



LibUSB - Create a Solution Without the Class Struggle

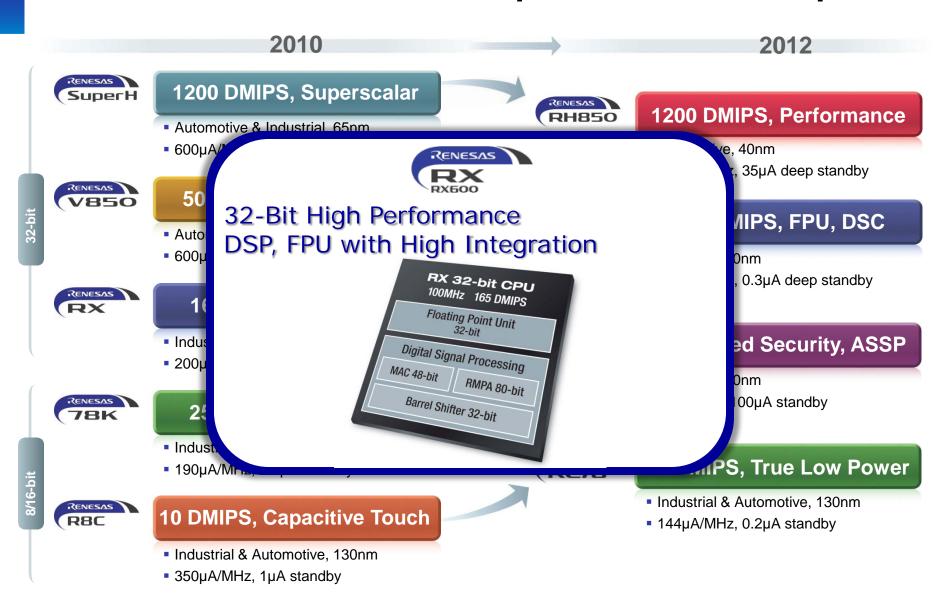


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Connect to the Smart Society with USB!

Smart Society Challenge

- You need to:
 - Get your idea to market SOON
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 - Quickly try out a complete PC-host / target solution
 - Be "Vendor Specific" but don't want to write a new Windows driver
- You don't want to learn all about HID descriptors Etc..

Solution

- Use LibUSB!
- Today you will get a complete USB Host-PC to RX-function 'template' solution









Agenda

- I: USB Basics
 - Host
 - Function
 - Class
- II: LibUSB
 - Why use LibUSB?
 - What is LibUSB?
 - Win32-LibUSB
 - Enumeration, INF-file
 - Customer Install
- III: Lab
 - RX Target (YRDK63N) PC Host / Python app
 - To do lab at home, download "LibUSB - A Complete RX Function and PC Host Solution", R01AN0492_RX600_LibUSBv2
- IV: Conclusion
 - How to communicate with any USB device with LibUSB





Ready-made USB Class Solutions

- Do follow a class when
 - Your solution naturally belongs there
 - Driver already exists in Windows
 - Industry practise mandates
- Renesas has available source code for classes
 - Mass Storage
 - HMSC
 - PMSC
 - Communications Device
 - HCDC
 - PCDC
 - Human Interface
 - HHID
 - PHID

P.S. Think you "need" OTG??...

So, you think you need USB On-The-Go?

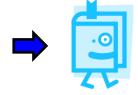
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Why LibUSB?

- No class exists for what you want to do
 - Examples
 - HID
 - HID class only has control and interrupt endpoints you need bulk / isochronous
 - You don't want to learn all about report descriptors
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 - CDC
 - CDC limited to one bulk in and one bulk out EP you need more
 - The USBSER.SYS Windows driver causes you grief
- Need to minimize code space
 - LibUSB is free from class protocol overhead
- Host Windows driver does not cooperate / has bug
- You don't want to write a new Windows driver
- To avoid the complexity of a class
- You need to be "Vendor Specific"
 - And again, you don't want to write a new Windows driver
- To quickly try out a complete PC-host / target concept







USB Basic Concepts



Host - Basics

- Controls enumeration
 - Reads descriptors from a USB function to learn about VID/PID, endpoints...



- At lowest level
 - Host initiates transactions even for interrupt endpoints!
 - Continually polls a device just to see if it has data to transfer
 - Keeps USB protocol "simple" ©
 (but not very energy efficient)
 - Poll rate specified by the function's EP descriptor
- At application level
 - Host or function can request to send data!

Function - Basics



- USB "Function" "Device" or "Peripheral"
 - ~ the same thing!
 - Function = "A USB device that provides a capability to the host, such as an ISDN connection, a digital microphone, or speakers."
 - Device = "A logical or physical entity that performs a function"
 =>A device may contain several functions
 - Peripheral = Not in spec.
 Could mean the USB hardware of host or function node.

"Peripheral" or "device" could refer to host USB HW - confusing!?



Function - Basics



Endpoint

- Have meaning only at application level (host and function)
- EP number determines <u>meaning</u> of transmitted data (Speed, LED data, display color,..)
- Defined by function
- Host learns about the endpoints via the descriptors
 - As you will see in lab
- Example; "EP1 OUT"
 - "IN" or "OUT" = Dataflow as seen from host



Descriptors - Basics

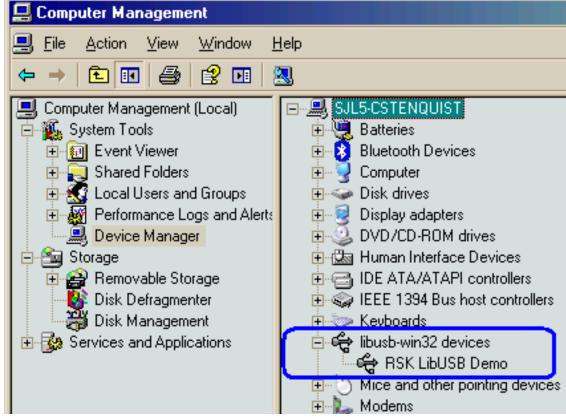
- Defined by USB function
- At enumeration, host uses get_descriptor(X) to learn about function



- Contains VID & PID
 - PC selects driver
 listed in INF-file with matching VID-PID-string

[DeviceList] %USB\VID_8765&PID_1234.DeviceDesc%=USBBulkInstall, USB\VID_8765&PID_1234

 VID from USB Implementers forum http://www.usb.org



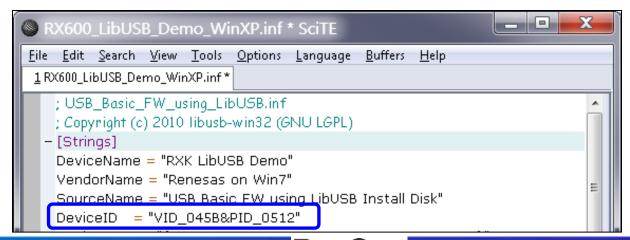




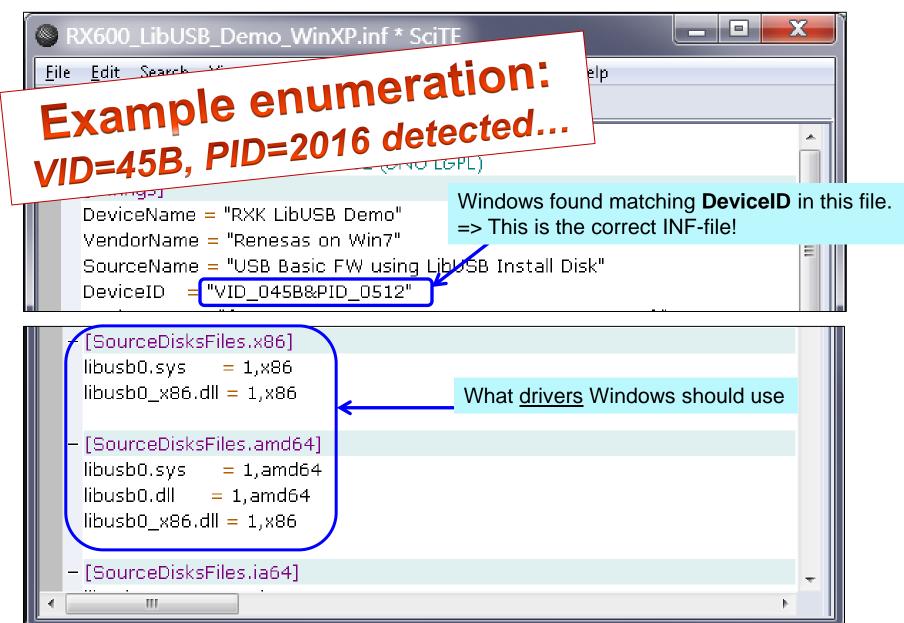


Enumeration - Basics

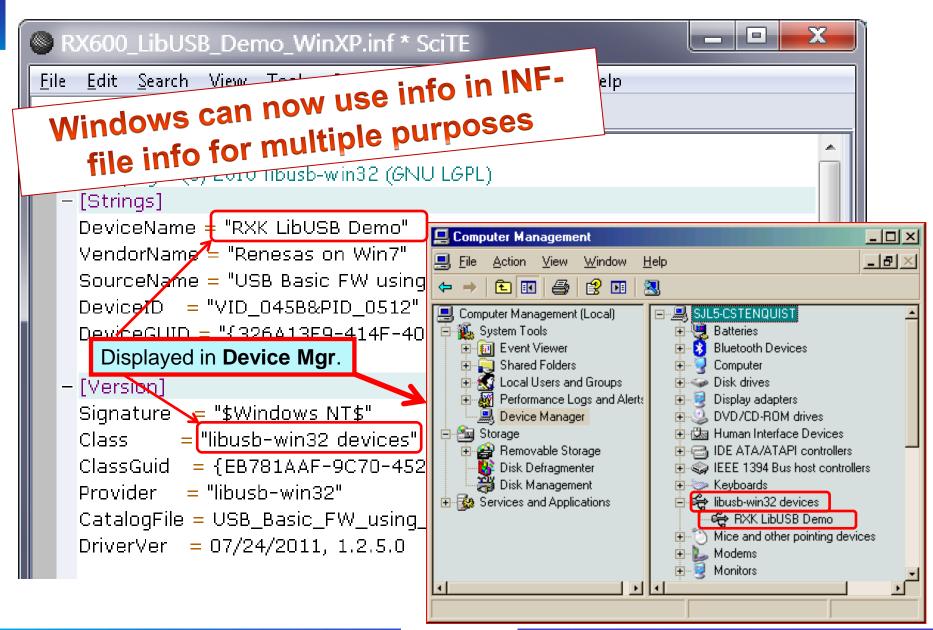
- Plug in the device Host fetches Device descriptor containing VID and PID
- INF file
 - What is its "main" purpose?
 - Used to match Windows driver to the VID and PID
 - DeviceID = VID + PID string
 - Located in C:\Windows\system\INF
 Windows search when new device plugged in
 - If matching INF-file not found?
 - "Found New Hardware" pops up



Enumeration - Basics



Enumeration - Basics



Descriptors - Basics

Device descriptor to select host driver

- String descriptors
 - Describes function with text to host
 - There can be multiple
 - Many different uses

```
uint8_t usb_gplibusb_StringDescriptor2[38] =
    USBC DT STRING,
          0x00,
          0x00.
          0x00,
          0x00,
          0x00.
          0x00,
          0x00,
          0x00,
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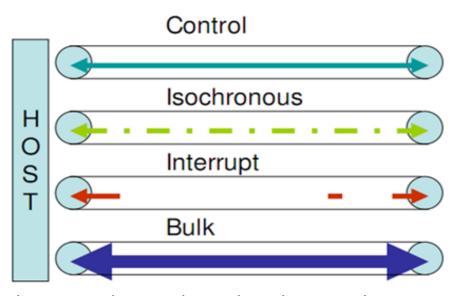
- Configuration descriptor
 - Contains
 - Interface descriptor(s)
 - Endpoint descriptors





Transfer Types - Basics

- Determines <u>how</u> 1 ms (FS) frames are filled with user data
 - Set for each endpoint in "Pipe Information Table" (PIT)
- Control
 - Used for EPO, control commands at e.g. enumeration:
 "Standard Device Requests" = get_descriptor, set_interface,...
 - (Can be used by Vendor Specific application for user data)
- Interrupt
 - Max latency guaranteed; 1-255 ms
 - Example: keyboard, mouse
- Isochronous
 - Bandwidth guaranteed (latency is not)
 - Fixed nr of bytes per frame
 - Example: Audio
- Bulk
 - For time insensitive data
 - 1 ms frame is filled with bulk data after other types have taken what they need
 - Example: mass storage





Pipe - Basics



- Node's "channel" of communication for certain endpoint
- Pipe ⇔ endpoint pairing in PIT
 - <u>Function</u> PIT defined statically at compile time
 - Host PIT setup at enumeration

```
/* Pipe information table comprises the following six items (uintl6 t \times 6).
1. Pipe window select register (address 0x64)
2. Pipe configuration register (address 0x68)

    Pipe buffer designation register (address 0x6A)

    Pipe maximum packet size register (address 0x6C)

Pipe period control register (address 0x6E)
6. FIFO port usage method */
uintl6 t usb gplibusb SmplEpTbll[] =
   USBC PIPEL,
  USBC_BULK | USBC_BFREOFF | USBC_DBLBON | USBC_CNTMDOFF | USBC_SHTNAKON | USBC_DIR_P_OUT | USBC_EP1,
   (uint16 t) USBC BUF SIZE(512u) | USBC BUF NUMB(8u),
  USBC CUSE,
  USBC_PIPE2,
  USBC BULK | USBC BFREOFF | USBC DBLBON | USBC CNTMDOFF | USBC SHTNAKON | USBC DIR P IN | USBC EP2,
   (uint16 t) USBC BUF SIZE(512u) | USBC BUF NUMB(24u),
   64,
  USBC CUSE,
   USBC PIPE6,
  USBC_INT | USBC_BFREOFF | USBC_DBLBON | USBC_CNTMDOFF | USBC_SHTNAKON | USBC_DIR_P_IN | USBC_EP3,
   (uint16_t)USBC_BUF_SIZE(512u) | USBC_BUF_NUMB(40u),
   32u, //16 orig. $REA Maximum packet size
  USBC CUSE,
   USBC_PDTBLEND,
```

Pipe - Basics



- PIT element members
 - Pipe ⇔ Endpoint number
 - Direction of data (IN, OUT)
 - Transfer type
 - etc...

```
/* PIPK? Definition */
USB PIPK2,
USB_BULK | USB_BFREOFF | USB_DBLBON | USB_SHTNAKON | USB_DIR_P_IN | USB_EP2,
USB_NONE,
64,
USB_IFISOFF | USB_IITV_TIME(Ou),
USB_CUSE,
```



What is a USB Class? - Basics

- Group of similar functionality services
- Predefined descriptor set
- Same host driver (No 'Found New HW')
- USB classes defined by USB-IF

http://www.usb.org/developers/devclass_docs#approved



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Common Class (CCS)

Common Class Base Specification 1.0

Communications Device Class

Class definitions for Communication Devices 1.2 (.zip file format, size 3.42 MB) the components of CDC 1.1 have been reorganized as five separate documents and associated errata: ATM120.pdf -- CDC Subclass for Asynchronous Transfer Mode Devices CDC120-20101103-track.pdf - CDC Subclass for Communications Devices



Vendor Specific - Basics

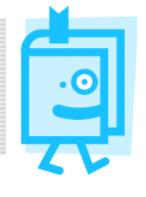
- Class does allow some descriptor data to be unique
 - vendor string
 - capabilities
 - data format

...without being "Vendor Specific"

- If any descriptor item is set to OxFF;
 - Not a class! ⇒ "Vendor Specific"
 - New INF-file needed!
 - New host driver needed



LibUSB



What is LibUSB?



An API for host (PC) applications

- Open source
- Windows XP, Vista, Win7:
 - Libusb-win32 http://sourceforge.net/apps/trac/libusb-win32/wiki
 - Contains driver LibUSB.dll
 A pre-written, pre-tested, generic driver
- Linux:
 - Even easier for user than for Windows:
 - USB kernel driver usbfs automatically associates device to LibUSB driver





Application Level Tools that use LibUSB



Open Source Projects using libusb-1.0

- ➡ libfprint fingerprint scanning ➡ http://cqit.freedesktop.org/libfprint
- ➡ Microdia Microdial webcam driver with uses isochronous I/O
- ⇒Some Japanese smart card thingy: tsniff and ⇒its usage
- ➡ coldsync-ppp
- ➡libdc1394-2 (uses isochronous I/O)
- ➡ Dimax SUB-20
- ⇒ libnifalcon
- ⇒libftdi-1.0
- ➡SANE Scanner Access Now Easy
- B-UsbPicProq Open source and open hardware USB PIC programmer
- Bigrok Open source logic analyzer software for various USB logic analyzer hardware
- ⇒xpiocards
- ➡usbmuxd USB Multiplex Daemon for iPhone and iPod Touch
- ➡UrJTAG Universal JTAG Library
- ➡Exodriver Open source driver for Labjack data acquisition devices
- ➡btstack A Portable User-Space Bluetooth Stack
- ➡ madwimax Linux driver for mobile WiMAX devices
- ➡usbutils USB utilities for Linux, includes the usb.ids file and Isusb
- ⇒ Yubikey personalization Yubikey personalization cross-platform library and tool
- Denkinnect libfreenect Cross-platfrom drivers and libraries for the Microsoft Xbox Kinect device
- Bettus und Cross-platform universal hardware driver for Ettus Research products

Bindings for other languages

- Haskell bindings: ➡Low level, ➡high level
- ➡RibUSB for Ruby
- ⇒pyusb for Python
- ➡libusbdotnet for C#, DotNet and Mono
- ⇒ partial python wrapper using swig
- ➡python-libusb1, simple Python wrapper
- Go libusb-1.0 wrapper
- ➡node.js libusb-1.0 binding
- ➡OCaml libusb-1.0 binding
- ➡Fator libusb-1.0 binding
- ➡lua libusb-1.0 binding





Lab uses Python & PyUSB

- Python
 - Create PC applications
 - Object-oriented language

```
Object.property = 5 #Set a variable
Object.procedure() #Run a procedure
```

- Easy to get started (compared to VC++)?
- No cost/license
 - www.python.org





Python Programming Language – Official Website

Python is a programming language that lets you work more quickly and integrate your systems more effectively. You can learn to use Python and see almost immediate gains in productivity and lower maintenance costs.

Python runs on Windows, Linux/Unix, Mac OS X, and has been ported to the Java and .NET virtual machines.

Python is free to use, even for commercial products, because of its OSI-approved open source license.

- GUI modules for Python: Tkinter, wxPython
- PyUSB
 - Python module from <u>sourceforge.net/apps/trac/pyusb</u>
 - PyUSB accesses the Windows LibUSB driver (LibUSB.dll)





Libusb-win32



- Installs drivers libusb0.sys, libusb0_x86.dll to C:\windows\system\drivers
- INF-file Wizard
- Test tool "Install-filter-win.exe" Access ANY device via LibUSB
- The ability to communicate with USB devices referred to as the "Windows LibUSB Backend"

LibUSB Calls

- Find USB device(s)
 - find_devices()
- Standard Device requests
 - get_descriptor(x) Retrieve device descriptor x
 - set_configuration(x) Set configuration x of device
- R/W to endpoints
 - write_endpoint(), read_endpoint()
- YOU WILL USE ALL THESE IN LAB

Import PyUSB

Lab output



INF-file

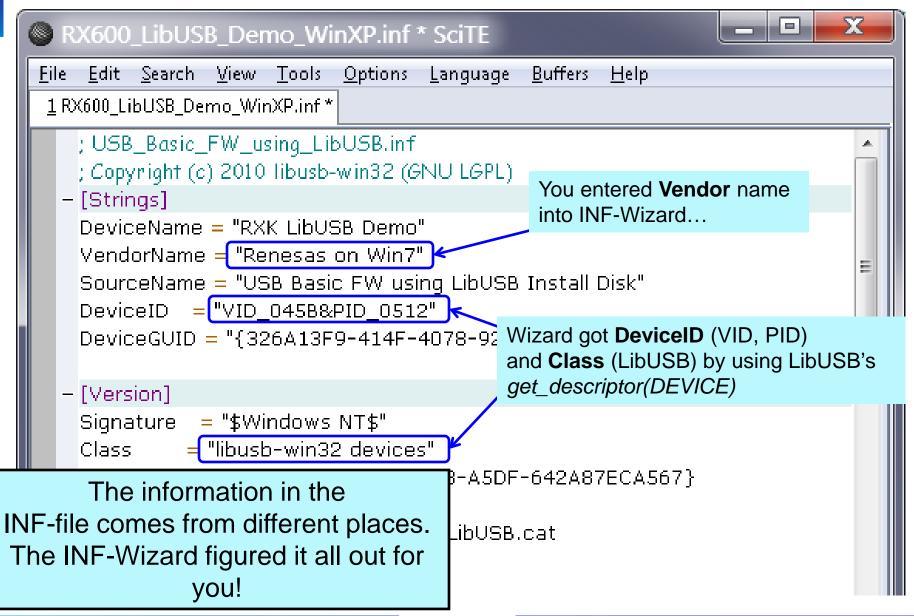
- Need to create INF file for your Device ID
 - How to create INF-file?
 - INF-Wizard
 - Easy to create INF-file!
 - INF-Wizard starts up by listing all connected devices via LibUSB
 - Any info it cannot get from incoming descriptors it will ask you for
 - Comes with Libusb-Win32





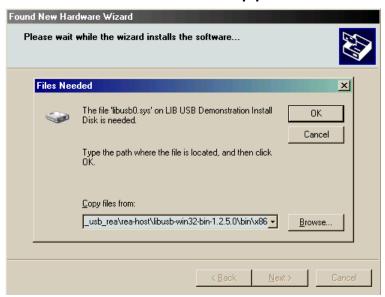


INF-Wizard Result



Customer Install

- Your product install will need to provide the following (Or have the user download):
 - INF-file with your DeviceID (VID&PID string)
 - LibUSB drivers (libusb0.sys & libusb_x86.dll)
 - A PC user application
 - Python, PyUSB?
 - In the Renesas LibUSB download, Python/PyUSB not needed.
 PyInstaller was used to convert the application to an EXE-file







Lab

- Host: "Renesas_libusb_host.py"
- Function: LibUSB project R01AN0492 for RSK62N, or YRDK63N
- The demo
 - Set an LED (host->RX)
 - Write to LCD (host->RX)
 - Take an ADC measurement (host->RX)
 + send it over USB to host (RX->host)



Lab Endpoints

- Control (enumeration)
 - EPO OUT
- Bulk (general data transfer)
 - Lab commands to RSK; EP1 OUT
 - Set an LED
 - Write to the LCD
 - Take an ADC measurement
 - Read ADC data from RSK; EP2 IN
- Interrupt (e.g. user input)
 - Read demo data when SW1 is pushed; EP3 IN



Access ANY USB Device! Updates



- You can talk to ANY USB device with LibUSB!
 - Learn about connected devices, test, ...
 - Run "LibUSB Install-filter" comes with Libusb-win32
 - You enable a device from a list
 - Now you can read descriptors, read/write endpoints without an associated INF-file
 - But, <u>do not change interface or configuration</u> if device already enumerated by Windows (Linux)
 PC's USB subsystem may crash!!!



LibUSB updates

- libusbx
 - Has newer LibUSB library and Windows driver
 - Fully backwards compatible
 - Main site: http://sourceforge.net/apps/mediawiki/libusbx/index.php?title=Main Page
 - Reasons for: http://libusb.6.n5.nabble.com/libusb-is-dead-long-live-libusbx-td5651413.html





Libusb-Win32 FAQ



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I use libusb-win32 to open a file on a USB storage device?

Yes in theory, libusb can be used for low-level communication with USB Mass Storage Class devices the particular filesystem used on the device, most commonly FAT32. So this is not a simple task. The provide file API for the task.

Can I use libusb-win32 to talk to a device where the vendor driver is not good enough?

Yes, libusb-win32 can be used for low-level communication with USB devices. However, in order to (the device works. So libusb-win32 only provides the possibilities to do this and you will have to do t

You can try to contact the vendor to see if they can provide you the communication protocol, or y existing libusb based application under Linux (or BSD or Mac OS X), that can be used as a good refe

Can I use libusb-win32 on HID class device?

Yes you can. You can use the filter driver with the HID device and then you can use libusb-win32 t





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- Do you agree?





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