Wi-Fi User Guide for Linux 3.X

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INTRODUCTION

This user guide is intended to give Ampak Wi-Fi module users a general guide of how to enable the WLAN in Linux operating system.



WLAN SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE OVERVIEW

BROADCOM WLAN DONGLE BASIC CONCEPT

The WLAN software package contains the dongle host driver for the host, a downloadable binary image for WLAN dongle, and management utilities.

The wireless driver runs on the WLAN dongle. The SDIO host controller passes IEEE 802.3 packets, and the necessary control packets, back and forth over the SDIO bus. A special Broadcom Device Class protocol is used to encapsulate control packets on a separate logical control channel and to add packet information to the data channel.

The advantage of using the dongle concept is that the wireless driver is executed externally from a host device, which means the host device does not have to use CPU or memory resources in order to execute the wireless driver's functionality. The use of the dongle provides the following benefits to the host:

- Power savings
- A reduction in driver size and complexity
- Processor offloading for activities such as checksum calculation and Address Resolution
 Protocol (ARP) execution

WLAN DONGLE OVERVIEW

The Dongle Host Driver (DHD) is the executable module that provides encapsulated communication between the host device and the Ampak module over the SDIO bus.

The dongle software architecture is based on two major components:

 Dongle Host Driver: A host-based driver used to provide a communication channel with the dongle device firmware.

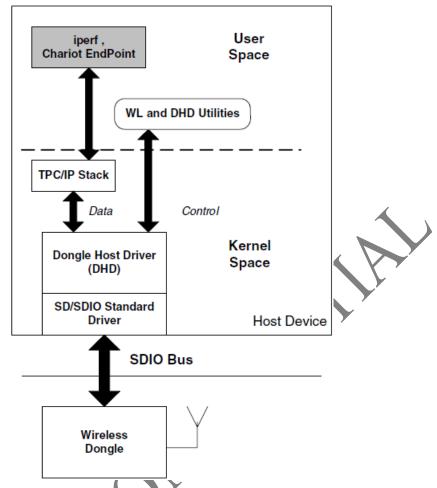


Figure 1: Broadcom SDIO WLAN Dongle Concept

WLAN SOFTWARE PACKAGE

The provided WLAN software package contains following files:

- Dongle host driver (bcmdhd.ko)
- Dongle device firmware (fw_bcmdhd.bin)
- NVRAM (nvram.txt)

WI-FI DRIVER AND KERNEL CONFIGURATION

ENABLE CFG80211 AND REMOVE CONFIG_BRCMFMAC IN LINUX KERNEL

CONFIG_CFG80211=y
CONFIG_BRCMFMAC is not set

DRIVER CONFIGURATION

Put bcmdhd driver to kernel/drivers/net/wireless/bcmdhd and modify following for building bcmdhd driver

- 1. Add following to kernel/drivers/net/wireless/Kconfig source "drivers/net/wireless/bcmdhd/Kconfig"
- 2. Add following to kernel/drivers/net/wireless/Makefile obj-\$(CONFIG_BCMDHD) += bcmdhd/

3. Wi-Fi driver configuration

Edit proper firmware/nvram/config path and choose correct interrupt type for your device and then build kernel image and modules.

```
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus --->. Highlighted letters
are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> includes, <N> excludes, <M> modularizes features.
Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] built-in [ ]
excluded <M> module < > module capable
     <M>
           Realtek RTL8192CU/RTL8188CU USB Wireless Network Adapter
          TI Wireless LAN support --->
          ZyDAS ZD1211/ZD1211B USB-wireless support
            ZyDAS ZD1211 debugging
         Marvell WiFi-Ex Driver
     <M>
            Marvell WiFi-Ex Driver for SD8786/SD8787/SD8797
            Marvell WiFi-Ex Driver for PCIE 8766/8897
            Marvell WiFi-Ex Driver for USB8797
         Broadcom FullMAC wireless cards support
     (/vendor/modules/fw_bcmdhd.bin) Firmware path (NEW)
     (/vendor/modules/nvram.txt) NVRAM path (NEW)
            Enable Chip Interface (SDIO bus interface support)
             Interrupt type (Out-of-Band Interrupt)
            <Select>
                       < Exit >
                                   < Help >
                                               < Save >
```

Figure 2: Wi-Fi driver configuration in menuconfig

GPIO CONFIGURATION IN WI-FI DRIVER

1. WL_REG_ON and WL_HOST_WAKE Configuration

Please check your schematic and fill right GPIO number which connected to WL_REG_ON and WL_HOST_WAKE.

```
int dhd_wlan_init_gpio(void)
{
    uint host_oob_irq_flags = 0;

    gpio_wl_reg_on = 330; // WL_REG_ON is the input pin of WLAN module
    gpio_wl_host_wake = 324; // WL_HOST_WAKE is output pin of WLAN module
...
}
```

2. Add CUSTOMER_HW_PLATFORM into Makefile and implement card detection in dhd_gpio.c

```
DHDOFILES += dhd_gpio.o
DHDCFLAGS += -DCUSTOMER_HW -DDHD_OF_SUPPORT
DHDCFLAGS += -DCUSTOMER_HW_PLATFORM
static int dhd_wlan_set_carddefect(bool present)
{
   int err = 0:
#if !defined(BUS_POWER_RESTORE)
   if (present)
              ===== Card detection to detect SDIO card! =======\n");
#ifdef CUSTOMER_HW_PLATFORM
       err = sdhci_force_presence_change(&sdmmc_channel, 1);
#endif /* CUSTOMER HW PLATFORM */
   } else {
       printf("====== Card detection to remove SDIO card! =======\n");
#ifdef CUSTOMER_HW_PLATFORM
       err = sdhci_force_presence_change(&sdmmc_channel, 0);
#endif /* CUSTOMER HW PLATFORM */
   }
```

```
#endif

    return err;
}
/* where sdhci_force_presence_change is the card detection function */
```



STATION MODE OPERATION

This is a quick example for Wi-Fi connection and you can refer to the website of WPA Supplicant for more detail.

INSTALL DONGLE HOST DRIVER

- If bcmdhd driver is built a kernel module, you will need to insert bcmdhd.ko by yourself.
 # insmod /lib/modules/bcmdhd.ko "firmware_path=/etc/firmware/fw_bcmdhd.bin nvram_path=/etc/firmware/nvram.txt"
 # ifconfig wlan0 up
- 2. If bcmdhd driver is built in kernel image, you will need to configure firmware path.
 # echo -n "/etc/firmware/fw_bcmdhd.bin" > /sys/module/bcmdhd/parameters/firmware_path
 # ifconfig wlan0 up

ADD WPA SUPPLICANT CONFIGURATION FILE

Please create wpa_supplicant.conf file with following content: ctrl_interface=/var/run/wpa_supplicant

Open system without encryption

```
network={
    ssid="tttb"
    key_mgmt=NONE
}
```

Open/Shared authentication with WEP encryption

WPA/WPA2-PSK authentication with TKIP/AES encryption

```
network={
    ssid="tttb"
    psk="12345678"
}
```

INITIAL WPA SUPPLICATION

D/wpa supplicant(

#wpa supplicant -Dnl80211 -i wlan0 -c wpa supplicant.conf -d&

```
D/MediaScannerService( 248): done scanning volume external
D/wpa_supplicant( 360): Initializing interface 'wlan0' conf '/data/wifi/wpa-psk.conf'
 D/wpa_supplicant(
D/wpa_supplicant(
                                                                                                                    360): Configuration file '/data/wifi/wpa-psk.conf' -> '/data/wifi/w
360): Reading configuration file '/data/wifi/wpa-psk.conf'
 D/wpa_supplicant(
D/wpa_supplicant(
D/wpa_supplicant(
D/wpa_supplicant(
D/wpa_supplicant(
                                                                                                                     360): ctrl interface='/data/misc/wifi/sockets'
                                                                                                                  360): Ctrt_Interface= /data/misc/wifi/sockets
360): Priority group 0
360): id=0 ssid='tttb'
360): Initializing interface (2) 'wlan0'
360): Interface wlan0 set UP - waiting a second for the driver to co
360): SIOCGIWRANGE: WE(compiled)=22 WE(source)=19 enc_capa=0xf
 D/wpa_supplicant(
D/wpa_supplicant(
D/wpa_supplicant(
                                                                                                                  360): capabilities: key_mgmt 0xf enc 0xf flags 0x0
360): WEXT: Operstate: linkmode=1, operstate=5
360): Own MAC address: 00:22:f4:02:90:c5
  D/wpa_supplicant(
  D/wpa supplicant(
D/wpa_supplicant( 360): Own MAC address: 00:22:f4:02:90:c5

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): WPA: Installing PTK to the driver.

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): wpa_driver_wext_set_key: alg=3 key_idx=0 set_tx=1 seq_len=6 key_len=16

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): EAPOL: External notification - portValid=1

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): State: 4WAY HANDSHAKE -> GROUP HANDSHAKE

I/wpa_supplicant( 360): CTRL-EVENT-STATE-CHANGE id=0 state=0 BSSID=00:00:00:00:00:00:00

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): wPA: Installing GTK to the driver (keyidx=1 tx=0 len=32).

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): wPa_supplicant( 360): wPa_supplicant( 360): wPa_supplicant( 360): Cancelling authentication timeout

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): CTRL-EVENT-STATE-CHANGE id=0 state=7 BSSID=00:00:00:00:00:00:00

I/wpa_supplicant( 360): CTRL-EVENT-STATE-CHANGE id=0 state=7 BSSID=00:00:00:00:00:00

I/wpa_supplicant( 360): CTRL-EVENT-CONNECTED - Connection to 00:00:79*Df:ee:d0 completed (reauth) [id=0 id_str=)

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): wpa_driver_wext_set_operstate: operstate 0->1 (UP)

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): EAPOL: External notification - portValid=1

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): EAPOL: SUPP_PAE entering state AUTHENTICATING

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): EAPOL: SUPP_PAE entering state AUTHENTICATED

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): EAPOL: SUPP_PAE entering state IDLE

D/wpa_supplicant( 360): EAPOL: SUPP_
```

```
wl ssid
Current SSID: "tttb"
# wl bssid
00:0A:79:BF:EE:D0
# ifconfig wlan0 192.168.1.99
# netcfg
                                                    255.0.0.0
0.0.0.0
lo
               UP
                                                                               0x00000049
                         127.0.0.1
ifb0
ifb1
               DOWN
                        0.0.0.0
                                                                               0x00000082
                        0.0.0.0
0.0.0.0
                                                                               0x00000082
               DOWN
                                                    0.0.0.0
                                                                               0x00001002
usb0
               DOWN
                                                    0.0.0.0
                        0.0.0.0
0.0.0.0
                                                    0.0.0.0
0.0.0.0
25...255.255.0
                                                                               0x00000080
sit0
               DOWN
ip6tnl0
              DOWN
                                                                                0x00000080
wlan0 UP 192.168.1.99
# ping -c 3 192.168.1.1
                                                                               0x00001043
PING 192.168.1.1 (192.168.1.1) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.1.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1057 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=109 ms
--- 192.168.1.1 ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 2 received, 33% packet loss, time 2008ms
rt<u>t</u> min/avg/max/mdev = 109.942/583.635/1057.328/473.693 ms, pipe 2
```

360): EAPOL authentication completed successfully
360): RTM NEWLINK: operstate=1 ifi flags=0x11043 ([UP][RUNNING][LOWER_UP])

Figure 3: Connect to WLAM AP

SCAN NETWORK

#wpa_cli -i wlan0 -p /var/run/wpa_supplicant/ scan
#wpa_cli -i wlan0 -p /var/run/wpa_supplicant/ scan_results

```
wpa_cli -i wlan0 -p /data/misc/wifi/sockets scan
tttb
                                                                              4CE67671AA06
                                                                       BUFFAL0-118880-1
                                                                              000A79EDFDB1 ngb
                                                                       belkin.3489
00:12:17:a6:af:e2
00:16:16:22:c7:30
                            197
190
                     2462
                                    [WEP]
                                                  ---888---
                     2412
                                    [WEP]
                                                 MIS
00:1d:7e:a3:04:98
00:0a:79:bf:ee:d1
                                                  valentim
                     2437
                            183
                                   [WEP]
                     2452
                                                  CG-Guest
```

Figure 4: Scan WLAN network

SOFTAP MODE OPERATION

This is a quick example for SoftAP setup and you can refer to the website of HOSTAPD for more detail.

INSTALL DONGLE HOST DRIVER

- 3. If bcmdhd driver is built a kernel module, you will need to insert bcmdhd by yourself. # insmod /lib/modules/bcmdhd.ko "firmware_path=/etc/firmware/fw_bcmdhd_apsta.bin nvram_path=/etc/firmware/nvram.txt"
- 4. If bcmdhd driver is built in kernel image, you will need to configure firmware path. # echo -n "/etc/firmware/fw_bcmdhd_apsta.bin" > /sys/module/bcmdhd/parameters/firmware_path

ADD HOSTAPD CONFIGURATION FILE

Please create hostapd.conf file with following content:

Open system without encryption

interface=wlan0 driver=nl80211 ctrl_interface=/var/run/hostapd ssid=AndroidAP channel=6 ieee80211n=1 hw_mode=g ignore_broadcast_ssid=0

or WPA2-PSK authentication with AES encryption

interface=wlan0 driver=nl80211 ctrl_interface=/data/misc/wifi/hostapd ssid=AndroidAP channel=6

ieee80211n=1 hw_mode=g ignore_broadcast_ssid=0 wpa=2 rsn_pairwise=CCMP wpa_passphrase=12345678

INITIAL HOSTAPD

#hostapd hostapd.conf &



WLAN OOB (OUT-OF-BAND) INTERRUPT MODE

Host can enter sleep mode, but keep Ampak module alive. Once Ampak module receives packets, it can wake up host through a pre-defined GPIO pin.

KERNEL CONFIGURATION

Please select interrupt type to Out-of-Band Interrupt in kernel configuration

```
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus --->. Highlighted letters
are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> includes, <N> excludes, <M> modularizes features.
Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] built-in [ ]
excluded <M> module < > module capable
     <M>
           Realtek RTL8192CU/RTL8188CU USB Wireless Network Adapter
    [ ] TI Wireless LAN support --->
          ZyDAS ZD1211/ZD1211B USB-wireless support
            ZyDAS ZD1211 debugging
          Marvell WiFi-Ex Driver
            Marvell WiFi-Ex Driver for SD8786/SD8787/SD8797
    <M>
            Marvell WiFi-Ex Driver for PCIE 8766/8897
    <M>
    <>
            Marvell WiFi-Ex Driver for USB8797
    <*> Broadcom FullMAC wireless cards support
     (/vendor/modules/fw_bcmdhd.bin) Firmware path (NEW)
     (/vendor/modules/nvram.txt) NVRAM path (NEW)
             Enable Chip Interface (SDIO bus interface support) --->
             Interrupt type (Out-of-Band Interrupt)
            <Select>
                       < Exit >
                                   < Help >
                                                           < Load >
                                               < Save >
```

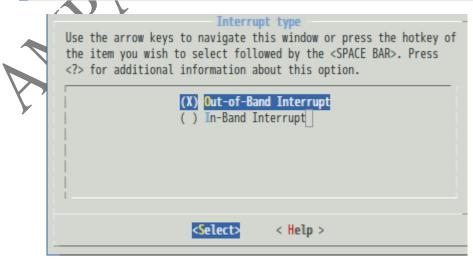


Figure 5: OOB configuration in menuconfig

WLAN MAC ADDRESS CONFIGURATION

If you would like to configure Wi-Fi MAC address, you need to modify driver to get it work.

- 1. Add -DGET_CUSTOM_MAC_ENABLE in driver Makefile
- 2. Modify dhd_wlan_get_mac_addr function in dhd_gpio.c to read your MAC address where located in your system.
- 3. Then Wi-Fi driver will change firmware MAC address during initialization.