

Userspace communication protocol over connector [1].

Message types.

There are three types of messages between w1 core and userspace:

1. Events. They are generated each time new master or slave device found either due to automatic or requested search.
2. Userspace commands.
3. Replies to userspace commands.

Protocol.

[struct cn_msg] - connector header.

Its length field is equal to size of the attached data

[struct w1_netlink_msg] - w1 netlink header.

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__u8 type          - message type.
                    W1_LIST_MASTERS
                        list current bus masters
                    W1_SLAVE_ADD/W1_SLAVE_REMOVE
                        slave add/remove events
                    W1_MASTER_ADD/W1_MASTER_REMOVE
                        master add/remove events
                    W1_MASTER_CMD
                        userspace command for bus master
                        device (search/alarm search)
                    W1_SLAVE_CMD
                        userspace command for slave device
                        (read/write/touch)
__u8 res           - reserved
__u16 len          - size of data attached to this header data
union {
    __u8 id[8];                - slave unique device id
    struct w1_mst {
        __u32 id;              - master's id
        __u32 res;             - reserved
    } mst;
} id;

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[struct w1_netlink_cmd] - command for given master or slave device.

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__u8 cmd           - command opcode.
                    W1_CMD_READ    - read command
                    W1_CMD_WRITE   - write command
                    W1_CMD_TOUCH   - touch command
                        (write and sample data back to userspace)
                    W1_CMD_SEARCH  - search command
                    W1_CMD_ALARM_SEARCH - alarm search command
__u8 res           - reserved
__u16 len          - length of data for this command
                    For read command data must be allocated like for write command
__u8 data[0]       - data for this command

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Each connector message can include one or more wl_netlink_msg with zero or more attached wl_netlink_cmd messages.

For event messages there are no wl_netlink_cmd embedded structures, only connector header and wl_netlink_msg structure with "len" field being zero and filled type (one of event types) and id: either 8 bytes of slave unique id in host order, or master's id, which is assigned to bus master device when it is added to wl core.

Currently replies to userspace commands are only generated for read command request. One reply is generated exactly for one wl_netlink_cmd read request. Replies are not combined when sent - i.e. typical reply messages looks like the following:

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[cn_msg][wl_netlink_msg][wl_netlink_cmd]
cn_msg.len = sizeof(struct wl_netlink_msg) +
             sizeof(struct wl_netlink_cmd) +
             cmd->len;
wl_netlink_msg.len = sizeof(struct wl_netlink_cmd) + cmd->len;
wl_netlink_cmd.len = cmd->len;
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Replies to WL_LIST_MASTERS should send a message back to the userspace which will contain list of all registered master ids in the following format:

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cn_msg (CN_W1_IDX.CN_W1_VAL as id, len is equal to sizeof(struct
wl_netlink_msg) plus number of masters multiplied by 4)
wl_netlink_msg (type: WL_LIST_MASTERS, len is equal to
                number of masters multiplied by 4 (u32 size))
id0 ... idN
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Each message is at most 4k in size, so if number of master devices exceeds this, it will be split into several messages, cn.seq will be increased for each one.

Wl search and alarm search commands.

request:

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[cn_msg]
[wl_netlink_msg type = WL_MASTER_CMD
 id is equal to the bus master id to use for searching]
[wl_netlink_cmd cmd = WL_CMD_SEARCH or WL_CMD_ALARM_SEARCH]
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reply:

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[cn_msg, ack = 1 and increasing, 0 means the last message,
 seq is equal to the request seq]
[wl_netlink_msg type = WL_MASTER_CMD]
[wl_netlink_cmd cmd = WL_CMD_SEARCH or WL_CMD_ALARM_SEARCH
 len is equal to number of IDs multiplied by 8]
[64bit-id0 ... 64bit-idN]
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Length in each header corresponds to the size of the data behind it, so wl_netlink_cmd->len = N * 8; where N is number of IDs in this message.

Can be zero.

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wl_netlink_msg->len = sizeof(struct wl_netlink_cmd) + N * 8;
cn_msg->len = sizeof(struct wl_netlink_msg) +
             sizeof(struct wl_netlink_cmd) +
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N*8;

Wl reset command.

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[cn_msg]
[wl_netlink_msg type = W1_MASTER_CMD
    id is equal to the bus master id to use for searching]
[wl_netlink_cmd cmd = W1_CMD_RESET]
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Command status replies.

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Each command (either root, master or slave with or without wl_netlink_cmd structure) will be 'acked' by the wl core. Format of the reply is the same as request message except that length parameters do not account for data requested by the user, i.e. read/write/touch IO requests will not contain data, so wl_netlink_cmd.len will be 0, wl_netlink_msg.len will be size of the wl_netlink_cmd structure and cn_msg.len will be equal to the sum of the sizeof(struct wl_netlink_msg) and sizeof(struct wl_netlink_cmd). If reply is generated for master or root command (which do not have wl_netlink_cmd attached), reply will contain only cn_msg and wl_netlink_msg structures.

wl_netlink_msg.status field will carry positive error value (EINVAL for example) or zero in case of success.

All other fields in every structure will mirror the same parameters in the request message (except lengths as described above).

Status reply is generated for every wl_netlink_cmd embedded in the wl_netlink_msg, if there are no wl_netlink_cmd structures, reply will be generated for the wl_netlink_msg.

All wl_netlink_cmd command structures are handled in every wl_netlink_msg, even if there were errors, only length mismatch interrupts message processing.

Operation steps in wl core when new command is received.

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When new message (wl_netlink_msg) is received wl core detects if it is master or slave request, according to wl_netlink_msg.type field. Then master or slave device is searched for. When found, master device (requested or those one on where slave device is found) is locked. If slave command is requested, then reset/select procedure is started to select given device.

Then all requested in wl_netlink_msg operations are performed one by one. If command requires reply (like read command) it is sent on command completion.

When all commands (wl_netlink_cmd) are processed master device is unlocked and next wl_netlink_msg header processing started.

Connector [1] specific documentation.

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Each connector message includes two u32 fields as "address".
wl uses CN_W1_IDX and CN_W1_VAL defined in include/linux/connector.h header.
Each message also includes sequence and acknowledge numbers.
Sequence number for event messages is appropriate bus master sequence number increased with each event message sent "through" this master.
Sequence number for userspace requests is set by userspace application.
Sequence number for reply is the same as was in request, and
acknowledge number is set to seq+1.

Additional documantion, source code examples.

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1. Documentation/connector
2. <http://www.ioremap.net/archive/w1>
This archive includes userspace application wld.c which uses
read/write/search commands for all master/slave devices found on the bus.