

PCI Filter Driver

This example is a concise introduction into filter driver development. [Official documentation](#) leaves several insights obscured.

A **class driver** interacts with device drivers that implement different technologies. The upper edge, be it an application or a driver, has an unified representation.

Every PnP driver package specifies a *Class* in .inf setup. Windows allows development of 2 types of filter drivers:

1. *Class filter driver* placed above = **UpperFilters** or below = **LowerFilters** the class driver.
2. *Device filter driver* placed above or below the FDO of a target driver.

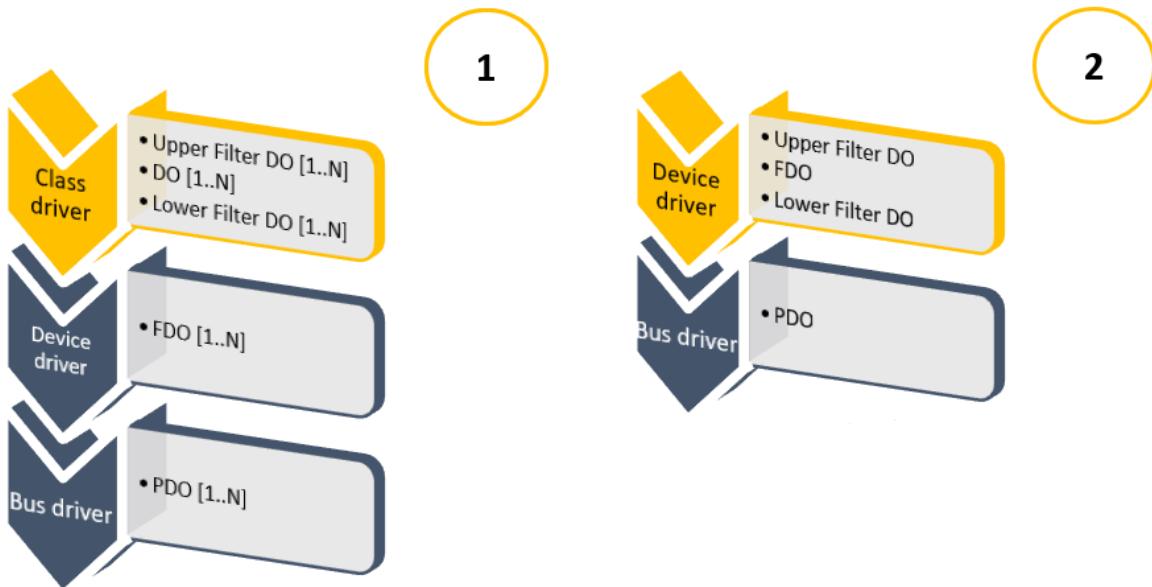


Figure 1: Possible Hierarchy

Installation is done either through an .inf file or through *registry + service control manager* configuration.

PCI class filter driver is an observation post for base address registers raw and translated, interrupts, memory range requirements. DMA channels or IO ports are not interpreted.

PCIe devices belong to a generic *SystemClass* for which there is no allocated driver. Devices enumerated by UMBUS, CompositeBus, BasicRenderer, that have their **Class=System** in .inf package are observed as well.

By adding the service to **LowerFilters** list, it is possible to trace IOCTLs generated by the FDO. Several DOs call into ACPI, revealing the interaction between the OS or chipset vendor and the platform.

Some **Parameters.DeviceIoControl.IoControlCode** are not found in the official headers. If the *Custom* bit is reset, then the filter shows a stack trace. Since DispatchIoControls run in parallel, the stack trace is protected by an output mutex. To reduce cluttering, identical stacks are referenced by the hash of the 1st occurrence.

```
Call MJ_INTERNAL_DEVICE_CONTROL on 0xFFFFFC006E64EAD50 @00:1F.7=ACPI\VEN_PNP&DEV_0C0B
Code 0x294244 undocumented on 0xFFFFFC006E64EAD50 @00:1F.7=ACPI\VEN_PNP&DEV_0C0B
Stack 0xFFFFF8062F01A144
0xFFFFF8062EF4D487
0xFFFFF8062EEB7BF5
0xFFFFF8062F44512B
0xFFFFF8062EE66E35
Stack hash 0xEB0CB120
...
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Call [MJ_PNP, QUERY_DEVICE_RELATIONS] on 0xFFFFC006E64EBD50 @00:1F.7=ACPI\VEN_PNP&DEV_0C0B for
TargetDeviceRelation
Call MJ_INTERNAL_DEVICE_CONTROL on 0xFFFFC006E64EBD50 @00:1F.7=ACPI\VEN_PNP&DEV_0C0B
Code 0x294244 undocumented on 0xFFFFC006E64EBD50 @00:1F.7=ACPI\VEN_PNP&DEV_0C0B
    Encountered as hash 0xEB0CB120

nt!DbgBreakPointWithStatus:
fffff806`2f01f3b0 cc      int     3

.scriptrun DumpStackFrames.js

nt!KiStartSystemThread+0x34
nt!PspSystemThreadStartup+0x57
nt!ExpWorkerThread+0x155
nt!PopFanWorker+0x17b
nt!IofCallDriver+0x55

```

[DumpStackFrames.js](#) decodes the stack pointers. Copy them to clipboard and [.scriptrun](#).

Casting a narrow filter might be preferred. Unlike a class filter driver, a *device filter driver* uses a crafted [.inf](#) file, where the filter name is specified in the device's *HKR* hardware key. This key is interpreted by the OS. The other 2 key types are:

- driver registry operating on driver scope
- device software registry interpreted by the FDO

The hardware key can be accessed without an [.inf](#) through *SetupAPI* calls. [SetupFilter.ps1](#) handles both installation and uninstallation of a filter. An [.inf](#) file provisions filter installation for devices that are not plugged, ie *software first* installation, while the script acts on existing devices.

Using *SetupAPI* expedites deployment in production, where drivers must be certified. The [.sys](#) image is signed once, while [.inf](#) package must be re-certified whenever *HardwareID* is modified.

The build target is x64. Project file enables static analysis on build and clang-tidy. There is a bug in Visual Studio, where default project wizard inserts a `(%ClCompile.AdditionalOptions)` in *Project Properties* → *C/C++* → *All Options* → *AdditionalOptions*, preventing the build. This shortcoming is bypassed.

If new IOCTLs are discovered, besides those interpreted in [definitions.h](#), then obtain the human readable macro through [IoDecode.ps1](#).

The default stack frame size might limit the capture to a myriad of frames belonging to [Wdf01000.sys](#) image. Increase as needed.

A filter driver can be developed in KMDF, with detours into WDM such as *EVT_WDFDEVICE_WDM_IRP_PREPROCES*. WDM is suitable for all refinements.

Notes:

- Source code assumes device IOCTL processing at `PASSIVE_LEVEL`, following *ZwDeviceIoControl* model.
- Install the filter on a specific device with `.\SetupFilter.ps1 -Install -DeviceId <Value>` where *Value* is taken from Device Manager → Properties → Details → *Device instance path*
- CodeQL [microsoft/windows-drivers:windows-driver-suites/mustfix.qls](#) rules passed.
 - [windows-driver-suites/recommended.qls](#) reports are pedantic with false positives