

# A Simple I/O Library for Embedded Linux Systems

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# Introduction

## Rationale

**libsimpleio** is an attempt to regularize the mish-mash of API styles that Linux presents for I/O device access. The support for I/O devices in Linux has evolved over time such that there are many different and incompatible API styles. For example, an application program must use **ioctl()** to access SPI (Serial Peripheral Interconnect) devices, **tcsetattr()** and other functions defined in **termios.h** to access serial port devices, and Berkeley sockets library functions to access network devices.

**libsimpleio** exports C functions with a common and highly regular calling sequence that encapsulate and hide the underlying Linux system call services. These C functions are callable from Ada, Basic, C#, Free Pascal, Go, and Modula-2 application programs, using the native or external library binding facility each language provides.

Although primarily intended for dedicated embedded Linux systems (such as [MuntsOS Embedded Linux](#)), **libsimpleio** is also usable on mainstream desktop Linux systems such as Debian or Ubuntu.

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## **Online Resources**

The web site and **git** source code repository for **libsimpleio** is available at:

<https://github.com/pmunts/libsimpleio>

The **man** pages specifying the API (Application Program Interface) for **libsimpleio** are available for browsing at:

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libsimpleio.html>

Prebuilt **libsimpleio** packages for Debian Stretch and compatible Linux operating systems are available for download at:

<http://repo.munts.com/debian10>

The web site and **git** source code repository for **MuntsOS Embedded Linux** is available at:

<https://github.com/pmunts/muntsos>

# Installation

## From the Munts Technologies Debian Package Repository

The easiest way to use **libsimpleio** on Debian Linux and its derivatives is to add the [Munts Technologies Debian Package Repository](#) to your system, with the following commands:

```
wget http://repo.munts.com/debian10/PublicKey.txt
sudo apt-key add PublicKey.txt && rm PublicKey.txt
wget http://repo.munts.com/debian10/<ARCH>/munts-repo.deb
sudo dpkg -i munts-repo.deb && rm munts-repo.deb
sudo apt-get update
```

where **<ARCH>** is one of **amd64**, **arm64**, or **raspberrypi** (which is 32-bit ARMv6).

Then you can install the native **libsimpleio** package with these commands:

```
sudo apt-get install munts-libsimpleio
```

The package installs files into several directories under the **/usr/local** directory tree:

```
/usr/local/include/libsimpleio
/usr/local/lib
/usr/local/share/libsimpleio
/usr/local/share/man
```

## **From Source Checkout**

On an **dpkg** based Linux distribution (Debian, Ubuntu, *etc.*), **libsimpleio** can be built and installed from a source checkout with the following commands:

```
git clone https://github.com/pmunts/libsimpleio.git
cd libsimplio
make
sudo dpkg -i *.deb
```

On other types of Linux distribution (Red Hat, Suse, *etc.*), **libsimpleio** can be built and installed from a source checkout with the following commands:

```
git clone https://github.com/pmunts/libsimpleio.git
cd libsimplio
make
sudo make install
sudo make install_udev_rules [UDEVRULESDIR=<some other directory>]
```

The default location for udev rules is **/etc/udev/rules.d**. If your Linux distribution has them somewhere else, you can override the default location with the **UDEVRULESDIR** argument to the **make** command.

# Coding Conventions

## Naming

Each C function exported by **libsimpleio** is named according to the following convention:

**<SUBSYSTEM>\_<operation>()**

where the prefix **<SUBSYSTEM>** indicates a particular I/O subsystem (I<sup>2</sup>C, SPI, watchdog timer, etc.) and the suffix **<operation>** indicates a particular I/O operation (open, close, etc.). The subsystem prefix is always spelled in all capital letters and the operation suffix is always spelled in all lower case letters. *Examples:*

- **GPIO\_configure()**
- **I2C\_transaction()**
- **WATCHDOG\_open()**

All C function declarations are bracketed between **\_BEGIN\_STD\_C** and **\_END\_STD\_C** macros (defined in **cplusplus.h**) to prevent name mangling when a header file is included by a C++ source file.

Constants exported by **libsimpleio**, whether defined with **#define** or with **typedef enum**, are always spelled with all capital letters. *Examples:*

- **GPIO\_DIRECTION\_INPUT**
- **CMD\_SPI\_OPEN**

*Note: The language bindings do **not** necessarily adhere to the above naming conventions.*



## Argument Passing

All C functions exported by **libsimpleio** shall be proper procedures without any return value.

All numeric and enumeration type arguments shall be defined as 32-bit signed integers (**int32\_t**), unless there is compelling reason otherwise. Each numeric argument shall be passed by value (**int32\_t x**). If a value is to be returned, a numeric or enumeration type argument shall be passed by reference (**int32\_t \*x**). *Example:*

```
void GPIO_close(int32_t fd, int32_t *error);
```

All string arguments shall be **NUL** terminated C strings. Each string parameter shall be defined with: **const char \***, or, if a value is to be returned: **char \***. *Example:*

```
LINUX_drop_privileges(const char *username, int32_t *error);
```

## Language Bindings

Each language binding shall consist only of type, constant and function declarations that map each C type, constant or function declaration into the target programming language.

For a particular I/O subsystem, all of the language bindings (e.g. **libgpio.h**, **libgpio.ads**, **libgpio.cs**, and **libgpio.pas**) shall be functionally identical.

## I/O Subsystem Overviews

Please refer to the **man** pages (online at the links below, from the **man** command, or in the appendix to this document) for the exact API specification for each subsystem.

### **libadc**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libadc.html>

This library provides wrapper functions to read from [Linux Industrial I/O Subsystem](#) ADC (Analog to Digital) Converters. Use **ADC\_open( )** to open an analog input device. Use **ADC\_read( )** to sample an analog input.

*Note: **ADC\_read( )** returns an analog sample as a right justified 32-bit integer. The meaning of this integer (i.e. the ADC resolution) is system dependent.*

### **libdac**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libdac.html>

This library provides wrapper functions to write to [Linux Industrial I/O Subsystem](#) DAC (Digital to Analog) Converters. Use **DAC\_open( )** to open an analog input device. Use **DAC\_write( )** to write to an analog output.

*Note: **DAC\_write( )** accepts an analog sample as a right justified 32-bit integer. The meaning of this integer (i.e. the DAC resolution) is system dependent.*

### **libevent**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libevent.html>

This library provides wrapper functions for the Linux [epoll](#) I/O event notification system call functions. Use **EVENT\_open( )** to create an event handler. Use **EVENT\_register( )** to register a file descriptor for events. Use **EVENT\_wait( )** to suspend the process until an event occurs.

*Note: **EVENT\_wait( )** suspends the entire calling process (all threads).*

*Note: Passing a **timeouts** value of zero to **EVENT\_wait( )** causes it to return immediately, and can be used to poll the availability of data without blocking at all.*

## **libgpio**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libgpio.html>

This library provides wrapper functions for the Linux GPIO pin services, using the new GPIO descriptor API. Each GPIO pin is identified by a hardware dependent pair of chip (subsystem) and line (pin) numbers. Use **GPIO\_line\_open()** to initialize and open a GPIO pin, **GPIO\_line\_read()** to read from a GPIO pin, and **GPIO\_line\_write()** to write to a GPIO pin.

Use **GPIO\_line\_event()** to wait for input edge events on a GPIO pin that has been configured as an interrupt input.

## **libhidraw**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libhidraw.html>

This library provides wrapper functions for the Linux raw HID device **ioctl()** services. The Linux kernel raw HID subsystem creates a device node of the form **/dev/hidrawN** for each raw HID device detected. Use **HIDRAW\_open1()** to open a raw HID device node by name. Use **HIDRAW\_open2()** to open the first raw HID device to match the given vendor and product identifiers. Use **HIDRAW\_open3()** to open the HID device matching the given vendor and product identifiers and serial number. Use **HIDRAW\_send()** to send a 64-byte message (aka HID report) to the raw HID device. Use **HIDRAW\_receive()** to obtain a 64-byte message (aka HID report) from the raw HID device.

*Note: The message size parameter passed to **HIDRAW\_send()** and **HIDRAW\_receive()** will typically be 64 bytes, or 65 bytes if the raw HID device uses the first byte of the message for the report number.*

*Note: **HIDRAW\_send()** and **HIDRAW\_receive()** are blocking functions. If you need to wait for the raw HID device without blocking, you can register its file descriptor with **EVENT\_register()** and wait for something to happen with **EVENT\_wait()**.*

## **libi2c**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libi2c.html>

This library provides wrapper functions for the Linux I<sup>2</sup>C device **ioctl()** services. The Linux kernel I<sup>2</sup>C subsystem creates a device node of the form **/dev/i2c-N** for each I<sup>2</sup>C bus controller detected. Each I<sup>2</sup>C bus may have one or more slave devices attached to it. Use **I2C\_open()** to open an I<sup>2</sup>C bus controller device node by name. Use **I2C\_transaction()** to transmit a command and/or receive a response from a single I<sup>2</sup>C device.

## **liblinux**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/liblinux.html>

This library provides wrapper functions for certain Linux system calls. Use **LINUX\_detach()** to switch a running program from foreground to background execution. Use **LINUX\_drop\_privileges()** change a running program's user (e.g. from **root** to **nobody**). Use **LINUX\_openlog()** to initialize a connection to the **syslog** facility. Use **LINUX\_syslog()** to post a message to the **syslog** facility. Use **LINUX\_errno()** to retrieve the value of **errno**. Use **LINUX\_strerror()** to retrieve the error message associated with an **errno** error number. Use **LINUX\_poll()** to wait for I/O on a file descriptor. Use **LINUX\_usleep()** to sleep for some number of microseconds. Use **LINUX\_command()** to execute a shell command string. Use **LINUX\_popen\_read()** to open a pipe to read standard output from another program. Use **LINUX\_popen\_write()** to open a pipe to write standard input to another program. Use **LINUX\_pclose()** to close a pipe to or from another program.

For the C or C++ programming languages, these wrapper functions offer no particular benefit over the regular system call functions provided by **glibc**.

## **liblinx**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/liblinx.html>

<https://www.labviewmakerhub.com/doku.php?id=learn:libraries:linx:spec:start>

This library provides functions for sending and receiving messages between a client program and a Labview LINX remote I/O device. To develop a LINX **client** program, use **LINX\_transmit\_command()** and **LINX\_receive\_response()**. To develop a LINX **server** program, use **LINX\_receive\_command()** and **LINX\_transmit\_response()**. All four of these functions require an open byte stream file descriptor (e.g. from **SERIAL\_open()** or **TCP4\_connect()**) as the first parameter.

Each of the receive functions returns after accepting one byte from the byte stream. A value of zero in the **error** parameter indicates that the received byte has completed a frame and **EAGAIN** indicates otherwise. Each of the receive functions must be called successively with the same arguments until the frame has been completed.

*Note: The receive functions block until a byte is available from the underlying byte stream. If you need to wait without blocking, you can register the byte stream file descriptor with **EVENT\_register()** and wait for something to happen with **EVENT\_wait()**.*

## **libpwm**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libpwm.html>

This library provides functions for configuring and writing to PWM (Pulse Width Modulated) output devices. The Linux kernel PWM subsystem populates **sysfs** entries for each PWM output configured. PWM outputs are identified by chip and channel numbers. Use **PWM\_configure()** to configure a single PWM output. Use **PWM\_open()** to open a single PWM device node. Use **PWM\_write()** to set the PWM output duty cycle.

*Note: Many PWM controllers require the same PWM pulse frequency for all channels. Therefore, configuring different pulse period values for different channels within the same PWM controller may result in incorrect operation.*

## **libserial**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libserial.html>

This library provides wrapper functions for the Linux serial port **termios** services. The Linux kernel serial port subsystem creates a device node of the form **/dev/ttyXXXX** for each serial port device detected. Use **SERIAL\_open()** to configure and open a serial port device by name. Use **SERIAL\_send()** to send data to a serial port device. Use **SERIAL\_receive()** to receive data from a serial port device.

*Note: The file descriptor returned by **SERIAL\_open()** may be passed to **STREAM\_send()** and **STREAM\_receive()** as described below.*

*Note: **SERIAL\_send()** and **SERIAL\_receive()** are blocking functions. If you need to wait for the serial port device without blocking, you can register its file descriptor with **EVENT\_register()** and wait for something to happen with **EVENT\_wait()**.*

## **libspi**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libspi.html>

This library provides wrapper functions for the Linux SPI device **ioctl()** services. The Linux kernel SPI subsystem creates a device node of the form **/dev/spidev-X.Y** for each SPI slave device detected. Use **SPI\_open()** to open an SPI slave device node by name. Use **SPI\_transaction()** to transmit a command and/or receive a response from a single SPI slave device.

*Note: Some hardware platforms may not implement hardware controlled slave select output signals. A GPIO pin file descriptor obtained with **GPIO\_open()** may be passed to **SPI\_transaction()** to request software controlled slave select.*

## **libstream**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libstream.html>

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/StreamFramingProtocol.pdf>

This library provides functions for encoding and decoding byte stream data into frames as specified in the [Stream Framing Protocol](#). A common use case for this protocol is to communicate with a microcontroller via a serial port. Use **STREAM\_encode\_frame()** to encode a frame for transmission. Use **STREAM\_decode\_frame()** to decoded a received frame. Use **STREAM\_send\_frame()** to transmit a frame via a byte stream indicated by a Linux file descriptor. Use **STREAM\_receive\_frame()** to receive a frame via a byte stream indicated by a Linux file descriptor.

**STREAM\_receive\_frame()** returns after accepting one byte from the byte stream. It will return zero in the **error** parameter if that byte completes a frame and **EAGAIN** otherwise. **STREAM\_receive\_frame()** must be called successively with the same arguments until the frame has been completed.

*Note: **STREAM\_receive\_frame()** blocks until a byte is available from the underlying byte stream. If you need to wait without blocking, you can register the byte stream file descriptor with **EVENT\_register()** and wait for something to happen with **EVENT\_wait()**.*

## **libipv4**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libipv4.html>

This library provides wrapper functions for the Linux IPv4 socket services. Use **IPV4\_resolve()** to resolve a host name to a 32-bit integer IPv4 address. Use **IPV4\_ntoa()** to convert a 32-bit integer IPv4 address to a string, in dotted octet notation (e.g. **1.2.3.4**). Use **TCP4\_connect()** to connect to a TCP server. Use **TCP4\_accept()** or **TCP4\_server()** to implement a TCP server. Use **TCP4\_send()** to send data and **TCP4\_receive()** to receive data.

*Note: The file descriptor returned by **TCP4\_connect()**, **TCP4\_accept()**, or **TCP4\_server()** may be passed to **STREAM\_send()** and **STREAM\_receive()** as described above.*

*Note: **TCP4\_send()** and **TCP4\_receive()** are blocking functions. If you need to wait without blocking, you can register the file descriptor with **EVENT\_register()** and wait for something to happen with **EVENT\_wait()**.*

## **libwatchdog**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/libwatchdog.html>

This library provides functions for configuring and resetting watch dog timer devices. The Linux kernel watchdog timer subsystem creates a device node of the form **/dev/watchdogN** for each watchdog timer. The default watchdog timer is **/dev/watchdog**. Use **WATCHDOG\_open( )** to open a watchdog timer device node by name. Use **WATCHDOG\_get\_timeout( )** to query the current period in seconds, and **WATCHDOG\_set\_timeout( )** to change the period. Use **WATCHDOG\_kick( )** to reset the watchdog timer.

# Man Pages



**NAME**

**libsimpleio** — Linux Simple I/O Library

**DESCRIPTION**

**libsimpleio** is an attempt to encapsulate (as much as possible) the ugliness of Linux I/O device access. It provides services for reading and/or writing the following types of Linux I/O devices:

- \* Industrial I/O Subsystem A/D (Analog to Digital Converter) Devices
- \* Industrial I/O Subsystem D/A (Digital to Analog Converter) Devices
- \* GPIO (General Purpose Input/Output) Pins
- \* Raw HID (Human Interface Device) Devices
- \* I<sup>2</sup>C (Inter-Integrated Circuit) Bus Devices
- \* LabView LINX Remote I/O Devices
- \* PWM (Pulse Width Modulated) Output Devices
- \* Remote I/O Protocol Devices
- \* Serial Ports
- \* SPI (Serial Peripheral Interface) Bus Devices
- \* Stream Framing Protocol Devices
- \* TCP and UDP over IPv4 Network Devices
- \* Watchdog Timer Devices

Although **libsimpleio** was originally intended for Linux microcomputers such as the Raspberry Pi, it can also be useful on larger desktop Linux systems.

**SEE ALSO**

**libadc(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libgpio(2)**, **libhidraw(2)**,  
**libi2c(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **liblinx(2)**, **libpwm(2)**,  
**libserial(2)**, **libspi(2)**, **libstream(2)**, **libwatchdog(2)**

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/RemoteIOProtocol.pdf>

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/StreamFramingProtocol.pdf>

<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/UserManual.pdf>

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## NAME

**libadc** -- Linux Simple I/O Library: A/D Input Module

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <libsimpleio/libadc.h>
```

```
void ADC_get_name(int32_t chip, char *name, int32_t namesize,  
int32_t *error);
```

```
void ADC_open(int32_t chip, int32_t channel, int32_t *fd,  
int32_t *error);
```

```
void ADC_close(int32_t fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void ADC_read(int32_t fd, int32_t *sample, int32_t *error);
```

Link with **-lsimpleio**.

## DESCRIPTION

All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in *\*error*.

**ADC\_get\_name()** fetches an information string for an A/D device. The chip number must be passed in *chip*. The destination buffer address must be passed in *\*name* and the destination buffer size must be passed in *namesize*. The minimum size for the destination buffer is 16 bytes.

**ADC\_open()** opens an A/D input channel device. The A/D chip number must be passed in the *chip* parameter and the A/D input channel number must be passed in the *channel* parameter. Upon success, a file descriptor for the A/D input channel device is returned in *\*fd*.

**ADC\_close()** closes a previously opened A/D input channel device.

**ADC\_read()** reads a sample from an A/D input channel device. The file descriptor for an open A/D input channel device must be passed in the *fd* parameter. The analog sample data will be returned in the *\*sample* parameter.

## SEE ALSO

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libgpio(2)**, **libhidraw(2)**,  
**libi2c(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **liblinx(2)**, **libpwm(2)**,  
**libserial(2)**, **libspi(2)**, **libstream(2)**, **libwatchdog(2)**

<https://wiki.analog.com/software/linux/docs/iio/iio>

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**NAME**

**libdac** -- Linux Simple I/O Library: D/A Input Module

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <libsimpleio/libdac.h>
```

```
void DAC_get_name(int32_t chip, char *name, int32_t namesize,  
int32_t *error);
```

```
void DAC_open(int32_t chip, int32_t channel, int32_t *fd,  
int32_t *error);
```

```
void DAC_close(int32_t fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void DAC_write(int32_t fd, int32_t sample, int32_t *error);
```

Link with **-lsimpleio**.

**DESCRIPTION**

All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in *\*error*.

**DAC\_get\_name()** fetches an information string for a D/A device. The chip number must be passed in *chip*. The destination buffer address must be passed in *\*name* and the destination buffer size must be passed in *namesize*. The minimum size for the destination buffer is 16 bytes.

**DAC\_open()** opens a D/A output channel device. The D/A chip number must be passed in the *chip* parameter and the D/A output channel number must be passed in the *channel* parameter. Upon success, a file descriptor for the D/A output channel device is returned in *\*fd*.

**DAC\_close()** closes a previously opened D/A output channel device.

**DAC\_write()** writes a sample to a D/A output channel device. The file descriptor for an open D/A output channel device must be passed in the *fd* parameter. The analog sample data must be passed in the *sample* parameter.

**SEE ALSO**

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libadc(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libgpio(2)**, **libhidraw(2)**,  
**libi2c(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **liblinx(2)**, **libpwm(2)**,  
**libserial(2)**, **libspi(2)**, **libstream(2)**, **libwatchdog(2)**

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**libevent** — Linux Simple I/O Library: Event Notification Module

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <libsimpleio/libevent.h>
```

```
void EVENT_open(int32_t *epfd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void EVENT_close(int32_t epfd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void EVENT_register_fd(int32_t epfd, int32_t fd, int32_t events,
    int32_t handle, int32_t *error);
```

```
void EVENT_modify_fd(int32_t epfd, int32_t fd, int32_t events,
    int32_t handle, int32_t *error);
```

```
void EVENT_unregister_fd(int32_t epfd, int32_t fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void EVENT_wait(int32_t epfd, int32_t *fd, int32_t *event,
    int32_t *handle, int32_t timeoutms, int32_t *error);
```

Link with **-lsimpleio**.

**DESCRIPTION**

All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in *\*error*.

**EVENT\_open()** must be called before any of the other functions, to open a connection to the **epoll** event notification subsystem.

**EVENT\_close()** must be called to close the connection to the **epoll** subsystem.

**EVENT\_register\_fd()** registers the file descriptor *fd* for the event notifications selected by the *events* parameter. Event notification codes, such as **EPOLLIN** (input ready), are defined in */usr/include/sys/epoll.h*, and may be **OR**'d together to register for more than one type of event notification. The *handle* parameter is passed in to the Linux kernel and will be passed back to **EVENT\_wait()** when an event notification occurs.

**EVENT\_modify\_fd()** modifies the event notifications enabled on a previously registered file descriptor. The most common use case is to rearm a file descriptor registered with **EPOLLONESHOT** for further event notifications. After such a file descriptor has delivered an event, it will be disabled from delivering any further event notifications until it is rearmed. The *handle* parameter is passed in to the Linux kernel and will be passed back to **EVENT\_wait()** when an event notification occurs.

**EVENT\_unregister\_fd()** unregisters event notifications for the file descriptor *fd*.

**EVENT\_wait()** waits until an event notification occurs for any of the previously registered file descriptors. The *timeoutms* parameter indicates the time in milliseconds to wait for an event notification. A value of zero indicates **EVENT\_wait()** should return immediately whether or not an event notification is available. If an event notification occurs before the timeout expires, *\*error* will be set to **0**, *\*fd* and *\*event* will be set to the next available file descriptor and event notification code, and *\*handle* will be set to whatever value was supplied to **EVENT\_register\_fd()** or **EVENT\_modify\_fd()**. If no event notification occurs before the timeout expires, *\*error* will be set to **EAGAIN** and *\*fd*, *\*event*, and *\*handle* will all be set to zero. If some other error occurs, *\*error* will be set to an **errno** value and *\*fd*, *\*event*, and *\*handle* will all be set to zero.

**SEE ALSO**

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libadc(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libgpio(2)**, **libhidraw(2)**,  
**libi2c(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **liblinx(2)**, **libpwm(2)**,  
**libserial(2)**, **libspi(2)**, **libstream(2)**, **libwatchdog(2)**

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**NAME****libgpio** — Linux Simple I/O Library: GPIO Module**SYNOPSIS****#include <libsimpleio/libgpio.h>**

```
void GPIO_chip_info(int32_t chip, char *name, int32_t namesize,
    char *label, int32_t labelsz, int32_t *lines, int32_t *error);
```

```
void GPIO_line_info(int32_t chip, int32_t line, int32_t *flags,
    char *name, int32_t namesize, char *label, int32_t labelsz,
    int32_t error);
```

```
void GPIO_line_open(int32_t chip, int32_t line, int32_t flags,
    int32_t events, int32_t state, int32_t *fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void GPIO_line_close(int32_t fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void GPIO_line_read(int32_t fd, int32_t *state, int32_t *error);
```

```
void GPIO_line_write(int32_t fd, int32_t state, int32_t *error);
```

```
void GPIO_line_event(int32_t fd, int32_t *state, int32_t *error);
```

*Deprecated sysfs API:*

```
typedef enum
{
    GPIO_DIRECTION_INPUT,
    GPIO_DIRECTION_OUTPUT,
} GPIO_DIRECTION_t;
```

```
typedef enum
{
    GPIO_EDGE_NONE,
    GPIO_EDGE_RISING,
    GPIO_EDGE_FALLING,
    GPIO_EDGE_BOTH
} GPIO_EDGE_t;
```

```
typedef enum
{
    GPIO_POLARITY_ACTIVELOW,
    GPIO_POLARITY_ACTIVEHIGH,
} GPIO_POLARITY_t;
```

```
void GPIO_configure(int32_t pin, int32_t direction, int32_t state,
    int32_t edge, int32_t polarity, int32_t *error);
```

```
void GPIO_open(int32_t pin, int32_t *fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void GPIO_close(int32_t fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void GPIO_read(int32_t fd, int32_t *state, int32_t *error);
```

```
void GPIO_write(int32_t fd, int32_t state, int32_t *error);
```

Link with **-lsimpleio**.

## DESCRIPTION

All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in *\*error*.

**GPIO\_chip\_info()** retrieves information about a particular GPIO chip (subsystem). The *chip* parameter selects the particular GPIO chip. Information strings are returned in *name* and *label* (with maximum sizes indicated by *namesize* and *labelsize*) and the number of GPIO lines (pins) available from this chip is returned in *lines*.

**GPIO\_line\_info()** retrieves information about a particular GPIO pin. The *chip* and *line* parameters select the particular GPIO pin. Current configuration flags for the GPIO pin are returned in *flags*. Information strings are returned in *name* and *label* (with maximum sizes indicated by *namesize* and *labelsize*).

**GPIO\_line\_open()** configures and opens a single GPIO pin. The *chip* and *line* parameters select the particular GPIO pin. Requested configuration flags are passed in *flags*, requested event (interrupt edge) flags are passed in *events*, and the initial state (**0** or **1**) for output pins is passed in *state*. Upon success, a file descriptor for the GPIO pin will be returned in *\*fd*.

**GPIO\_line\_close()** closes a previously opened GPIO pin.

**GPIO\_line\_read()** gets the current state of a GPIO pin. The state (**0** or **1**) of the GPIO pin will be returned in *\*state*.

**GPIO\_line\_write()** sets a GPIO pin output state. The new state (**0** or **1**) is passed in the *state* parameter.

**GPIO\_line\_event()** waits (blocking the calling process) for an interrupt on an GPIO interrupt input pin (configured with **GPIOHANDLE\_REQUEST\_INPUT** in the *flags* parameter and **GPIOEVENT\_REQUEST\_RISING\_EDGE**, **GPIOEVENT\_REQUEST\_FALLING\_EDGE**, or **GPIOEVENT\_REQUEST\_BOTH\_EDGES** in the *events* parameter to *GPIO\_line\_open()*). The state (**0** or **1**) of the GPIO pin **after** the interrupt will be returned in *\*state*.

*Deprecated sysfs API:*

**GPIO\_configure()** configures a single GPIO pin. The *pin* parameter selects the GPIO pin (as numbered by the Linux kernel) to be configured. The *direction* parameter may be **GPIO\_DIRECTION\_INPUT** or **GPIO\_DIRECTION\_OUTPUT**. For input pins, the *state* parameter must be **0**. For output pins, the *state* parameter may be **0** or **1** to set the initial state. For input pins, the *edge* parameter may be **GPIO\_EDGE\_NONE**, **GPIO\_EDGE\_RISING**, **GPIO\_EDGE\_FALLING**, or **GPIO\_EDGE\_BOTH**. For output pins, the *edge* parameter must be **GPIO\_EDGE\_NONE**. The *polarity* parameter may be **GPIO\_POLARITY\_ACTIVELOW** or **GPIO\_POLARITY\_ACTIVEHIGH**.

The **udev** rules included in the **libsimpleio** package will create a symbolic link from **/dev/gpioxx** to **/sys/class/gpio/gpioxx/value** when a GPIO pin is configured.

**GPIO\_open()** opens a GPIO pin device. The GPIO pin number is passed in the *pin* parameter. Upon success, a file descriptor for the GPIO pin device is returned in *\*fd*.

**GPIO\_close()** closes a previously opened GPIO pin device.

**GPIO\_read()** gets the current state of a GPIO pin. Upon success, the current state (**0** or **1**) of the GPIO pin will be returned in *\*state*.

**GPIO\_write()** sets a GPIO pin output state. The new state (**0** or **1**) is passed in the *state* parameter.

## SEE ALSO

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libadc(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libhidraw(2)**,  
**libi2c(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **liblinx(2)**, **libpwm(2)**,  
**libserial(2)**, **libspi(2)**, **libstream(2)**, **libwatchdog(2)**

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**NAME**

**libhidraw** — Linux Simple I/O Library: Raw HID Module

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <libsimpleio/libhidraw.h>

void HIDRAW_open1(const char *name, int32_t *fd, int32_t *error);

void HIDRAW_open2(int32_t VID, int32_t PID, int32_t *fd,
int32_t *error);

void HIDRAW_open3(int32_t VID, int32_t PID, const char *serial,
int32_t *fd, int32_t *error);

void HIDRAW_close(int32_t fd, int32_t *error);

void HIDRAW_get_name(int32_t fd, char *name, int32_t namesize,
int32_t *error);

void HIDRAW_get_info(int32_t fd, int32_t *bustype, int32_t *vendor,
int32_t *product, int32_t *error);

void HIDRAW_send(int32_t fd, void *buf, int32_t bufsize,
int32_t *count, int32_t *error);

void HIDRAW_receive(int32_t fd, void *buf, int32_t bufsize,
int32_t *count, int32_t *error);
```

Link with **-lsimpleio**.

**DESCRIPTION**

All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in *\*error*.

**HIDRAW\_open1()** opens a raw HID device by name. The device node name (*/dev/hidrawN*) must be passed in *name*. Upon success, a file descriptor for the raw HID device is returned in *\*fd*.

**HIDRAW\_open2()** opens the first raw HID device that matches the vendor ID and product ID passed in *VID* and *PID*. Upon success, a file descriptor for the raw hid device is returned in *\*fd*.

**HIDRAW\_open3()** opens the raw HID device that matches the vendor ID, product ID, and serial number passed in *VID*, *PID*, and *serial*. Upon success, a file descriptor for the raw hid device is returned in *\*fd*.

**HIDRAW\_close()** closes a previously opened raw HID device. The HID device file descriptor must be passed in *fd*.

**HIDRAW\_get\_name()** fetches an information string from the raw HID device. The HID device file descriptor must be passed in *fd*. The destination buffer address must be passed in *\*name* and the destination buffer size must be passed in *namesize*. The minimum size for the destination buffer is 16 bytes.

**HIDRAW\_get\_info()** fetches the bus type, vendor ID and product ID from the raw HID device. The HID device file descriptor must be passed in *fd*. The bus type is returned in *\*bustype*, and may be **BUS\_USB**, **BUS\_HIL**, **BUS\_BLUETOOTH** or **BUS\_VIRTUAL**. These values are defined in */usr/include/linux/input.h*. The vendor and product ID's are returned in *\*vendor* and *\*product* respectively.

**HIDRAW\_send()** sends a message (also known as a HID report) to the raw HID device. The HID device file descriptor must be passed in *fd*. The address of the message buffer must be passed in *buf* and the size of the message buffer must be passed in *bufsize*. The message size will typically be either 64 or 65 bytes, depending on whether the particular raw HID device uses the first byte for the report number. Upon

success, the number of bytes actually sent will be returned in *\*count*.

**HIDRAW\_receive()** receives a message (i.e. a HID report) from the raw HID device. The HID device file descriptor must be passed in *fd*. The address of the message buffer must be passed in *buf* and the size of the message buffer must be passed in *bufsize*. The message size will typically be either 64 or 65 bytes, depending on whether the particular raw HID device uses the first byte for the report number. Upon success, the number of bytes actually received will be returned in *\*count*.

## SEE ALSO

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libadc(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libgpio(2)**,  
**libi2c(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **liblinx(2)**, **libpwm(2)**,  
**libserial(2)**, **libspi(2)**, **libstream(2)**, **libwatchdog(2)**

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**NAME**

**libi2c** -- Linux Simple I/O Library: I<sup>2</sup>C Module

**SYNOPSIS**

**#include** <libsimpleio/libi2c.h>

**void** I2C\_open(const char \*name, int32\_t \*fd, int32\_t \*error);

**void** I2C\_close(int32\_t fd, int32\_t \*error);

**void** I2C\_transaction(int32\_t fd, int32\_t slaveaddr, void \*cmd, int32\_t cmdlen,  
void \*resp, int32\_t resplen, int32\_t \*error);

Link with **-lsimpleio**.

**DESCRIPTION**

All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in \*error.

**I2C\_open()** opens an I<sup>2</sup>C bus controller device. The device name, **/dev/i2c-x**, must be passed in the *name* parameter. Upon success, a file descriptor for the I<sup>2</sup>C bus controller device is returned in \*fd.

**I2C\_close()** closes a previously opened I<sup>2</sup>C bus controller device.

**I2C\_transaction()** performs a single I<sup>2</sup>C bus transaction, with optional transmit and receive phases. The I<sup>2</sup>C slave device address must be passed in the *slaveaddr* parameter. Either the address of a command message and its length must be passed in the *cmd* and *cmdlen* parameters, or **NULL** and **0** for a receive only transaction. Either the address of a receive buffer and its size must be passed in the *resp* and *resplen* parameters, or **NULL** and **0** for a transmit only transaction.

**SEE ALSO**

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libadc(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libgpio(2)**,  
**libhidraw(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **liblinx(2)**, **libpwm(2)**,  
**libserial(2)**, **libspi(2)**, **libstream(2)**, **libwatchdog(2)**

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**NAME****libip4** — Linux Simple I/O Library: IPv4 TCP Module**SYNOPSIS****#include** <libsimpleio/libip4.h>**void** IPV4\_resolve(char \*name, int32\_t \*addr, int32\_t \*error);**void** IPV4\_ntoa(int32\_t addr, char \*dst, int32\_t dstsize, int32\_t \*error);**void** TCP4\_connect(int32\_t addr, int32\_t port, int32\_t \*fd, int32\_t \*error);**void** TCP4\_accept(int32\_t addr, int32\_t port, int32\_t \*fd, int32\_t \*error);**void** TCP4\_server(int32\_t addr, int32\_t port, int32\_t \*fd, int32\_t \*error);**void** TCP4\_close(int32\_t fd, int32\_t \*error);**void** TCP4\_send(int32\_t fd, void \*buf, int32\_t bufsize, int32\_t \*count, int32\_t \*error);**void** TCP4\_receive(int32\_t fd, void \*buf, int32\_t bufsize, int32\_t \*count, int32\_t \*error);**void** UDP4\_open(int32\_t addr, int32\_t port, int32\_t \*fd, int32\_t \*error);**void** UDP4\_close(int32\_t fd, int32\_t \*error);**void** UDP4\_send(int32\_t fd, int32\_t addr, int32\_t port, void \*buf, int32\_t bufsize, int32\_t flags, int32\_t \*count, int32\_t \*error);**void** UDP4\_receive(int32\_t fd, int32\_t \*addr, int32\_t \*port, void \*buf, int32\_t bufsize, int32\_t flags, int32\_t \*count, int32\_t \*error);Link with **-lsimpleio**.**DESCRIPTION**All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in *\*error*.**IPV4\_resolve()** attempts to resolve an IPv4 address string passed in *\*name* (containing a domain name, a local host name like **localhost** or a dotted decimal address like **1.2.3.4**). Upon success, the 32-bit IPv4 address will be returned in *\*addr*.**IPV4\_ntoa()** converts an IPv4 address to a dotted decimal address string. The address of the destination buffer is passed in *\*dst* and its size, which must be at least 16 bytes, is passed in *dstsize*. Upon success, the dotted decimal address string will be returned in *\*dst*.**TCP4\_connect()** attempts to connect to a IPv4 TCP server. The 32-bit IPv4 address is passed in *addr* and the 16-bit TCP port number is passed in *port*. Upon successful connection, a stream file descriptor will be returned in *\*fd*.**TCP4\_accept()** waits for an incoming connection request from a IPv4 TCP client. Either **INADDR\_ANY** may be passed in *addr* to bind to (i.e. listen on) all network interfaces, or the 32-bit IPV4 address of a particular network interface may be passed to bind to only that interface. The 16-bit TCP port number is passed in *port*. Upon successful connection, a stream file descriptor will be returned in *\*fd*.**TCP4\_server()** operates like **TCP4\_accept()** except that upon successful connection, the original server process forks to create a new and separate connection handler process. The server process continues to listen for more connection requests, without returning from **TCP4\_server()**, while in the new connection handler process, **TCP4\_server()** does return, with a stream file descriptor for the new connection returned

in *\*fd*.

**TCP4\_close()** closes a previously opened IPv4 TCP stream. The stream file descriptor is passed in *fd*.

**TCP4\_send()** sends data to a IPv4 TCP stream. The stream file descriptor is passed in *fd*. The transmit buffer address is passed in *buf* and its size is passed in *bufsize*. Upon success, the number of bytes actually sent will be returned in *\*count*.

**TCP4\_receive()** receives data from a IPv4 TCP stream. The stream file descriptor is passed in *fd*. The receive buffer address is passed in *buf* and its size is passed in *bufsize*. Upon success, the number of bytes actually received will be returned in *\*count*.

**UDP4\_open()** opens a UDP datagram socket. The IP address of the network interface to bind the socket to is passed in the *addr* parameter. A value of zero or **INADDR\_ANY** indicates the socket should bind to all network interfaces. The UDP port number is passed in the *port* parameter. A value of zero indicates the kernel should automatically select a port number. Upon successful completion, a UDP socket file descriptor will be returned in *\*fd*.

**UDP4\_close()** closes a previously opened UDP socket. The UDP socket file descriptor is passed in *fd*.

**UDP4\_send()** sends a UDP datagram. The UDP socket file descriptor is passed in *fd*. The IPv4 address of the destination network node is passed in *addr*. The UDP port number of the destination network node is passed in *port*. The UDP datagram is passed in *\*buf* and its size in bytes is passed in *bufsize*. Flags for the **sendto()** Linux system call are passed in *flags*. The number of bytes sent will be returned in *\*count*.

**UDP4\_receive()** receives a UDP datagram. The UDP socket file descriptor is passed in *fd*. The IPv4 address of the source network node will be returned in *\*addr*. The UDP port number of the source network node will be returned in *\*port*. The UDP datagram will be returned in *\*buf*. The size of the datagram buffer will be passed in *bufsize*. Flags for the **recvfrom()** Linux system call are passed in *flags*. The number of bytes received will be returned in *\*count*.

## SEE ALSO

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libadc(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libgpio(2)**,  
**libhidraw(2)**, **libi2c(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **liblinx(2)**, **libpwm(2)**,  
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**liblinux** — Linux Simple I/O Library: Linux System Call Wrapper Module

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <libsimpleio/liblinux.h>
```

```
void LINUX_detach(int32_t *error);
```

```
void LINUX_drop_privileges(const char *username, int32_t *error);
```

```
void LINUX_openlog(const char *id, int32_t options, int32_t facility,
int32_t *error);
```

```
void LINUX_syslog(int32_t priority, const char *msg, int32_t *error);
```

```
void LINUX_closelog(int32_t *error);
```

```
int32_t LINUX_errno(void);
```

```
void LINUX_strerror(int32_t error, char *buf, int32_t bufsize);
```

```
void LINUX_poll(int32_t numfiles, int32_t *files, int32_t *events,
int32_t *results, int32_t timeout, int32_t *error);
```

```
void LINUX_usleep(int32_t microseconds, int32_t *error);
```

```
void LINUX_command(const char *cmd, int32_t *status, int32_t *error);
```

```
void LINUX_popen_read(const char *cmd, void **stream, int32_t *error);
```

```
void LINUX_popen_write(const char *cmd, void **stream, int32_t *error);
```

```
void LINUX_pclose(void *stream, int32_t *error);
```

Link with **-lsimpleio**.

**DESCRIPTION**

These functions wrap certain useful Linux system calls for use by other programming languages such as Ada, C#, Free Pascal, and Go. They are provided for the convenience of developers using **libsimpleio** with those languages. For the C programming language, they offer no particular benefit over the regular system call wrappers.

All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in *\*error*.

**LINUX\_detach()** detaches the calling process from its controlling terminal and continues execution in the background.

**LINUX\_drop\_privileges()** allows a process started by the superuser to drop its privileges to those of the user specified by the *username* parameter.

**LINUX\_openlog()** opens a connection to the **syslog** message logger. The *options* and *facility* parameters accept the same values as the **openlog()** system library function.

**LINUX\_syslog()** transmits a text message supplied in the *msg* parameter to the **syslog** message logger. The *priority* parameter accepts the same values as the **syslog()** system library function.

**LINUX\_closelog()** closes the connection to the **syslog** message logger.

**LINUX\_errno()** returns the current value of the **errno** variable.

**LINUX\_strerror()** retrieves the error message for the **errno** value passed in the *error* parameter. A destination buffer address and size must be passed in the *buf* and *bufsize* parameters.

**LINUX\_poll()** waits for events on an set of file descriptors. The number of file descriptors is passed in the *numfiles* parameter. An array of file descriptors is passed in the *files* parameter. An array of requested events, using the same values as the **poll()** system library function, is passed in the *events* parameter. The results for each file descriptor, also using the same values as the **poll()** system library function, will be returned in the *results* parameter. A timeout in milliseconds may be passed in the *timeout* parameter. A timeout of zero indicates an immediate return without waiting at all. A timeout of **-1** indicates waiting forever. If the timeout expires without any event on any file descriptor occurring, then *error* will be set to **EAGAIN**.

**LINUX\_usleep()** causes the calling program to sleep for the period indicated by *microseconds*, by calling the **usleep()** system library function.

**LINUX\_command()** passes the shell command string specified by the *cmd* parameter to the **system()** system library function for execution. The return value from the shell command will be returned in *status*.

**LINUX\_popen\_read()** opens a pipe for reading standard output from another program. The shell command string for running the program must be passed in the *cmd* parameter. The **FILE** pointer for the pipe will be returned in the *stream* parameter.

**LINUX\_popen\_write()** opens a pipe for writing standard input to another program. The shell command string for running the program must be passed in the *cmd* parameter. The **FILE** pointer for the pipe will be returned in the *stream* parameter.

**LINUX\_pclose()** closes a pipe opened by **LINUX\_popen\_read()** or **Linux\_popen\_close()**. The **FILE** pointer for the pipe must be passed in the *stream* parameter.

## SEE ALSO

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libadc(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libgpio(2)**,  
**libhidraw(2)**, **libi2c(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **libpwm(2)**,  
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**liblinx** — Linux Simple I/O Library: LabView LINX Remote I/O Module

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <libsimpleio/liblinx.h>
```

Structures:

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8_t SoF;
    uint8_t PacketSize;
    uint16_t PacketNum;
    uint16_t Command;
    uint8_t Args[54];
} LINX_command_t;
```

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8_t SoF;
    uint8_t PacketSize;
    uint16_t PacketNum;
    uint8_t Status;
    uint8_t Data[55];
} LINX_response_t;
```

Server Routines:

```
void LINX_receive_command(int32_t fd, LINX_command_t *cmd, int32_t *count, int32_t *error);
```

```
void LINX_transmit_response(int32_t fd, LINX_response_t *resp, int32_t *error);
```

Client Routines:

```
void LINX_transmit_command(int32_t fd, LINX_command_t *cmd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void LINX_receive_response(int32_t fd, LINX_response_t *resp, int32_t *count, int32_t *error);
```

Byte Packing Routines:

```
uint16_t LINX_makeu16(uint8_t b0, uint8_t b1);
```

```
uint32_t LINX_makeu32(uint8_t b0, uint8_t b1, uint8_t b2, uint8_t b3);
```

Byte Unpacking Routines:

```
uint8_t LINX_splitu16(uint16_t u16, int32_t bn);
```

```
uint8_t LINX_splitu32(uint32_t u32, int32_t bn);
```

Link with **-lsimpleio**.

**DESCRIPTION**

These routines perform framing and encoding or decoding of LabView LINX remote I/O commands (from client to server) and responses (from server to client) to and from a bidirectional byte stream, which will typically be either a serial port or a network socket.



The transmit routines encode a frame from a command or response structure and write it to the stream indicated by the stream file descriptor *fd*. If the frame was written to the stream successfully, *\*error* will be set to zero, otherwise it will be set to an **errno** value.

The receive routines read exactly one byte from the stream indicated by the stream file descriptor *fd*. If the byte was read successfully and completes a frame, *\*error* will be set to zero. If a byte was read successfully, but did not complete a frame, *\*error* will be set to **EAGAIN**. If the read failed, *\*error* will be set to an **errno** value and the previous data discarded. Successive calls to each receive routine must pass the same command or response structure. The *\*count* parameter preserves a byte counter between successive function calls.

A LINX server running on some hardware device will typically have a message loop that calls **LINX\_receive\_command()** to get each command from the LINX client, do some work, and then call **LINX\_transmit\_response()** to return results to the client.

A LINX client will typically call **LINX\_transmit\_command()** to send each command to the server and immediately thereafter call **LINX\_receive\_response()** to receive the results from the server.

The byte packing routines **LINX\_makeu16()** and **LINX\_makeu32()** pack two or four unsigned bytes into a 16-bit or 32-bit unsigned integer. *b0* is the most significant byte and *b1* or *b3* is the least significant byte.

The byte unpacking routines **LINX\_splitu16()** and **LINX\_splitu32()** return a single unsigned byte of a 16-bit or 32-bit unsigned integer, selected by the *bn* byte index parameter. A byte index of **0** selects the most significant byte and a byte index of **1** or **3** selects the least significant byte.

## SEE ALSO

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libadc(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libgpio(2)**,  
**libhidraw(2)**, **libi2c(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **libpwm(2)**,  
**libserial(2)**, **libspi(2)**, **libstream(2)**, **libwatchdog(2)**

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**NAME****libpwm** -- Linux Simple I/O Library: PWM Output Module**SYNOPSIS****#include** <libsimpleio/libpwm.h>**typedef enum**

```
{
    PWM_POLARITY_ACTIVELOW,
    PWM_POLARITY_ACTIVEHIGH,
} PWM_POLARITY_t;
```

```
void PWM_configure(int32_t chip, int32_t channel, int32_t period,
    int32_t ontime, int32_t polarity, int32_t *error);
```

```
void PWM_open(int32_t chip, int32_t channel, int32_t *fd,
    int32_t *error);
```

```
void PWM_close(int32_t fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void PWM_write(int32_t fd, int32_t ontime, int32_t *error);
```

Link with **-lsimpleio**.**DESCRIPTION**

All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in *\*error*.

**PWM\_configure()** configures a single PWM output. The *chip* parameter selects the PWM controller chip (as numbered by the Linux kernel) and the *channel* parameter selects the PWM output (also as numbered by the Linux kernel) to be configured. The *period* parameter sets the PWM output pulse period in nanoseconds. Note that many PWM controllers require the same PWM pulse frequency for all channels. Therefore, configuring different pulse period values for different channels within the same PWM controller may result in incorrect operation. The *ontime* parameter sets the initial PWM output pulse width in nanoseconds. The *polarity* parameter sets the PWM output polarity and may be **PWM\_POLARITY\_ACTIVELOW** or **PWM\_POLARITY\_ACTIVEHIGH**. Note that some PWM controllers will not allow the **PWM\_POLARITY\_ACTIVELOW** setting.

**PWM\_open()** opens a (previously) configured PWM output device. The PWM controller chip number must be passed in the *chip* parameter and the PWM output number must be passed in the *channel* parameter. Upon success, a file descriptor for the PWM output device is returned in *\*fd*.

**PWM\_close()** closes a previously opened PWM output device.

**PWM\_write()** changes the PWM output pulse width. The file descriptor for an open PWM output device must be passed in the *fd* parameter. The new PWM output pulse width in nanoseconds must be passed in the *ontime* parameter.

**SEE ALSO**

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libadc(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libgpio(2)**,  
**libhidraw(2)**, **libi2c(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **liblinx(2)**,  
**libserial(2)**, **libspi(2)**, **libstream(2)**, **libwatchdog(2)**

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**libserial** — Linux Simple I/O Library: Asynchronous Serial Port Module

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <libsimpleio/libserial.h>
```

```
typedef enum
```

```
{
    SERIAL_PARITY_NONE,
    SERIAL_PARITY_EVEN,
    SERIAL_PARITY_ODD,
} SERIAL_PARITY_t;
```

```
void SERIAL_open(const char *name, int32_t baudrate, int32_t parity,
    int32_t databits, int32_t stopbits, int32_t *fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void SERIAL_close(int32_t fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void SERIAL_send(int32_t fd, void *buf, int32_t bufsize,
    int32_t *count, int32_t *error);
```

```
void SERIAL_receive(int32_t fd, void *buf, int32_t bufsize,
    int32_t *count, int32_t *error);
```

Link with **-lsimpleio**.

**DESCRIPTION**

All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in *\*error*.

**SERIAL\_open()** opens and configures a serial port device. The device name must be passed in the *name* parameter. The *baudrate* parameter sets the serial port bit rate. Allowed values are **50, 75, 110, 134, 150, 200, 300, 600, 1200, 1800, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400, 460800, 500000, 576000, 921600**, and **1000000**. The *parity* parameter sets the parity mode. Allowed values are **SERIAL\_PARITY\_NONE**, **SERIAL\_PARITY\_EVEN**, and **SERIAL\_PARITY\_ODD**. The *databits* parameter sets the number of bits per character, and may be from **5** to **8**. The *stopbits* parameter sets the number of stop bits per character, and may be **1** or **2**. Upon success, a file descriptor for the serial port device is returned in *\*fd*.

**SERIAL\_close()** closes a previously opened serial port device. The serial port device file descriptor is passed in *fd*.

**SERIAL\_send()** sends data to the serial port device. The serial port device file descriptor is passed in *fd*. The transmit buffer address is passed in *buf* and its size is passed in *bufsize*. Upon success, the number of bytes actually sent will be returned in *\*count*.

**SERIAL\_receive()** receives data from the serial port device. The serial port device file descriptor is passed in *fd*. The receive buffer address is passed in *buf* and its size is passed in *bufsize*. Upon success, the number of bytes actually received will be returned in *\*count*.

**SEE ALSO**

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libadc(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libgpio(2)**,  
**libhidraw(2)**, **libi2c(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **liblinx(2)**,  
**libpwm(2)**, **libspi(2)**, **libstream(2)**, **libwatchdog(2)**

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**libspi** — Linux Simple I/O Library: SPI Module

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <libsimpleio/libspi.h>
```

```
void SPI_open(const char *name, int32_t mode, int32_t wordsize,  
              int32_t speed, int32_t *fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void SPI_close(int32_t fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void SPI_transaction(int32_t spifd, int32_t csfd, void *cmd,  
                    int32_t cmdlen, int32_t delayus, void *resp, int32_t resplen,  
                    int32_t *error);
```

Link with **-lsimpleio**.

**DESCRIPTION**

All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in *\*error*.

**SPI\_open()** opens an SPI slave device. The device name, **/dev/spidevx.x**, must be passed in the *name* parameter. The *mode* parameter specifies the SPI bus transfer mode, **0** to **3**. The *wordsize* parameter specifies the SPI bus transfer unit size, usually **8**, **16**, or **32** bits. Some SPI controllers only allow 8-bit transfers. The *speed* parameter specifies the SPI bus transfer speed in bits per second. Upon success, a file descriptor for the SPI slave device is returned in *\*fd*.

**SPI\_close()** closes a previously opened SPI slave device.

**SPI\_transaction()** performs a single SPI bus transaction, with optional transmit and receive phases. Either the address of a command message and its length must be passed in the *cmd* and *cmdlen* parameters, or **NULL** and **0** for a receive only transaction. The *delayus* parameter indicates the time in microseconds between the transmit and receive phases. It should be set long enough for the SPI slave device to execute the command and generate its response. Either the address of a receive buffer and its size must be passed in the *resp* and *resplen* parameters, or **NULL** and **0** for a transmit only transaction. The *csfd* parameter should be set to **SPI\_CS\_AUTO** to use the hardware controlled slave chip select signal or set to the open file descriptor for a GPIO pin to use for the software controlled slave chip select signal.

**SEE ALSO**

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libadc(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libgpio(2)**,  
**libhidraw(2)**, **libi2c(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **liblinx(2)**,  
**libpwm(2)**, **libserial(2)**, **libstream(2)**, **libwatchdog(2)**

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**libstream** -- Linux Simple I/O Library: Stream Framing Protocol Module

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <libsimpleio/libstream.h>
```

```
typedef ssize_t (*STREAM_readfn_t)(int fd, void *buf, size_t count);
```

```
typedef ssize_t (*STREAM_writefn_t)(int fd, const void *buf,
    size_t count);
```

```
void STREAM_change_readfn(STREAM_readfn_t newread, int32_t *error);
```

```
void STREAM_change_writefn(STREAM_writefn_t newwrite, int32_t *error);
```

```
void STREAM_encode_frame(void *src, int32_t srclen, void *dst,
    int32_t dstsize, int32_t *dstlen, int32_t *error);
```

```
void STREAM_decode_frame(void *src, int32_t srclen, void *dst,
    int32_t dstsize, int32_t *dstlen, int32_t *error);
```

```
void STREAM_send_frame(int32_t fd, void *buf, int32_t bufsize,
    int32_t *count, int32_t *error);
```

```
void STREAM_receive_frame(int32_t fd, void *buf, int32_t bufsize,
    int32_t *framesize, int32_t *error);
```

Link with **-lsimpleio**.

**DESCRIPTION**

These functions encode, decode, send, and receive frames to and from a bidirectional byte stream, which will typically be either a serial port or a network socket. The frames are encoded according to the Stream Framing Protocol. See below for a link to the protocol specification.

All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in *\*error*.

**STREAM\_change\_readfn()** changes the function used to read from the underlying stream from the default **read()** to some other compatible function.

**STREAM\_change\_writefn()** changes the function used to write to the underlying stream from the default **write()** to some other compatible function.

**STREAM\_encode\_frame()** encodes the message passed in *\*src*, with its length passed in *srclen*. Empty messages (*srclen*==0) are allowed. The encoded frame will be returned in *\*dst*, whose maximum size must be passed in *dstsize*. The size of the destination buffer must be at least  $2 * srclen + 8$  bytes. The actual size of the encoded frame will be returned in *\*dstlen*.

**STREAM\_decode\_frame()** decodes the frame passed in *\*src*, with its length passed in *srclen*. The decoded message will be returned in *\*dst*, whose maximum size must be passed in *dstsize*. The actual size of the decoded message will be returned in *\*dstlen*.

**STREAM\_send\_frame()** writes an encoded frame to the bidirectional byte stream indicated by the file descriptor *fd*. The encoded frame is passed in *buf* and its size is passed in *bufsize*. Upon success, the number of bytes actually sent will be returned in *\*count*.

**STREAM\_receive\_frame()** reads one byte from the bidirectional byte stream indicated by the file descriptor *fd* and attempts to assemble a frame. It should be called repeatedly with the same *\*buf*, *bufsize*, and *\*framesize* parameters. The *\*framesize* parameter is incremented for each byte received, and zeroed if an error occurs. The *\*error* parameter will be set to **EAGAIN** while a frame is being assembled. Upon successful assembly of a complete frame, its size will be returned in *\*framesize* and zero returned in *\*error*.

**SEE ALSO**

**libsimpleio(2), libadc(2), libdac(2), libevent(2), libgpio(2),  
libhidraw(2), libi2c(2), libip4(2), liblinux(2), liblinx(2),  
libpwm(2), libserial(2), libspi(2), libwatchdog(2)**

**<http://git.munts.com/libsimpleio/doc/StreamFramingProtocol.pdf>**

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**libwatchdog** — Linux Simple I/O Library: Watchdog Timer Module

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <libsimpleio/libwatchdog.h>
```

```
void WATCHDOG_open(const char *name, int32_t *fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void WATCHDOG_close(int32_t fd, int32_t *error);
```

```
void WATCHDOG_get_timeout(int32_t fd, int32_t *timeout, int32_t *error);
```

```
void WATCHDOG_set_timeout(int32_t fd, int32_t newtimeout,  
    int32_t *timeout, int32_t *error);
```

```
void WATCHDOG_kick(int32_t fd, int32_t *error);
```

Link with **-lsimpleio**.

**DESCRIPTION**

All functions return either **0** (upon success) or an **errno** value (upon failure) in *\*error*.

**WATCHDOG\_open()** opens a watchdog timer device. The device node name, usually **/dev/watchdog**, must be passed in the *name* parameter. Upon success, a file descriptor for the watchdog timer device is returned in *\*fd*.

**WATCHDOG\_close()** closes a previously opened watchdog timer device. Note that this may result in watchdog timer expiration and subsequent system reset.

**WATCHDOG\_get\_timeout()** may be used to discover the current watchdog timeout period. Upon success, the watchdog period in seconds will be returned in *\*timeout*.

**WATCHDOG\_set\_timeout()** may be used to change the watchdog timeout period. The requested new timeout period in seconds must be passed in *newtimeout*. Upon success, the actual new watchdog period in seconds will be returned in *\*timeout*. Note that the new watchdog period may be different from that requested. For example, if the watchdog timer device has a granularity of one minute, requesting a timeout of 45 seconds will result in an actual timeout of 60 seconds. Also note that the particular watchdog timer device may not allow increasing the timeout or may not allow changing it at all.

**WATCHDOG\_kick()** may be used to reset the watchdog timer.

**SEE ALSO**

**libsimpleio(2)**, **libadc(2)**, **libdac(2)**, **libevent(2)**, **libgpio(2)**,  
**libhidraw(2)**, **libi2c(2)**, **libip4(2)**, **liblinux(2)**, **liblinx(2)**,  
**libpwm(2)**, **libserial(2)**, **libspi(2)**, **libstream(2)**

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