProcessClientMessage->rfbProcessClientNormalMessage->kbdAddEvent(), and the kbdAddEvent function is defined and processed in obmc-ikvm
- 4. Finally, in the obmc-ikvm service, kbdAddEvent->input->writeKeyboard(input->keyboardReport) sends the 8-byte keyboard data to the Host via USB.

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```
1 static void
2 rfbProcessClientNormalMessage(rfbClientPtr cl)
3 {
4   int n=0;
5
```

```
rfbClientToServerMsg msg;
  6
  7
         char *str;
  8
         int i;
  9
          . . . . . . . .
         if ((n = rfbReadExact(cl, (char *)&msg, 1)) <= 0) {</pre>
 10
             if (n != 0)
 11
                  rfbLogPerror("rfbProcessClientNormalMessage: read");
 12
             rfbCloseClient(cl);
 13
             return;
 14
         }
 15
 16
         switch (msg.type) {
 17
 18
             case rfbKeyEvent:
 19
 20
             if ((n = rfbReadExact(cl, ((char *)&msg) + 1,
twen
                         sz rfbKeyEventMsg - 1)) <= 0) {</pre>
twen
                 if (n != 0)
twen
                  rfbLogPerror("rfbProcessClientNormalMessage: read");
twen
                 rfbCloseClient(cl);
 25
 26
                  return;
             }
 27
 28
              rfbStatRecordMessageRcvd(cl, msg.type, sz_rfbKeyEventMsg);
 29
 30
             if(!cl->viewOnly) {
 31
                  cl->screen->kbdAddEvent(msg.ke.down, (rfbKeySym)Swap32IfLE(msg.ke.key), cl);
 32
             }
 33
 34
 35
              return;
 36
              . . . . . . . . . .
             }
 37
 38
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```

So, how to transmit the video data obtained from the CPU to the front-end KVM?

- 1. Get the underlying video data through Video::getFrame() and store it in buffers, and encapsulate it through Video::getData(): (char\*)buffers[lastFrameIndex].data
- 2. Call Manager.run()->server.sendFrame() to send, where sendFrame() mainly does the following things:
- Get the underlying data: char\* data = video.getData()
- Detect the current session through the iterator: cl = rfbClientIteratorNext(it)

- · Check key variables such as cd, skipFrame, needUpdata, etc. to confirm whether to send data to the front end immediately
- Send video data to the front end according to the data format video.getPixelformat()

C Al generated projects void Server::sendFrame() 2 3 // 获取视频帧数据

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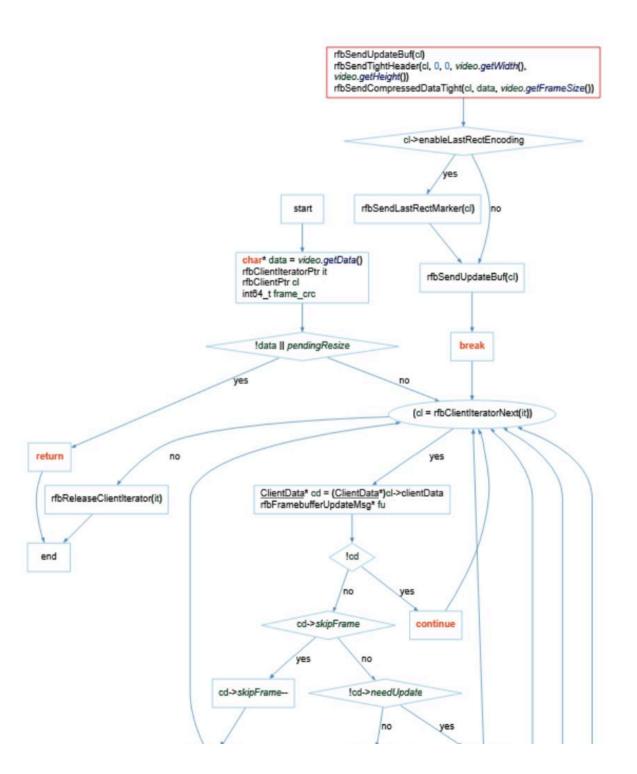
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```
4
        char* data = video.getData();
  5
        rfbClientIteratorPtr it;
  6
        rfbClientPtr cl;
  7
        int64_t frame_crc = -1;
  8
  9
        // 如果数据为空或需要调整大小,则直接返回
 10
        if (!data || pendingResize)
 11
        {
 12
            return;
 13
        }
 14
 15
        // 获取客户端迭代器
 16
        it = rfbGetClientIterator(server);
 17
 18
        // 遍历所有客户端
 19
        while ((cl = rfbClientIteratorNext(it)))
 20
        {
            // 获取客户端数据
twen
            ClientData* cd = (ClientData*)cl->clientData;
twen
twen
            rfbFramebufferUpdateMsg* fu = (rfbFramebufferUpdateMsg*)cl->updateBuf;
twen
 25
            // 如果客户端数据为空,则跳过
 26
            if (!cd)
 27
 28
                continue;
 29
 30
 31
            // 如果客户端需要跳过帧,则减少跳过帧计数并跳过
 32
            if (cd->skipFrame)
 33
 34
                cd->skipFrame--;
 35
                continue;
 36
            }
 37
 38
            // 如果客户端不需要更新,则跳过
 39
            if (!cd->needUpdate)
 40
 41
                continue;
```

```
42
           }
43
44
           // 如果需要计算帧的 CRC 校验和
45
           if (calcFrameCRC)
46
47
               // 如果尚未计算 CRC,则计算帧的 CRC (跳过 JFIF 头部的 0x30 字节)
48
               if (frame_crc == -1)
49
               {
50
                  frame crc =
51
                      boost::crc<32, 0x04C11DB7, 0xFFFFFFFF, 0xFFFFFFFF, true, true>(
52
                          data + 0x30, video.getFrameSize() - 0x30);
53
               }
54
55
               // 如果当前帧的 CRC 与上一帧相同,则跳过
56
               if (cd->last crc == frame crc)
57
               {
58
                  continue;
59
60
61
               // 更新客户端的 CRC
62
               cd->last crc = frame crc;
63
64
65
           // 标记客户端不需要更新
66
           cd->needUpdate = false;
67
68
           // 设置更新消息中的矩形数量
69
           if (cl->enableLastRectEncoding)
70
71
               fu->nRects = 0xFFFF; // 启用最后矩形编码
72
           }
73
           else
74
           {
75
               fu->nRects = Swap16IfLE(1); // 单个矩形更新
76
           }
77
78
           // 根据视频像素格式处理帧数据
79
           switch (video.getPixelformat())
80
81
               case V4L2 PIX FMT RGB24:
82
                  // 将帧数据复制到帧缓冲区
83
                  framebuffer.assign(data, data + video.getFrameSize());
84
                  // 标记整个帧为已修改
85
                  rfbMarkRectAsModified(server, 0, 0, video.getWidth(),
86
                                      video.getHeight());
87
                  break;
88
```

```
89
 90
                case V4L2_PIX_FMT_JPEG:
                    // 发送帧更新消息
 91
                    fu->type = rfbFramebufferUpdate;
 92
                    cl->ublen = sz rfbFramebufferUpdateMsg;
 93
                    rfbSendUpdateBuf(cl);
 94
                    // 设置 Tight 编码
 95
 96
                    cl->tightEncoding = rfbEncodingTight;
                    rfbSendTightHeader(cl, 0, 0, video.getWidth(), video.getHeight());
 97
 98
                    // 发送 JPEG 数据
                    cl->updateBuf[cl->ublen++] = (char)(rfbTightJpeg << 4);</pre>
 99
                    rfbSendCompressedDataTight(cl, data, video.getFrameSize());
100
                    // 如果启用了最后矩形编码,则发送最后矩形标记
101
                    if (cl->enableLastRectEncoding)
102
                    {
103
                        rfbSendLastRectMarker(cl);
104
                    }
105
                    // 发送更新缓冲区
106
                    rfbSendUpdateBuf(cl);
107
108
                    break;
109
                default:
110
                    break;
111
112
         }
113
114
         // 释放客户端迭代器
115
         rfbReleaseClientIterator(it);
116
←● }
```

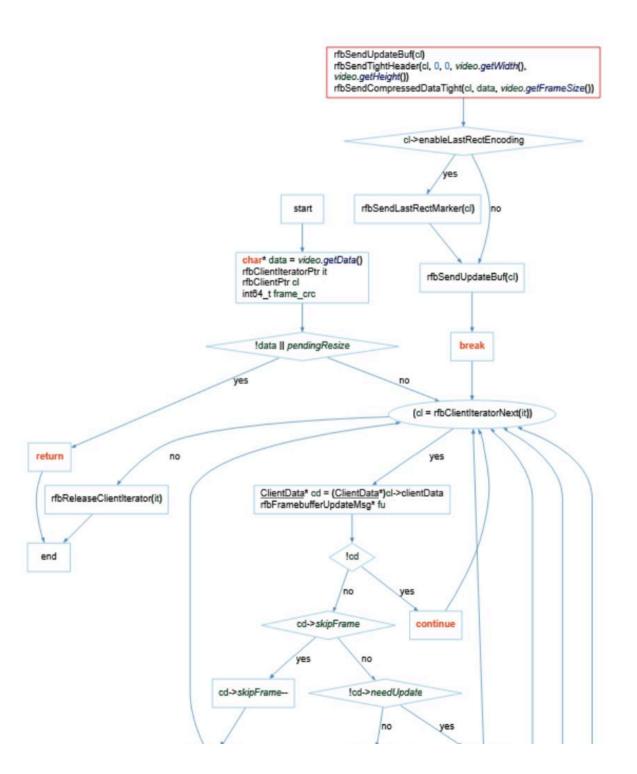
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1
     void Video::getFrame()
  2
  3
         int rc(0);
  4
         int fd_flags;
  5
         v4l2 buffer buf;
  6
         fd set fds;
  7
         timeval tv;
  8
  9
         if (fd < 0)
 10
         {
 11
             return;
 12
         }
 13
 14
         FD ZERO(&fds);
 15
         FD SET(fd, &fds);
 16
 17
         tv.tv sec = 1;
 18
         tv.tv usec = 0;
 19
 20
         memset(&buf, 0, sizeof(v4l2 buffer));
twen
         buf.type = V4L2_BUF_TYPE_VIDEO_CAPTURE;
twen
         buf.memory = V4L2 MEMORY MMAP;
twen
         // Switch to non-blocking in order to safely dequeue all buffers; if the
twen
 25
         // video signal is lost while blocking to dequeue, the video driver may
 26
         // wait forever if signal is not re-acquired
 27
         fd flags = fcntl(fd, F GETFL);
 28
         fcntl(fd, F SETFL, fd flags | 0 NONBLOCK);
 29
 30
         rc = select(fd + 1, &fds, NULL, NULL, &tv);
 31
         if (rc > 0)
 32
         {
 33
             do
 34
 35
                 rc = ioctl(fd, VIDIOC DQBUF, &buf);
 36
                 if (rc >= 0)
 37
 38
                     buffers[buf.index].queued = false;
 39
                     if (!(buf.flags & V4L2_BUF_FLAG_ERROR))
 40
 41
 42
                         lastFrameIndex = buf.index;
 43
                         buffers[lastFrameIndex].payload = buf.bytesused;
 44
                         break;
 45
                     }
```

```
46
                      else
 47
 48
                          buffers[buf.index].payload = 0;
 49
                     }
 50
 51
             } while (rc >= 0);
 52
         }
 53
 54
         fcntl(fd, F_SETFL, fd_flags);
 55
 56
          for (unsigned int i = 0; i < buffers.size(); ++i)</pre>
 57
          {
 58
             if (i == (unsigned int)lastFrameIndex)
 59
              {
 60
                  continue;
 61
             }
 62
 63
             if (!buffers[i].queued)
 64
 65
                 memset(&buf, 0, sizeof(v4l2 buffer));
 66
                 buf.type = V4L2_BUF_TYPE_VIDEO_CAPTURE;
 67
                 buf.memory = V4L2_MEMORY_MMAP;
 68
                  buf.index = i;
 69
 70
                 rc = ioctl(fd, VIDIOC_QBUF, &buf);
 71
                  if (rc)
 72
                  {
 73
                     log<level::ERR>("Failed to queue buffer",
 74
                                     entry("ERROR=%s", strerror(errno)));
 75
                  }
 76
                  else
 77
                  {
 78
                     buffers[i].queued = true;
 79
                  }
 80
             }
 81
         }
 82 }
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### 3. Encoding format

continue

calcFrameCRC continue

### 3.1 Introduction to obmc-ikvm encoding format

od->last crc == frame crc

One thing to note in the Server::sendFrame() function is that when the Video object is created, the pixelformat (V4L2 PIX FMT JPEG) format is selected by default.

frame crc == -1

cd->last\_crc = frame\_crc

V4L2 PIX FMT RGB24 is an uncompressed RGB format, where each pixel is represented by 24 bits, 8 bits for red, green and blue. This format has a large amount of data, but is easy to process and is suitable for scenes that require fast rendering, such as local clients we high-performance network environments.

continue

V4L2\_PIX\_FMT\_JPEG is a JPEG compression format. The data is compressed and the transmission bandwidth is small. It is suitable for network transmission, especially in the case of limited bandwidth. The client needs to support JPEG decoding to display it.

### Client support

- 1. RGB24 format:
- Requires client to support raw framebuffer updates
- Typical clients: RealVNC Viewer, TigerVNC native mode
- Suitable for low-latency scenarios that require real-time operations (such as local KVM)

cd->needUpdate = false

2. JPEG format:

cl->enableLastRectEncoding

- Requires the client to support Tight-encoded JPEG compression
- Typical clients: noVNC (web client), UltraVNC's optimized mode
- Suitable for remote desktop access via web browser or with high compression requirements

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```
// RGB24格式处理(代码片段)
 2
    case V4L2 PIX FMT RGB24:
 3
       // 原始RGB像素数据直接拷贝到帧缓冲区
 4
       framebuffer.assign(data, data + video.getFrameSize());
 5
       // 标记整个画面区域需要更新
 6
       rfbMarkRectAsModified(server, 0, 0, video.getWidth(), video.getHeight());
 7
       break:
 8
 9
    // JPEG格式处理(代码片段)
10
    case V4L2 PIX FMT JPEG:
11
       // 使用Tight编码发送JPEG压缩数据
1 2
```

```
cl->tightEncoding = rfbEncodingTight;
rfbSendTightHeader(...);
// 添加JPEG压缩标记
cl->updateBuf[cl->ublen++] = (char)(rfbTightJpeg << 4);
// 发送压缩后的JPEG数据
rfbSendCompressedDataTight(cl, data, video.getFrameSize());
break;
```

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### 3.2 Encoding format definition

The specific encoding format is not defined in obmc-ikvm, but in the driver. The specific path is: drivers/media/platform/aspeed/aspeed-video.c/static int aspeed\_video\_probe(struct platform\_device \*pdev)

aspeed video probe->aspeed video setup video->video->pix fmt.pixelformat = V4L2 PIX FMT JPEG, the specific code is as follows:

登录复制 C Al generated projects static int aspeed video setup video(struct aspeed video \*video) 2 3 const u64 mask = ~(BIT(V4L2 JPEG CHROMA SUBSAMPLING 444) | 4 BIT(V4L2 JPEG CHROMA SUBSAMPLING 420)); 5 struct v4l2 device \*v4l2 dev = &video->v4l2 dev; 6 struct vb2 queue \*vbg = &video->queue; 7 struct video device \*vdev = &video->vdev; 8 struct v4l2 ctrl handler \*hdl = &video->ctrl handler; 9 int rc: 10 11 video->pix fmt.pixelformat = V4L2 PIX FMT JPEG; 12 video->pix fmt.field = V4L2 FIELD NONE; 13 video->pix fmt.colorspace = V4L2 COLORSPACE SRGB; 14 video->pix\_fmt.quantization = V4L2\_QUANTIZATION\_FULL\_RANGE; 15 video->v4l2 input status = V4L2 IN ST NO SIGNAL; 16 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 17 }

### 3.3 V4L2\_PIX\_FMT\_RGB24 and V4L2\_PIX\_FMT\_JPEG settings and differences

The main differences between the two are shown in the following table:

characteristic	V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB24	V4L2_PIX_FMT_JPEG
Data format	Uncompressed RGB raw pixel data	JPEG lossy compressed streaming data
Bandwidth usage	High (24 bits per pixel, no compression)	Low (depends on compression factor)

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characteristic	V4L2_PIX_FMT_RGB24	V4L2_PIX_FMT_JPEG
Transport Protocol	Pixel-by-pixel transmission via RAW encoding of RFB	Send compressed data using Tight encoding + JPEG specific tags
Hardware Dependency	No hardware encoding required, only frame buffer	The device must support JPEG encoding or software transcoding
Typical usage scenarios	Low latency and high quality scenes in LAN	Remote access scenarios with limited bandwidth

If the data is in V4L2\_PIX\_FMT\_RGB24 format, it will be copied from buffers to framebuffer via framebuffer.assign(data, data + video.getFrameSize()), and then rfbMarkRectAsModified(server, 0, 0, video.getWidth(), video.getHeight()) will be called to notify the libvncserver service to send it to the front end.

If the data is in V4L2 PIX FMT JPEG format, it will be packaged and compressed in Tight format and sent to the KVM or VNC front end through rfbSendUpdateBuf(cl).

## 4. Two important buffer zones

So, what are the functions and differences between framebuffer and std::vector buffers?

framebuffer (member of Server class)

Function: As the frame buffer of RFB service, it stores the complete frame image data to be rendered.

Data source: When the pixel format is RGB24, the raw data captured by the video device is copied to this buffer via framebuffer.assign(data, data + frameSize). The hardware buffer is not directly mapped, and the content is filled by the application layer.

Life cycle: dynamic resizing, resize() when resolution changes, automatic release of memory (RAII) when destroyed.

std::vector buffers (member of the Video class)

Purpose: Manage the DMA/MMAP buffer of the video device for efficient zero-copy capture of frame data. Request the driver to allocate the buffer through VIDIOC\_REQBUFS, and mmap it to user space. Circularly use the buffer through VIDIOC\_QBUF/VIDIOC\_DQBUF (producer-consumer model).

Performance advantage: Avoid data copying between user space and kernel, and reduce CPU usage.

Lifecycle: allocated/released in Video::start() and Video::stop(), synchronized with device opening/closing.

The key differences are compared as follows:

characteristic	framebuffer	buffers
Belong to the object	Server Class	Video
Data Source	Capture from Video devices and copy or convert	Direct-mapped device hardware/DMA buffers
Access method	Direct access through the two-dimensional array maintained by the Server	Access through V4L2's mmap memory mapping
Content change trigger	By <font style="color:rgba(255, 255, 245, 0.9);">rfbMarkRectAsModified</font> tag	Triggered when VIDIOC_DQBUF returns a new frame

characteristic	framebuffer	buffers
Memory Management	STL container automatic management	Manual munmap release
Format related	Stores only RGB24 data	The original output format of the storage device (such as JPEG/RGB24)

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