Realtek Wi-Fi SDK for Android 10.x ver. 1.0.2

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Release History

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SDK packages

- hardware/realtek/*
 Folder to store private code from Realtek.
- supplicant_overlay_configs/*
 Folder to store supplicant overlay config files

Introduction

This document provides a simple guide to help engineers to apply Realtek Wi-Fi solution onto their Android 10.x system. The following two scenarios are supported

- **STA/AP** Switch between STA mode and AP mode
- **(STA+P2P)**/**AP** Switch between STA+P2P(Wi-Fi Direct) concurrent mode and AP mode

To port Realtek Wi-Fi driver onto Android 10.x platform, you can go through the following guide with reference codes within our driver package's realtek_wifi_SDK_for_android_10.x_<date>.tgz.

Because Android's SDK may differ from platform to platform, our reference codes may not be applied on every platform without modifications. You should check if our reference code is suitable for you to use.

In this document, ANDROID_SDK is the path of top folder of the target Android SDK; this term is used in the following paragraphs.

1. Copy Necessary Files into SDK

(1) SDK

After unzipping realtek_wifi_SDK_for_android_10.x_<date>.tgz, copy the following folder hardware/realtek into \$ANDROID_SDK/hardware/folder

(2) Supplicant overlay config files

After unzipping supplicant_overlay_config into \$ANDROID_SDK/devices/\$vendor/\$target.

If supplicant_overlay_config files already exist in \$ANDROID_SDK/devices/\$vendor/\$target, please add contents respectively:

\$ANDROID_SDK/devices/\$vendor/\$target/wpa_supplicant_overlay.conf

p2p_disabled=1

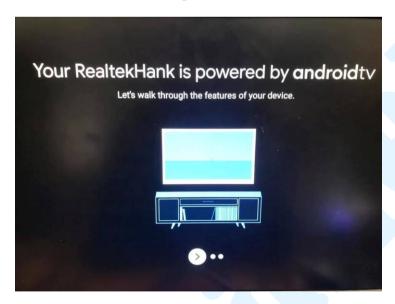
\$ANDROID_SDK/devices/\$vendor/\$target/p2p_supplicant_overlay.conf

p2p_no_group_iface=1

Please refer to Chapter 2.4. Others - Supplicant_overlay config file for further details

2. Platform Related Files Suggested Platforms

Realtek Hank - DHC 1319 platform



BoardConfig.mk

To apply Realtek Wi-Fi solution onto your Android 10.x system, you need to define some compile-time variables in BoardConfig.mk of your platform. In general, the BoardConfig.mk file is located in:

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/BoardConfig.mk

```
BOARD_WIFI_VENDOR := realtek

ifeq ($(BOARD_WIFI_VENDOR), realtek)

WPA_SUPPLICANT_VERSION := VER_0_8_X

BOARD_WPA_SUPPLICANT_DRIVER := NL80211

#CONFIG_DRIVER_WEXT := y

BOARD_WPA_SUPPLICANT_PRIVATE_LIB := lib_driver_cmd_rtl

BOARD_HOSTAPD_PRIVATE_LIB := lib_driver_cmd_rtl

BOARD_HOSTAPD_DRIVER := NL80211

BOARD_WLAN_DEVICE := realtek

endif
```

BOARD_WIFI_VENDOR := realtek

To distinguish the platform Wi-Fi device from products of other vendors, we define variable BOARD_WIFI_VENDOR as realtek. This is for compile-time choices to be applied for Realtek Wi-Fi solutions.

WPA SUPPLICANT VERSION := VER 0 8 X

For Android 10, please set WPA_SUPPLICANT_VERSION as VER_0_8_X to use wpa_supplicant_8.

- BOARD_WPA_SUPPLICANT_DRIVER := NL80211
- BOARD_WPA_SUPPLICANT_PRIVATE_LIB := lib_driver_cmd_rtl
- BOARD_HOSTAPD_DRIVER := NL80211
- BOARD_HOSTAPD_PRIVATE_LIB := lib_driver_cmd_rtl

We use NL80211 as the driver interface for wpa_supplicant and hostapd to communicate with driver and provide lib_driver_cmd_rtl as the private library.

BOARD WLAN DEVICE

BOARD_WLAN_DEVICE is used to choose which vendor wifi_hal should be applied. You have to set BOARD_WLAN_DEVICE := realtek to use realtek's

wifi_hal.

init.xxx.rc

For Wi-Fi to operate properly, we need some actions and daemons to be defined as service inside init.xxx.rc. In general, the init.xxx.rc file is located in:

ANDROID_SDK/device/<soc_vendor_name>/<board_name>/

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at ANDROID SDK/device/realtek/hank/common/init.hank.rc

Please add the service definitions below:

mkdir for wpa_supplicant and copy config file

Please make sure the directories used by the Wireless and related wpa_supplicant config filess will be created and copied in init rc.

on zygote-start

Create the directories used by the Wireless subsystem

Copy wpa_supplicant config files to related dir

mkdir /data/misc/wifi 0770 wifi wifi

mkdir /data/misc/wifi/wpa_supplicant 0770 wifi wifi

mkdir /data/vendor/wifi 0771 wifi wifi

mkdir /data/vendor/wifi/wpa 0770 wifi wifi

mkdir /data/vendor/wifi/wpa/sockets 0770 wifi wifi

mkdir /data/misc/dhcp 0770 dhcp dhcp chown dhcp dhcp /data/misc/dhcp

insmod

Please select one of action definitions below according to your requirement.

Meanwhile, please make sure your wlan.ko has right seclabel and mode as

-rw-r--r-- 1 root root u:object_r:vendor_file:s0 3429448 1970-01-01 00:19 wlan.ko

You can use command "ls -alZ" to check seclabel of wlan.ko.

(For concurrent mode)

on boot

exec u:r:vendor_modprobe:s0 root root -- /vendor/bin/toybox_vendor insmod

/system/vendor/lib/modules/wlan.ko ifname=wlan0 if2name=p2p0

(For STA only)

on boot

 $exec\ u:r:vendor_modprobe:s0\ root\ --\ /vendor/bin/toybox_vendor\ insmodprobe:s0\ root\ --\ /vendor/bin/toybox_vendor\ --\ /vendor\ --\ /vendor/bin/toybox_vendor\ --\ /vendor/bin/toybox_vendor\$

/system/vendor/lib/modules/wlan.ko ifname=wlan0

• wpa_supplicant

Please define wpa_supplicant service as below.

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at

ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/common/prebuilt/vendor/etc/init/wpa_supplicant.rc

service wpa_supplicant /vendor/bin/hw/wpa_supplicant \

-O/data/vendor/wifi/wpa/sockets \

-g@android:wpa_wlan0

interface android.hardware.wifi.supplicant@1.0::ISupplicant default

interface android.hardware.wifi.supplicant@1.1::ISupplicant default

 $interface\ and roid. hardware. wifi. supplicant @1.2:: IS upplicant\ default$

socket wpa_wlan0 dgram 660 wifi wifi

class main

disabled

oneshot

Others

For topics mentioned here, you can add the following code segments in any .mk file which your platform will use.

Add wifi related packages

These packages are needed for Wifi support in Android 10.x, please make sure these packages are added in .mk

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at

ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/device.mk

PRODUCT PACKAGES += \

libwpa_client wpa_supplicant hostapd wificond wifilogd wpa_supplicant.conf hostapd.conf libwifi-hal android.hardware.wifi.supplicant@1.0-service android.hardware.wifi.supplicant@1.1-service android.hardware.wifi.supplicant@1.2-service android.hardware.wifi@1.0-service android.hardware.wifi@1.0-service-lib android.hardware.wifi.hostapd@1.0-service

Add android.hardware.wifi.xml

To claim Wi-Fi support for your device, please add the rule in the PRODUCT_COPY_FILES variable to copy the permission definition file of Wi-Fi to the /system/etc/permissions/ folder of your system image.

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/common/deviceCommon.mk

PRODUCT_COPY_FILES += \

 $frameworks/native/data/etc/android.hardware.wifi.xml: \$(TARGET_COPY_OUT_VENDOR)/etc/permissions/android.hardware.wifi.xml$

Add android.hardware.wifi.direct.xml

To claim Wi-Fi Direct (P2P) support for your device, please add the rule in the PRODUCT_COPY_FILES variable to copy the permission definition file of Wi-Fi Direct to the /system/etc/permissions/ folder of your system image.

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/common/deviceCommon.mk

PRODUCT_COPY_FILES += \

 $frameworks/native/data/etc/android.hardware.wifi.direct.xml: \$(TARGET_COPY_OUT_VENDOR)/etc/permissions/android.hardware.wifi.direct.xml$

Make sure your driver is configured for STA+P2P concurrent mode or you may encounter error when you open the Wi-Fi. Please refer to **"5. Driver Configurations for Android 10.x"**

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/common/deviceCommon.mk

Set wifi.interface

To specify the wifi interface name in Android, a system property named "wifi.interface" is used. For Realtek Wi-Fi driver, Wi-Fi interface name is assigned with "wlan%d". In general, you should set wifi.interface as "wlan0".

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/common/deviceCommon.mk

PRODUCT_PROPERTY_OVERRIDES += \
wifi.interface=wlan0

Set wifi.direct.interface

If you require p2p support, you have to set wifi.direct.interface as "p2p0"

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at

ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/common/deviceCommon.mk

PRODUCT_PROPERTY_OVERRIDES += \
wifi.direct.interface=p2p0

Toybox_vendor

In android 10.x, we need toybox_vendor to insmod. You can set the config in device.mk PRODUCT_SHIPPING_API_LEVEL := 26 (more than or equal with 26)

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at

ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/common/deviceCommon.mk

And PRODUCT_SHIPPING_API_LEVEL := 29

You should modify \$ANDROID_SDK/external/toybox/Android.mk as below to build

toybox_vendor, if the config is not set.

wifi_hal

To support wifi_hal, you have to patch

\$ANDROID_SDK/frameworks/opt/net/wifi/libwifi_hal/Android.mk as below.

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at

ANDROID SDK/frameworks/opt/net/wifi/libwifi hal/Android.mk

• Device manifest file

The Device manifest file is provided by the device. It lives in the Android source tree at device/\${VENDOR}/\${DEVICE}/manifest.xml and on the device at /vendor/manifest.xml

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at

ANDROID_SDK/frameworks/opt/net/wifi/libwifi_hal/Android.mk

RTK wifi needs Isuapplicant and IHostapd. Please check device/\${VENDOR}/\${DEVICE}/manifest.xml,

It should have IWifi and ISupplicant description as below.

```
<hal format="hidl">
  <name>android.hardware.wifi</name>
  <transport>hwbinder</transport>
  <version>1.3</version>
  <interface>
     <name>IWifi</name>
     <instance>default</instance>
  </interface>
</hal>
<hal format="hidl">
  <name>android.hardware.wifi.supplicant</name>
  <transport>hwbinder</transport>
  <version>1.2</version>
  <interface>
     <name>ISupplicant</name>
     <instance>default</instance>
  </interface>
</hal>
<hal format="hidl">
  <name>android.hardware.wifi.hostapd</name>
  <transport>hwbinder</transport>
  <version>1.1</version>
  <interface>
     <name>IHostapd</name>
     <instance>default</instance>
  </interface>
</hal>
```

Supplicant_overlay config file

After "1. Copy Necessary Files into SDK." accomplished, you should find out **wpa_supplicant_overlay.conf** and **p2p_supplicant_overlay.conf** in folder \$ANDROID_SDK/devices/\${VENDOR}/\${TARGET}. Please modify \$ANDROID_SDK/devices/\${VENDOR}/\${TARGET}/BoardConfig.mk as below.

```
PRODUCT_COPY_FILES += device/${VENDOR}/$
{TARGET}/wpa_supplicant_overlay.conf:$(TARGET_COPY_OUT_VENDOR)/etc/wifi/
wpa_supplicant_overlay.conf

PRODUCT_COPY_FILES += device/${VENDOR}/$
{TARGET}/p2p_supplicant_overlay.conf:$(TARGET_COPY_OUT_VENDOR)/etc/wifi/
p2p_supplicant_overlay.conf
```

```
If you need wowlan function, the below line wowlan_triggers=any should be added in your wpa_supplicant_overlay.conf
```

3. System Resource Configurations

You should set the following four resource configurations for your platform to configure the network function and enable the corresponding UI interface. In general, you can set the following configurations in your platform dependent config.xml file.

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at ANDROID_SDK/frameworks/base/core/res/res/values/config.xml

Or the global config.xml file: ANDROID_SDK/frameworks/base/core/res/res/values/config.xml

networkAttributes

To define the system's available network interfaces, make sure the wifi interface items is defined in the networkAttributes resource configuration in the config.xml. For example:

radioAttributes

To define the system's available network interfaces, we need to define interface items for wifi in the radioAttributes resource configuration. For example:

config_tether_wifi_regexs

The interfaces set here are tetherable Wi-Fi interfaces which will be used as interfaces for Wi-Fi LAN port. We use 'wlan0' by default when our Wi-Fi is set as softap mode. So it needs to set 'wlan0' here. For example:

config_tether_upstream_types

The connection types set here are used as the interfaces for WAN port to connect to internet. For example, adding Wi-Fi and Ethernet:

At least one item should be declared here to enable the "Tehtering & portable hotspot" option of WirelessSettings in Settings.apk.

To know the definition and set other upstream connection types, please refer to ANDROID_SDK/frameworks/base/core/java/android/net/ConnectivityManager.java.

config_enableWifiDisplay

To enable Wi-Fi Display(Miracast) function, set config_enableWifiDisplay to

true:

<bool name="config_enableWifiDisplay">true

4. wpa_supplicant_8

We provide wpa_supplicant_8_10.x_rtw_29226.20191002 or newer version in this release package. You can:

Use the wpa_supplicant_8_10.x_rtw_29226.20191002 instead of the original

- 1. Backup and remove the original external/wpa supplcant 8/ folder
- 2. Extract and copy the wpa_supplicant_8_10.x _rtw_xxxx tar file to the external/folder of your Android SDK.
- 3. Rename wpa_supplicant_8_10.x _rtx_xxxx as wpa_supplicant_8.

5. Driver Configurations for Android 10.x

Android 10.x support two scenarios for Wi-Fi solution:

- STA/AP Switch between STA and AP mode
- (STA+P2P)/AP Switch between STA+P2P concurrent and AP mode

The configuration of driver to fit the requirement of each scenario, see the following table:

MACRO	STA /AP	(STA+P2P)/AP	Kernel ver.	
CONFIG_IOCTL_CFG80211	Defined	Defined	ver. >= 2.6.35	
RTW_USE_CFG80211_STA_EVENT	Defined	Defined	ver. >= 3.2.0	
CONFIG_RADIO_WORK	Defined	Defined	-	
CONFIG_CONCURRENT_MODE	Undefined	Defined	-	
RTW_ENABLE_WIFI_CONTROL_FUNC	Defined for platform device/driver mechanism			
CONFIG_RTW_WIFI_HAL	Defined if android version >= 8.x		ver. >= 3.18	
CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID	Must set this when rtk driver ver >= v5.9,			
	please refer to section 5.1			

• **CONFIG_IOCTL_CFG80211** is used for driver to enable cfg80211 ioctl interface, which is required by Realtek Wi-Fi to operate on Android 10.x system.

- RTW_USE_CFG80211_STA_EVENT is used for driver to indicate new cfg80211 STA event, which is required by wpa_supplicant_8 Linux kernel supports this feature after kernel 3.2.
- CONFIG_RADIO_WORK is used for driver to fit 'radio work' mechanism of wpa_supplicant_8. If this MACRO doesn't exist in driver's source code, please contact with Realtek technical windows for suitable driver.

If you use rtk driver ver. >= **v5.9, you do not need to set this compile flag.** Instead, you have to set CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID according to section "5.1 CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID"

- **CONFIG_CONCURRENT_MODE** is used for driver to enable concurrent mode, which is required by STA+P2P concurrent mode.
- RTW_ENABLE_WIFI_CONTROL_FUNC is used to register platform driver callbacks. If your platform needs those callbacks, please define this macro to register platform driver callback functions. For example, these functions include:

```
static struct platform_driver wifi_device =

.probe = wifi_probe,

.remove =
```

By default, the probe callback is used to set up Wi-Fi power and remove callback is used to close Wi-Fi power.

To compile Realtek Wi-Fi driver with the above setting, please refer to the following document:

document/Quick_Start_Guide_for_Driver_Compilation_and_Installation.pdf Adding platform selection and setting sections for compilation settings of your platform.

For example, if you want to configure Realtek Wi-Fi driver for the (STA+P2P)/AP scenario, make sure the macros: CONFIG_IOCTL_CFG80211, RTW_USE_CFG80211_STA_EVENT, CONFIG_RADIO_WORK and CONFIG_CONCURRENT_MODE are defined into the EXTRA_CFLAGS settings as following:

```
CONFIG_PLATFORM_ANDROID_M60_SAMPLE = y
...
...
ifeq ($(CONFIG_PLATFORM_ANDROID_ML0_SAMPLE), y)

EXTRA_CFLAGS += -DCONFIG_LITTLE_ENDIAN

EXTRA_CFLAGS += -DCONFIG_CONCURRENT_MODE

EXTRA_CFLAGS += -DCONFIG_IOCTL_CFG80211 -DRTW_USE_CFG80211_STA_EVENT

EXTRA_CFLAGS += -DCONFIG_RADIO_WORK

ARCH := arm

CROSS_COMPILE := /toolchain/bin/arm-none-linux-gnueabi-
KSRC := / android_sdk/android_l/ kernel
endif
```

CONFIG_RTW_WIFI_HAL is defined if android version is >= 8.x :
 For supporting Android version >= 8.x, make sure CONFIG_RTW_WIFI_HAL is
 set to "y" in Makefile as follows,

```
...
CONFIG_RTW_WIFI_HAL = y
...
```

If you use rtk driver ver. >= v5.9, you do not need to set this compile flag. Instead, you have to set CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID according to section "5.1 CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID"

According to Google's suggestion, you must use kernel 3.18 or newer. For more detail, you can refer https://source.android.com/devices/architecture/kernel/modular-kernels

5.1 CONFIG RTW ANDROID

From Wifi driver version 5.9, a new setting CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID is added in Makefile, We can set CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID with the Android version in Makefile. e.g. CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID = 10

Please note that we must set CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID with correct Android version from wifi driver version 5.9, otherwise there will be problem in wifi driver for Android. And the default value of CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID is 0, which means the driver is for pure linux, not Android.

(CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID=4 means Android 4.4)

Example in Makefile:

Then most of the settings mentioned above are set automatically by Android version (CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID) in drv_conf.h, and we don't need to write these setting in Makefile; Except CONFIG_CONCURRENT_MODE and RTW_ENABLE_WIFI_CONTROL_FUNC still need to be set manually, depends on the platforms in Makefile as above as before.

Drv_conf.h

```
#define CONFIG IOCTL CFG80211
#define RTW_USE_CFG80211_STA_EVENT
#if (CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID > 4)
#ifndef CONFIG RADIO WORK
#define CONFIG_RADIO_WORK
#endif
#endif
#if (CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID >= 8)
       #if (LINUX_VERSION_CODE >= KERNEL_VERSION(3,18,0))
       #ifndef CONFIG_RTW_WIFI_HAL
       #define CONFIG_RTW_WIFI_HAL
       #endif
       #else
       #error "Linux kernel version is too old\n"
       #endif
#endif
```

6. FAQ

6.1 Wi-Fi (STA mode)

1. Why Wi-Fi can't enable?

The whole Wi-Fi enabling procedure includes the following three main check points. Please check in sequence:

• Is network interface(s) created?

- insmod driver success
- Wi-Fi device is recognized

Does wpa_supplicant run successfully?

- wpa_supplicant.conf (and p2p_supplicant.conf) exists and is correct
- Service definition of wpa_supplicant exists and is correct

• Do connections of communication socket setup?

- Make sure the communication socket settings is matched below:
 - ctrl_interface in:
 /data/vendor/wifi/wpa/wpa_supplicant.conf
 (and /data/vendor/wifi/wpa/p2p_supplicant.conf)
 - ◆ Service definition of wpa supplicant
 - ◆ Paths of communication socket in wifi.c

6.2 Portable Wi-Fi hotspot (AP mode)

1. Why Portable Wi-Fi hotspot can't enable?

The whole Portable Wi-Fi hotspot enabling procedure includes the following three main check points. Please check in sequence:

Is network interface created?

- insmod driver success
- Wi-Fi device is recognized
- wlan0 is created

Does netd and hostapd run successfully?

- /data/misc/wifi/hostapd.conf exists and is correct
- Binary file netd and hostapd exist and are executable

Does dnsmasq run successfully?

Binary file dnsmasq exist and are executable

6.3 Wi-Fi Direct (P2P mode)

2. There is no Wi-Fi Direct UI shown?

Please refer to "Add android.hardware.wifi.direct.xml" in chapter 2.4. Others to enable Wi-Fi Direct functionality of Android P.

3. Wi-Fi Direct can't scan any peer?

First, make sure you have workable Wi-Fi Direct device nearby. Make them into Wi-Fi Direct scanning state. Push "SEARCH FOR DEVICES" button also in our device and wait for a while.

If there is still no peer shown the problem is usually caused by wrong service definition of wpa_supplicant services. Please refer to "wpa_supplicant" in chapter **2.2. init.xxx.rc** to check your service definition of wpa_supplicant.

6.4 VTS test

4. VtsHalWifiSupplicantV1_0Host – ACS relative items failed

We have relative patches at hostapd. Please refer to "4. wpa_supplicant_8" to patch it..

6.5 CTS test

5. CtsNetTestCases – TCP keep alive item failed

We can disable "config_networkSupportedKeepaliveCount" in Android config.xml as below

<!-- Default supported concurrent socket keepalive slots per transport type, used by ConnectivityManager.createSocketKeepalive() for calculating the number of keepalive offload slots that should be reserved for privileged access. This string array should be overridden by the device to present the capability of creating socket keepalives. -->

<!-- An Array of "[NetworkCapabilities.TRANSPORT_*],[supported keepalives] --> <string-array translatable="false" name="config_networkSupportedKeepaliveCount">