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1 Introduction

This document mainly introduces how to integrate RIL Driver into Android OS of your target machine and how to modify the configuration files and insert some script files for staring RIL service and PPP dialing.

2 Introduction to Driver Software

2.1. Driver Package

2.1.1. Directory Structure

The file structure of RIL driver package Quectel has published is shown as Figure 1.

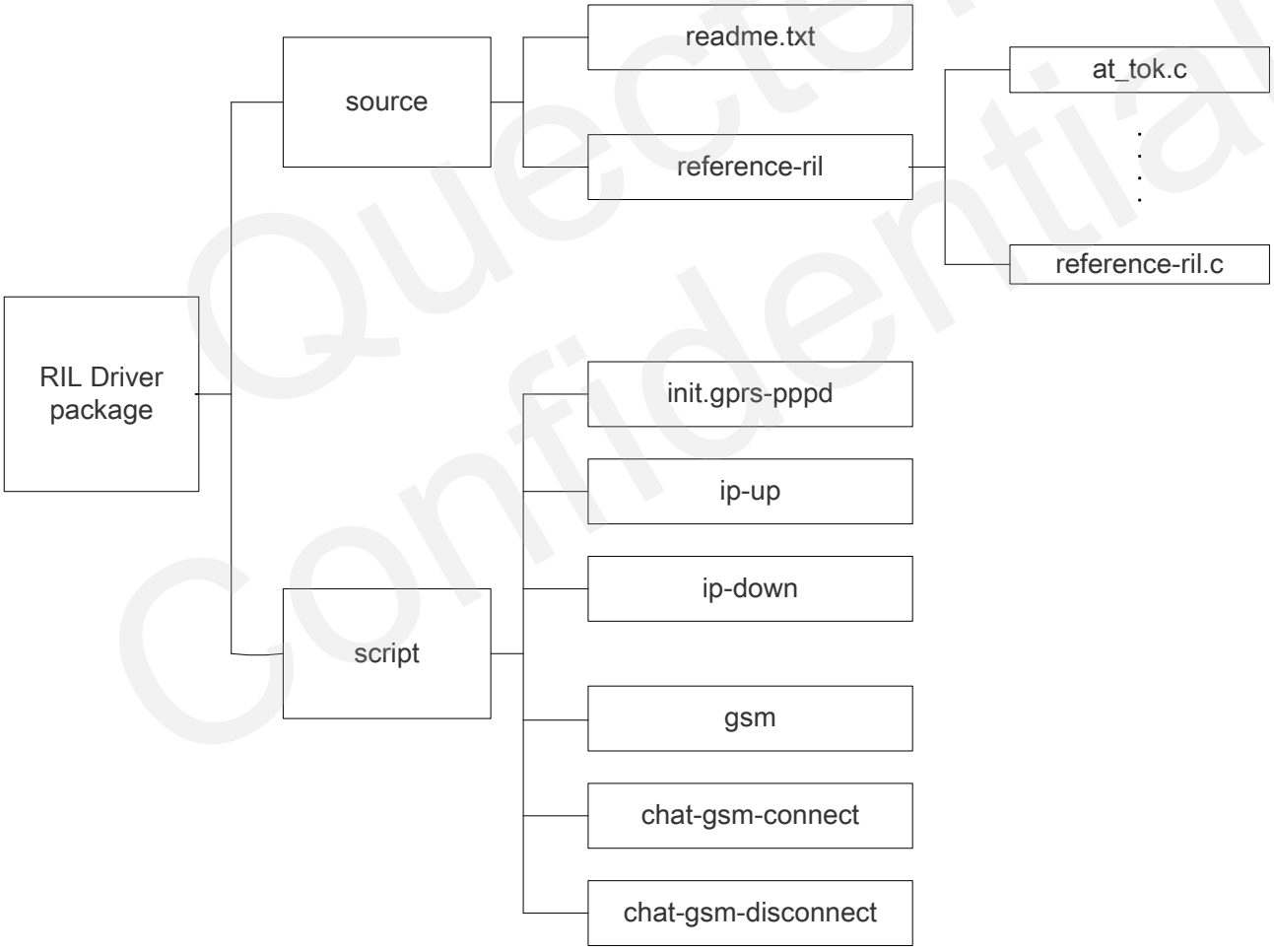

Figure 1: RIL Driver Package Structure

2.1.2. Files Classification

RIL driver Directory	reference-ril
Script for PPPD	init.gprs-pppd, ip-up, ip-down, gsm
Script for CHAT	chat-gsm-connect, chat-gsm-connect

2.2. Driver Functionalities

When you have installed and configured the RIL driver successfully, you can use the following functions in your Android operating system.

Table 1: Supported Functions

Function	Support
SMS	YES
VOICE CALL	YES
DATA SERVICE	YES
SIM TOOL KIT	NO
PHONEBOOK	NO

3 Introduction to System Setup

The first part describes the RIL driver architecture. The rest introduces how to set up Android system with the RIL driver.

3.1. RIL Driver Structure

Android RIL (Radio Interface Layer) provides the abstract layer between Telephony service and Radio hardware.

The following illustration describes the RIL's position in the Android architecture.

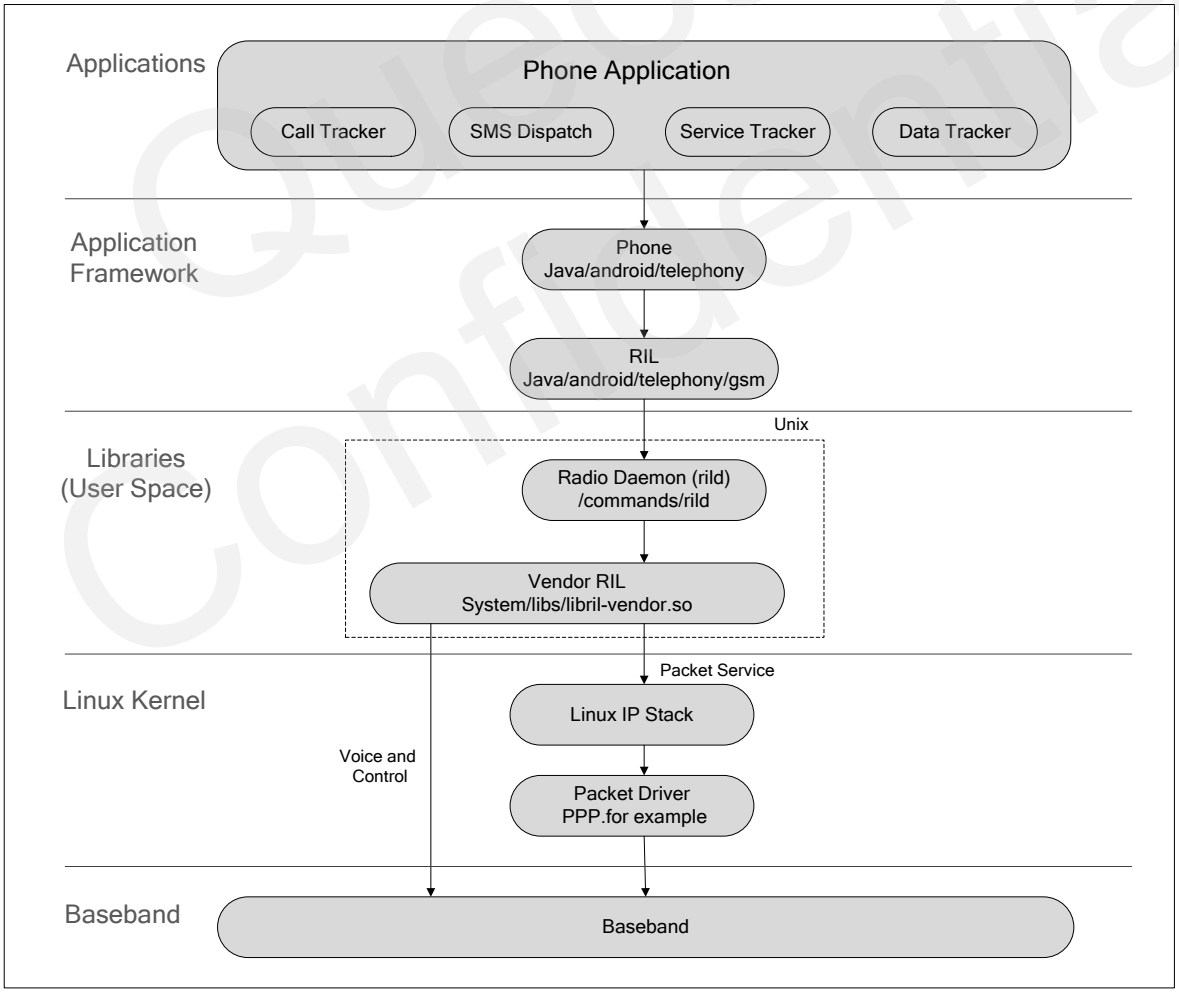

Figure 2: RIL Driver Architecture

The RIL in Android locates between Kernel and Application Framework. It is divided into two parts, one is RILD and the other is Vendor RIL. RILD is responsible for the communication between Socket and Application Framework. Vendor RIL is responsible for communication with Radio via AT command channel and Packet data channel (PDCH). AT command channel is used for communicating with Radio directly and PDCH is used for data service.

The java framework of RIL is divided into two parts too. One is RIL module and the other is Phone module. The RIL module is used to communicate with the lower RILD. The Phone module directly provides phone function interfaces to application user who can call them to realize the phone functions.

3.2. Add Essential Components

To use PPP in RIL, it is recommended to enable PPP component in Kernel. The method is listed as follows:

1. **Input commands in Terminal to open the configuration window:**

```
#cd ($kernel_src)          //Locate in the Android kernel source code file directory
#make menuconfig           //Open the interface of kernel configuration
```

2. **Browse through the menus "Device Drivers" → "Network Device Support" → "PPP Support" and choose:**

- "PPP filtering"
- "PPP support for async serial ports"
- "PPP support for sync tty ports"
- "PPP deflate compression"
- "PPP BSD-compress compression"

3. **Save and exit.**

4. **Re-compile the kernel.**

3.3. Add CMUX Driver

The system has two channels for Android RIL. One channel is used to send AT commands and the other one is used for data service. But for GSM module, it only has a single UART interface to connect with terminal equipment. So it needs to use CMUX driver to create virtual multiple channel for RIL. Quectel provids the CMUX driver source code for Android system, and you can get the driver by contacting Quectel technical support.

3.4. RIL Driver Integration

At present, Quectel provides RIL driver in the form of source code. You only need to copy the RIL driver source code files to the correct path on your project directory, and recompile the Android system.

- The source path of the RIL driver files in RIL Driver package is: **RIL Driver package/Source file/reference-ril**
- The destination path in Android system is: **($Android_src)/hardware/ril/reference-ril**

After the files have been replaced, you have to modify the system configuration so that the necessary services or processes can be loaded when the Android system started.

3.5. System Configuration

In order to use the RIL driver normally, you also have to configure some Android system files. According to the functions you need, you can add or modify the related files selectively.

3.5.1. To Implement SMS and VOICE CALL

Add the following strings in “init.rc" that can start the RIL service when Android system starts.

```
Service ril-daemon /system/bin/rild -l /system/lib/libreference-ril.so -- -d /dev/chn/1
class main
socket rild stream 660 root radio
socket rild-debug stream 660 radio system
user root
group radio cache inet misc audio sdcard_rw log
```

The path of the file "init.rc" is "\rootfs_dir\init.rc".

Get root access.

```
//switchUser();
```

Comment the switchUser() line in main function in "rild.c". The path of the file "rild.c" is "\hardware\ril\rild".

3.5.2. To Implement DATA SERVICE

Quectel provides six script files for DATA SERVICE. The files of "init.gprs-pppd" are used to start the PPPD process and the rest files are used for PPP dialing.

The RIL driver creates PPP link finally by calling PPPD process, which is started by executing the script file "init.gprs-pppd". So, in addition to start RIL service, you have to add or modify the related script files to prepare for PPP dialing. The detailed steps are described as follows:

1. Add or Replace the Script Files

Copy "init.gprs-pppd" to the path of "out\target\product\XXX\system\etc".
Copy "ip-up" and "ip-down" to the path of "out\target\product\XXX\system\etc\ppp".
Copy "gsm", "chat-gsm-connect" and "chat-gsm-disconnect" to the path of "out\target\product\XXX\system\etc\ppp\peers".

2. Add the Following Commands into the File "init.rc"

#start script "init.gprs-pppd"

```
service pppd_gprs /etc/init.gprs-pppd /dev/ chn/2
user root
group radio cache inet misc
disabled
oneshot
```

3. Set the Port Property

The RIL driver needs to use the CMUX channel, so the channel attribute of the devices should be set for read/write. You must modify the device index according to your developing environment. The source code provided is as below:

```
chmod("/dev/chn/1", 0777);
chmod("/dev/chn/2", 0777);
```

4. Set the Right of the File "init.gprs-pppd"

RIL driver needs to perform the script "init.gprs-pppd" in the stage of data networking, so the operation permissions of the script file should be set to be executable. Modify the file "android_filesystem_config.h" and insert the following black string into it.

```
static structfs_path_config android_files[] = {
…
{ 00777, AID_ROOT,     AID_SHELL,    "system/etc/init.gprs-pppd" },
…
};
```

The path of the file " android_filesystem_config.h" is "../system/core/include/private/".

4 Debugging Method

4.1. Method of Catching Log

Catch the log of RIL module by typing the following commands in HyperTerminal:

```
Adb shell
Logcat –b radio&
```

Catch the log of Android system by typing the following commands in HyperTerminal:

```
Adb shell
Logcat&
```

4.2. Some Common Log Tags

RIL	/hardware/ril/reference-ril/refereince-ril.c
AT	/hardware/ril/reference-ril/atchannel.c
RILD	/hardware/ril/rild/rild.c
RILC	/hardware/ril/libril/ril.cpp
RILB	/frameworks/base/telephony/java/com/android/internal/telephony/BaseCommands.java
RILJ	/frameworks/base/telephony/java/com/android/internal/telephony/gsm/RIL.java
GSM	/frameworks/base/telephony/java/com/android/internal/telephony/gsm/GSMPhone.java

5 Appendix A Reference

Table 2: Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
RIL	Radio Interface Layer
TA	Terminal Adapter
MS	Mobile Station
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communications
GPRS	General Packet Radio Service