

Zephyr RTOS GPIO driver system

```
#include  
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const struct device *get_gpio_device(const char *label) {  
    return device_get_binding(label);  
}
```

Zephyr Device Model

Zephyr uses a device model where hardware peripherals (like GPIOs, UARTs, etc.) are represented as struct device objects. These are registered during system initialization.

device_get_binding(label)

This function looks up a device by its **label**, which is defined in the **Device Tree** or board configuration files. For example, "GPIO_0" or "GPIOA".

- It returns a pointer to the struct device representing the GPIO controller.
- If the label is incorrect or the device isn't initialized, it returns NULL.

GPIO Driver Interaction

Once you have the device pointer, you can use it with GPIO driver APIs like:

```
gpio_pin_configure(dev, pin, GPIO_OUTPUT);
```

```
gpio_pin_set(dev, pin, value);
```

These functions use the device pointer to interact with the actual hardware registers via the GPIO driver.

```
gpio_setup() → get_gpio_device(label) → device_get_binding(label)
```

```
→ DEVICE_DT_DEFINE(...) → gpio_emul_driver (via DEVICE_API)
```

- **get_gpio_device()** is a helper to fetch the GPIO device.
- It enables your code to be **hardware-agnostic**, relying on labels from the Device Tree.
- Once you have the device, you can **configure pins**, **read/write values**, and **handle interrupts** using Zephyr's GPIO API.

1. Device Tree Source (DTS) Path for QEMU x86

```
vi ../../../../boards/qemu/x86/qemu_x86.dts
```

```
gpio0: gpio_sim {  
    compatible = "zephyr,gpio-emul";  
    gpio-controller;  
    #gpio-cells = <2>;  
    ngpios = <32>;  
    label = "GPIO_0";  
};
```

```
static void gpio_setup(void *fixture){  
    gpio_dev = get_gpio_device(GPIO_LABEL);  
    zassert_not_null(gpio_dev, "Failed to get GPIO device");  
}
```

- This function is part of a test setup.
- It calls **get_gpio_device()** with a label like "GPIO_0".
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- This wraps `device_get_binding()`, which looks up a device by its label.

device_get_binding(label)

- This searches the global device list for a device with a matching label (from the Device Tree).
- If found, it returns a pointer to the struct device.

Device Tree + Driver Binding

- The label (e.g., "GPIO_0") is defined in the Device Tree (.dts or .overlay).
- The corresponding node is associated with a driver using `DEVICE_DT_DEFINE()` or `DEVICE_DEFINE()`.

```

    DEVICE_DT_INST_DEFINE(_num, gpio_emul_init, \
                          PM_DEVICE_DT_INST_GET(_num), \
                          &gpio_emul_data_##_num, \
                          &gpio_emul_config_##_num, POST_KERNEL, \
                          CONFIG_GPIO_INIT_PRIORITY, \
                          &gpio_emul_driver);

```

"../..../drivers/gpio/gpio_emul.c

```

static DEVICE_API(gpio, gpio_emul_driver) = {
    .pin_configure = gpio_emul_pin_configure,
#ifdef CONFIG_GPIO_GET_CONFIG
    .pin_get_config = gpio_emul_pin_get_config,
#endif
    .port_get_raw = gpio_emul_port_get_raw,
    .port_set_masked_raw = gpio_emul_port_set_masked_raw,
    .port_set_bits_raw = gpio_emul_port_set_bits_raw,
    .port_clear_bits_raw = gpio_emul_port_clear_bits_raw,
    .port_toggle_bits = gpio_emul_port_toggle_bits,
    .pin_interrupt_configure = gpio_emul_pin_interrupt_configure,
    .manage_callback = gpio_emul_manage_callback,
    .get_pending_int = gpio_emul_get_pending_int,
#ifdef CONFIG_GPIO_GET_DIRECTION
    .port_get_direction = gpio_emul_port_get_direction,
#endif /* CONFIG_GPIO_GET_DIRECTION */

```

- This struct defines the function pointers for the GPIO emulator's API.
- It is passed to DEVICE_DT_DEFINE() to register the device.

Final Mapping

- When device_get_binding("GPIO_0") is called, it returns a struct device whose .api field points to gpio_emul_driver.
- So when you later call gpio_pin_configure(gpio_dev, ...), it internally calls gpio_emul_pin_configure().

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How gpio_pin_set() Maps to the Emulator Driver

```
gpio_pin_set(gpio_dev, TEST_PIN, 1);
```

This is a public Zephyr API defined in `include/zephyr/drivers/gpio.h`.

Device API Dispatch

Internally, this calls the function pointer from the device's driver API:

```
gpio_dev->api->port_set_bits_raw(...)
```

This pointer is set to the emulator's implementation in `gpio_emul_driver`:

```
static const struct gpio_driver_api gpio_emul_driver = {  
...  
.port_set_bits_raw = gpio_emul_port_set_bits_raw,  
.port_clear_bits_raw = gpio_emul_port_clear_bits_raw,  
...  
};
```

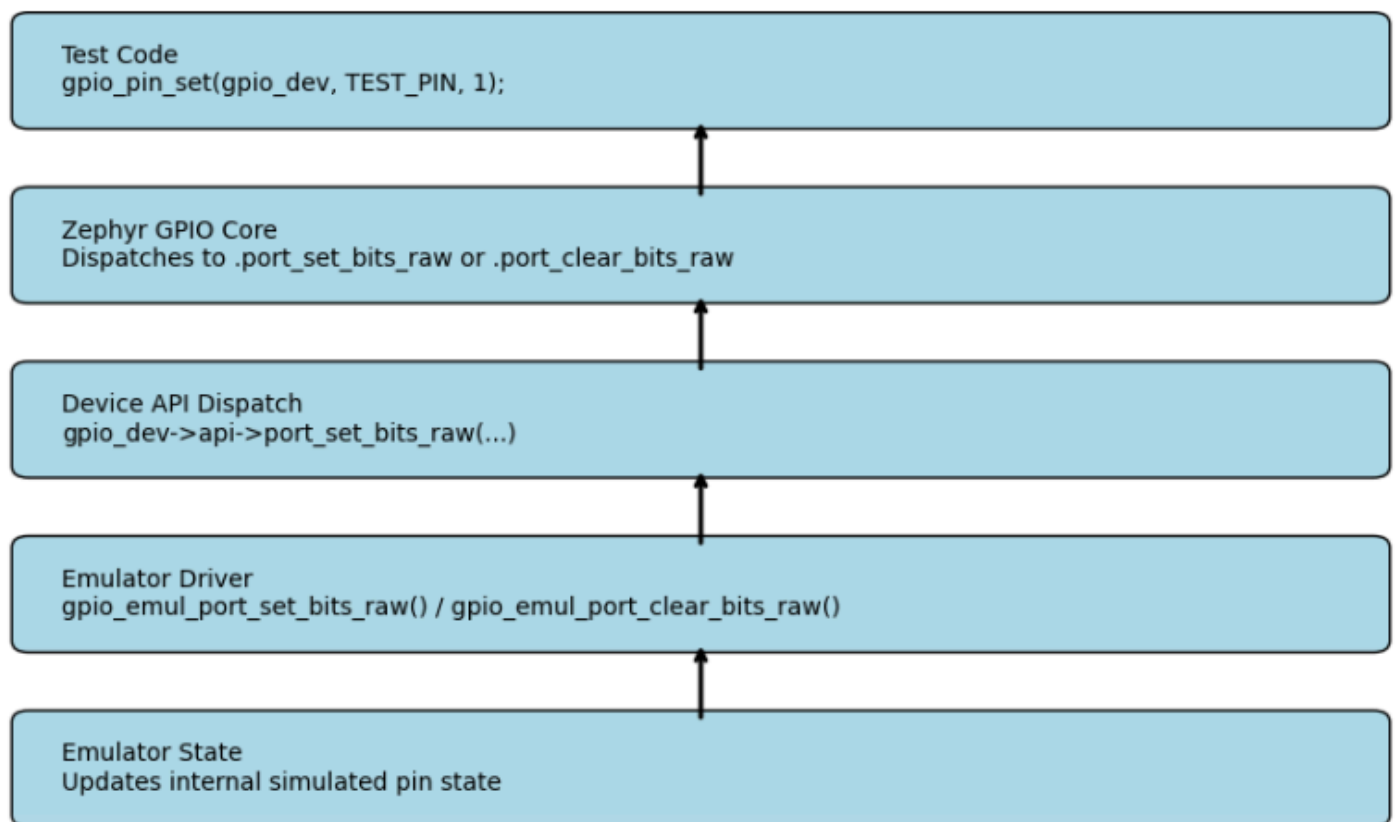


Diagram Layers Explained

1. **Test Code**
Calls `gpio_pin_set(gpio_dev, TEST_PIN, 1);` in your test suite.

2. Zephyr GPIO Core

Routes the call to the appropriate function pointer in the GPIO driver API.

3. Device API Dispatch

Internally calls `gpio_dev->api->port_set_bits_raw(...)` or `port_clear_bits_raw(...)`.

4. Emulator Driver

Executes `gpio_emul_port_set_bits_raw()` or `gpio_emul_port_clear_bits_raw()` from `gpio_emul.c`.

5. Emulator State

Updates the internal simulated pin state (e.g., a bitfield or array) to reflect the pin value.