

MuntsOS Embedded Linux

Application Note #19: BeaglePlay Target Platform Notes

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Introduction

The [BeaglePlay](#) is a small Linux microcomputer board with industry standard interfaces for add-on I/O modules (a [mikroBUS](#) socket, a [QWIIC](#) socket, and a [Grove](#) socket) instead of a general purpose expansion header. It has a Texas Instruments AM6254 ARMv8 Cortex-A53 quad core CPU and comes with 2 GB of RAM. The BeaglePlay has one USB-A receptacle for peripheral devices and one USB-C receptacle for power and tethering. It has 10/100/1000BASE-T and [10BASE-T1L](#) wired Ethernet interfaces, a [WL1807MOD](#) wireless Ethernet interface, and a [CC1352P7](#) wireless microcontroller capable of supporting a wide variety of radio networks.

Standard Hardware Configuration

After installing a **MuntsOS Embedded Linux** [Thin Server](#), the BeaglePlay will have all of the mikroBUS hardware subsystems (I²C bus master, PWM output, SPI bus master, and UART) active and the Grove and QWIIC sockets configured as I²C bus masters.

mikroBUS Socket

	GPIO3.10	AN	PWM	PWM0.0	GPIO3.11
	GPIO3.12	RST	INT	GPIO3.9	
GPIO3.13	SPI0 CS0	CS	RX	UART5 RXD	GPIO3.24
GPIO3.14	SPI0 SCLK	SCK	TX	UART5 TXD	GPIO3.25
GPIO3.7	SPI0 MISO	MISO	SCL	I2C3 SCL	GPIO3.22
GPIO3.8	SPI0 MOSI	MOSI	SDA	I2C3 SDA	GPIO3.23
	3.3V	+3.3V	+5V	+5V	
	GND	GND	GND	GND	

QWIIC Socket

I2C5 SCL	1	1
I2C5 SDA	2	2
3.3V	3	3
GND	4	4

Grove Socket

I2C1 SCL	GPIO3.28	PWM1.0	UART1 RXD
I2C1 SDA	GPIO3.29	PWM1.1	UART1 TXD
3.3V			
GND			

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GPIOX.Y denotes `/dev/gpiochipX` line **Y**.

PWMX.Y denotes `/sys/class/pwm/pwmchipX` output **Y**.

Alternate GPIO pin functions (shown as gray in the above diagram) can be configured with device tree overlays described in the following section.

Device Tree Overlays

MuntsOS includes the following device tree overlays for altering the BeaglePlay hardware configuration. Device tree overlays are applied by the boot loader and selected by editing `/boot/config.txt`, changing `OVERLAYS=` to e.g. `OVERLAYS=grove-gpio mikrobus-gpio`.

disable-ethernet.dtbo

Disables the 10/100/1000BASE-T wired Ethernet interface.

disable-spe.dtbo

Disables the 10BASE-T1L Single Pair Ethernet interface.

disable-wifi.dtbo

Disables the wireless Ethernet interface, by disabling the SDIO interface `mmc2`.

grove-gpio.dtbo

Disables hardware subsystem `I2C1` and configures the Grove socket `D0` pin as `GPI03.28` and `D1` pin as `GPI03.29`.

grove-motor1.dtbo

Disables hardware subsystem `I2C1` and configures the Grove socket `D0` pin as `PWM1.0` and `D1` pin as `GPI03.29`.

grove-motor2.dtbo

Disables hardware subsystem `I2C1` and configures the Grove socket `D0` pin as `PWM1.0` and `D1` pin as `PWM1.1`.

grove-motor3.dtbo

Disables hardware subsystem `I2C1` and configures the Grove socket `D0` pin as `GPI03.28` and `D1` pin as `PWM1.1`.

grove-serial.dtbo

Disables hardware subsystem `I2C1` and configures the Grove socket as serial port `/dev/ttyS1`.

mikrobus-gpio.dtbo

Configures all mikroBUS pins as GPIO *and* disables the corresponding SPI, I²C, PWM, and UART hardware subsystems to conserve power consumption. This is the preferred overlay for supporting unusual Click Boards such as the [Relay Click](#) which drives one of the relays with `CS`, normally the SPI slave select signal.

mikrobus-i2c-gpio.dtbo

Configures both of the mikroBUS I²C pins as GPIO. Does *not* disable the corresponding I²C hardware subsystem.

mikrobus-pwm-gpio.dtbo

Configures the mikroBUS PWM pin as GPIO. Does *not* disable the corresponding PWM hardware subsystem.

mikrobus-spi-gpio.dtbo

Configures all of the mikroBUS SPI pins as GPIO. Does *not* disable the corresponding SPI hardware subsystem.

mikrobus-uart-gpio.dtbo

Configures both of the mikroBUS serial port pins as GPIO. Does *not* disable the corresponding UART hardware subsystem.

Serial Ports

Unlike the Debian distribution for the BeaglePlay, there is a direct and sane mapping between the hardware serial ports and their device nodes (**UART0** is **/dev/ttyS0** etc.).

Hardware Subsystem	Device Node
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UART0	/dev/ttyS0	Console Serial Port Header J6
UART1	/dev/ttyS1	Grove Socket (requires grove-serial.dtbo)
UART5	/dev/ttyS5	mikroBUS socket RX and TX
UART6	/dev/ttyS6	CC1352 wireless microcontroller

WiFi Antennas

The BeaglePlay WiFi interface works best with two **2.4G/5G** antennas, connected to coax sockets **J3** and **J5**.