



B4 EMBEDDED SYSTEM

M2 EMBEDDED SYSTEM INFORMATION PROCESSING

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1.1 Introduction

Embedded Linux is a version of the Linux operating system designed to run on embedded system, such as IoT devices, industrial equipment, or medical devices.

- open-source
- flexible
- modular

Why Choose Embedded Linux ? Unlike proprietary systems, Embedded Linux allows developers to modify the source code and adapt it to their needs.

Objectif

- Compile and load our first kernel module.
- Develop a driver for an I2C device, initialize the device when detected, and reset it when removed.

In this TP we are going to work mainly with QEMU in order to simulate an ARM-based system. Therefore to proceed to the work we install firstly QEMU and then a cross compiler which allows us to compile the programs intended for the ARM machine from a x86_64 processor based machine.

First, we will configure the environment variables and folders necessary for the development of this TP. The work is hosted in the environment variable \$TPROOT, which is a global way to refer to the folder /seti-b4 tp, where the ensemble of folders and files of the TP are contained.

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2 TP1 - Booting a Linux System

2.1 Introduction

In this practical session, we will explore the process of compiling and booting a custom Linux kernel using QEMU. The objective is to understand the fundamental steps required to build an embedded Linux system. This includes downloading and configuring the Linux kernel, cross-compiling it for a target architecture, setting up an initramfs with BusyBox for essential system utilities, and using U-Boot as a bootloader

2.2 QEMU

We use QEMU to simulate a complete embedded system based on an ARM processor. It eliminates the need for physical hardware for experimentation, test, Debug QEMU can make it easy your embedded system.

- We'll be using a special version of qemu-system-arm (it adds an emulated device to QEMU)

```
katiagkatia-os: ~/bureau/set1-b4-tp$ ldd qemu-system-arm
linux-vdso.so.1 (0x00007ffff2172000)
libfdt.so.1 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libfdt.so.1 (0x00007f9669a54000)
libz.so.1 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libz.so.1 (0x00007f9669a38000)
libpixman-1.so.0 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libpixman-1.so.0 (0x00007f966855000)
libgio-2.0.so.0 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgio-2.0.so.0 (0x00007f966837c000)
libgobject-2.0.so.0 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgobject-2.0.so.0 (0x00007f966831c000)
libglib-2.0.so.0 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libglib-2.0.so.0 (0x00007f96681e2000)
libncursesw.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libncursesw.so.6 (0x00007f96681a6000)
libtinfo.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libtinfo.so.6 (0x00007f9668174000)
libgmodule-2.0.so.0 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgmodule-2.0.so.0 (0x00007f9669a2f000)
libbz2.so.1.0 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libbz2.so.1.0 (0x00007f9668161000)
libstdc++.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libstdc++.so.6 (0x00007f9667e00000)
libm.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libm.so.6 (0x00007f9668078000)
libgcc_s.so.1 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgcc_s.so.1 (0x00007f9668058000)
libc.so.6 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6 (0x00007f9667a00000)
/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2 (0x00007f9669a6f000)
libmount.so.1 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libmount.so.1 (0x00007f9667dbc000)
libselinux.so.1 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libselinux.so.1 (0x00007f966802c000)
libffi.so.8 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libffi.so.8 (0x00007f9667daf000)
libpcre.so.3 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libpcre.so.3 (0x00007f9667d37000)
libblkid.so.1 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libblkid.so.1 (0x00007f9667d00000)
libpcre2-8.so.0 => /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libpcre2-8.so.0 (0x00007f9667c69000)
katiagkatia-os: ~/bureau/set1-b4-tp$
```

FIGURE 1

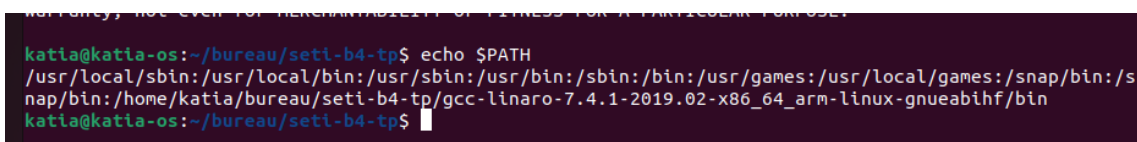
— For Ubuntu 22.04 distribution : qemu-system-arm (90 MB)

2.3 Cross-compilation

It's a technique that allows compiling a program or a kernel on a host machine with a given architecture (e.g., a Linux PC on `x86_64`) while generating an executable code for a different target architecture (such as an ARM processor used in an embedded system), as is the case in this lab. Since the host machine cannot directly execute the code intended for the target architecture, a specific compilation toolchain, called a cross-compilation toolchain, is used to produce a binary compatible with the target system.

All the software layers we're going to compile (kernel, tools, etc.) are designed to run on an ARM Cortex-A processor-based machine.

If we compile using our machine's classic compiler, we'll get machine code for an `x86` or `x86_64` processor that won't run on an ARM processor. So we'll use a Cross-Compiler, a compiler that runs on one architecture (`x86_64`) but produces code for another (`arm`). We will use the `arm-linux-gnueabi` toolchain provided by "Linaro"

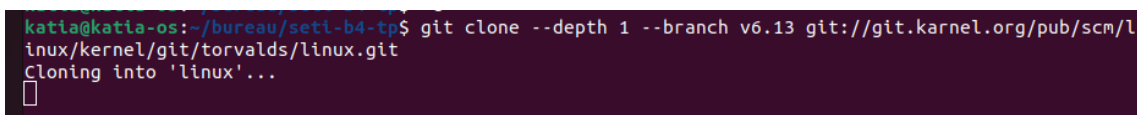


```
katia@katia-os:~/bureau/seti-b4-tp$ echo $PATH
/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games:/snap/bin:/snap/bin:/home/katia/bureau/seti-b4-tp/gcc-linaro-7.4.1-2019.02-x86_64_arm-linux-gnueabi/bin
katia@katia-os:~/bureau/seti-b4-tp$
```

FIGURE 2

2.4 Compile the Kernel and Launch QEMU

2.4.1 install kernel



```
katia@katia-os:~/bureau/seti-b4-tp$ git clone --depth 1 --branch v6.13 git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git
Cloning into 'linux'...
```

FIGURE 3

- `depth 1` → Clones only the last commit of the branch to save time and space.
- `branch v6.13` → Download version 6.13 of the Linux kernel (replace with another version if necessary).

Two important files are generated during compilation :

- build/arch/arm/boot/zImage : The compressed kernel image.
- build/arch/arm/boot/dts/vexpress-v2p-ca9.dtb : The default device tree for the board.

2.5 Launch QEMU

This command launches QEMU, telling it the type of machine to emulate (vexpress-a9), the kernel image to use (linux-5.15.6/build/arch/arm/boot/zImage)

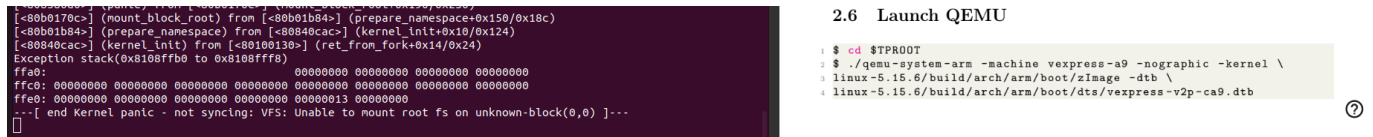


FIGURE 4

- **The error "Kernel panic - not syncing : VFS : Unable to mount root fs on unknown-block(0,0)"** means that the Linux kernel is unable to find and mount the root filesystem (rootfs).

2.6 Creating an Initramfs

The kernel can't find a file system. We'll start by providing it with an initramfs memory image and a small init - Create the init.c File and Compilation

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("Hello world!\n");
    sleep(10);
}
```

FIGURE 5

As expected, once its execution is completed (after a few seconds), the kernel triggers a panic. This happens because the init process should never terminate, as it is the first user process launched by the kernel, and its termination leads to a critical

```
Freeing unused kernel image (initramfs) at 102M
Run /init as init process
Hello world c'est bon pour cette etape !
input: ImExPS/2 Generic Explorer Mouse as /devices/platform/bus@40000000/bus@40000000:motherboard-bus@40000000/bus@40000000:motherboard-bus@40000000:iofpga@7,00000000/10007000.kni/serio1/input/input2
random: fast init done
Kernel panic - not syncing: Attempted to kill init! exitcode=0x00000000
CPU: 0 PID: 1 Comm: init Not tainted 5.15.6 #1
Hardware name: ARM-Versatile Express
[<8010f200>] (unwind_backtrace) from [<8010af48>] (show_stack+0x10/0x14)
[<8010af48>] (show_stack) from [<8083c6f4>] (dump_stack_lvl+0x40/0x4c)
[<8083c6f4>] (dump_stack_lvl) from [<808386a0>] (panic+0xf8/0x2f4)
[<808386a0>] (panic) from [<80124eec>] (do_exit+0x938/0x9b8)
[<80124eec>] (do_exit) from [<80125f7c>] (do_group_exit+0x3c/0xb8)
[<80125f7c>] (do_group_exit) from [<80126008>] (__wake_up_parent+0x0/0x18)
---[ end Kernel panic - not syncing: Attempted to kill init! exitcode=0x00000000 ]---
```

FIGURE 6

situation where the kernel no longer knows what to execute. This behavior confirms that the kernel is functioning properly and that the initramfs is correctly loaded, but it is necessary to have a persistent init process to avoid this error.

2.7 BusyBox

We will use BusyBox to create a functional initial memory image

In this Lab we will use the latest version of BusyBox which is :

```
1 $ wget https://busybox.net/downloads/busybox-1.34.1.tar.bz2
2
```

— Launching and installing

4. Puis lancez la compilation :

```
$ make
$ make install
```

FIGURE 7

— It therefore provides an almost complete environment on its own for small embedded systems.

```

./_install//usr/sbin/ubirmvol -> ../../bin/busybox
./_install//usr/sbin/ubirsvol -> ../../bin/busybox
./_install//usr/sbin/ubiupdatevol -> ../../bin/busybox
./_install//usr/sbin/udhcpd -> ../../bin/busybox
-----
You will probably need to make your busybox binary
setuid root to ensure all configured applets will
work properly.
-----

```

FIGURE 8

9. Vous pouvez ensuite la lancer avec QEMU :

```

$ cd ..
$ ./qemu-system-arm -machine vexpress-a9 -nographic -kernel \
linux-5.15.6/build/arch/arm/boot/zImage \
-dtb linux-5.15.6/build/arch/arm/boot/dts/vexpress-v2p-ca9.dtb \
-initrd initramfs_busybox/initramfs.gz

```

Une fois Linux démarré, il suffit d'appuyer sur une touche pour accéder à un interpréteur de commande.

FIGURE 9

```

#0: ARM AC'97 Interface PL041 rev0 at 0x10004000, irq 32
Freeing unused kernel image (initmem) memory: 1024K
Run /init as init process
input: ImEXPS/2 Generic Explorer Mouse as /devices/platform/bus@40000000/bus@40000000:motherboard-bus@40
000000/bus@40000000:motherboard-bus@40000000:iofpga@7,00000000/10007000.kmi/serio1/input/input2

Please press Enter to activate this console. random: fast init done

/ #
/ # █

```

FIGURE 10

2.8 Bootloader : Das U-Boot

As part of this lab, this preloader is simulated by QEMU, which loads the U-Boot image into memory and starts its execution

Start U-Boot with QEMU for testing :

```

$ cd ..
$ ./qemu-system-arm -machine vexpress-a9 -nographic -kernel u-boot-2020.10/u-boot

```

FIGURE 11

The system will attempt to load a Linux image from available emulated devices (SD card, flash memory or network). However, as none of these devices contain a Linux kernel, the boot process will fail.

```

TFTP error: trying to overwrite reserved memory...
smc911x: MAC 52:54:00:12:34:56
smc911x: MAC 52:54:00:12:34:56
smc911x: detected LAN9118 controller
smc911x: phy initialized
smc911x: MAC 52:54:00:12:34:56
BOOTP broadcast 1
DHCP client bound to address 10.0.2.15 (0 ms)
Using smc911x-0 device
TFTP from server 10.0.2.2; our IP address is 10.0.2.15
Filename 'boot.scr.uimg'.
smc911x: MAC 52:54:00:12:34:56

TFTP error: trying to overwrite reserved memory...
smc911x: MAC 52:54:00:12:34:56
Wrong Image Format for bootm command
ERROR: can't get kernel image!
=> <INTERRUPT>

```

FIGURE 12

```

Model: (file)
Disk /home/katia/bureau/seti-b4-tp/sdcard/sdcard/sd: 67,1MB
Sector size (logical/physical): 512B/512B
Partition Table: msdos
Disk Flags:

Number  Start   End     Size    Type     File system  Flags
  1      1049kB  67,1MB  66,1MB  primary  fat32        lba

```

FIGURE 13

```

$ cd $TPROOT
$ qemu-system-arm -machine vexpress-a9 -nographic -kernel \
u-boot-2020.10/u-boot -sd sdcard/sd

```

FIGURE 14

```

katia@katia-os:~/bureau/seti-b4-tp$ ./qemu-system-arm -machine vexpress-a9 -nographic -kernel \
u-boot-2020.10/u-boot -sd sdcard/sd
WARNING: Image format was not specified for 'sdcard/sd' and probing guessed raw.
Automatically detecting the format is dangerous for raw images, write operations on block 0 will
be restricted.
Specify the 'raw' format explicitly to remove the restrictions.

U-Boot 2020.10 (Feb 12 2025 - 21:44:46 +0100)

```

FIGURE 15

Here, errors appeared indicating that the kernel could not read the kernel image, without triggering a panic. This means that the files need to be properly loaded into memory before the kernel can be started.

```

=> fatload mmc 0:1 0x62000000 zImage
=> fatload mmc 0:1 0x63000000 vexpress-v2p-ca9.dtb
=> fatload mmc 0:1 0x63100000 uinitramfs

```

FIGURE 16

```

TFTP error: trying to overwrite reserved memory...
smc911x: MAC 52:54:00:12:34:56
Wrong Image Format for bootm command
ERROR: can't get kernel image!
=> fatload mmc 0:1 0x62000000 zImage
4996496 bytes read in 1048 ms (4.5 MiB/s)
=> fatload mmc 0:1 0x63000000 vexpress-v2p-ca9.dtb
14081 bytes read in 22 ms (625 KiB/s)
=> fatload mmc 0:1 0x63100000 uinitramfs
2124033 bytes read in 451 ms (4.5 MiB/s)
=> bootz 0x62000000 0x63100000 0x63000000

```

FIGURE 17

```

=> bootz 0x62000000 0x63100000 0x63000000
Kernel image @ 0x62000000 [ 0x000000 - 0x4c3d90 ]
## Loading init Ramdisk from Legacy Image at 63100000 ...
Image Name:
Image Type:   ARM Linux RAMDisk Image (gzip compressed)
Data Size:    2123969 Bytes = 2 MiB
Load Address: 00000000
Entry Point:  00000000
Verifying Checksum ... OK
## Flattened Device Tree blob at 63000000
Booting using the fdt blob at 0x63000000
Loading Ramdisk to 67c6e000, end 67e748c1 ... OK
Loading Device Tree to 67c67000, end 67c6d700 ... OK

Starting kernel ...

```

FIGURE 18

The message "Starting kernel ..." indicates that this command has been executed successfully and that the kernel is now booting.

2.9 Conclusion

During this first lab, we deepened our understanding of the kernel boot process and the essential components involved at each stage of its initialization, including the various errors that may occur. We also studied key concepts such as memory image creation, memory management and segmentation, and cross-compilation of applications for the target architecture.

For this lab, we learned how to build a kernel as preparation for the following labs.

3 TP2 - I2C Driver Development

3.1 Introduction

In this practical session, we will design our first driver for an accelerometer, the Adxl345, communicating by I2C with our system. For simplicity's sake, we will use the qemu simulator to represent our TP1's kernel being connected to this accelerometer.

3.2 Structure of a Linux driver

```
static int foo_probe(struct i2c_client *client,
                    const struct i2c_device_id *id){
}

static int foo_remove(struct i2c_client *client){
}

static struct i2c_device_id foo_idtable[] = {
    { "foo", 0 },
    { }
};
MODULE_DEVICE_TABLE(i2c, foo_idtable);

#ifdef CONFIG_OF
static const struct of_device_id foo_of_match[] = {
    { .compatible = "vendor,foo",
      .data = NULL },
    {}
};
MODULE_DEVICE_TABLE(of, foo_of_match);
#endif

static struct i2c_driver foo_driver = {
    .driver = {
        .name = "foo",
        .of_match_table = of_match_ptr(foo_of_match),
    },
    .id_table = foo_idtable,
    .probe = foo_probe,
    .remove = foo_remove,
};
module_i2c_driver(foo_driver);
MODULE_LICENSE("GPL");
MODULE_DESCRIPTION("Foo driver");
MODULE_AUTHOR("Me");
```

We will use the functions `probe()` and `remove()` to interface our kernel with the accelerometer.

`probe()` is executed each time the device is detected/connected.

`remove()` is executed each time the device is removed.

Hence, for this TP we will configure the accelerometer in the `probe()` function, and remove

to notify the user of the disconnection.

3.3 Retrieval of DEVID

For now, we will try to communicate with the accelerometer to retrieve its ID. The following image from the ADXL documentation explains how to access the registers of its microcontroller. [Problem] : **After getting the hint about how to write a value**, we can make sense of this graph.

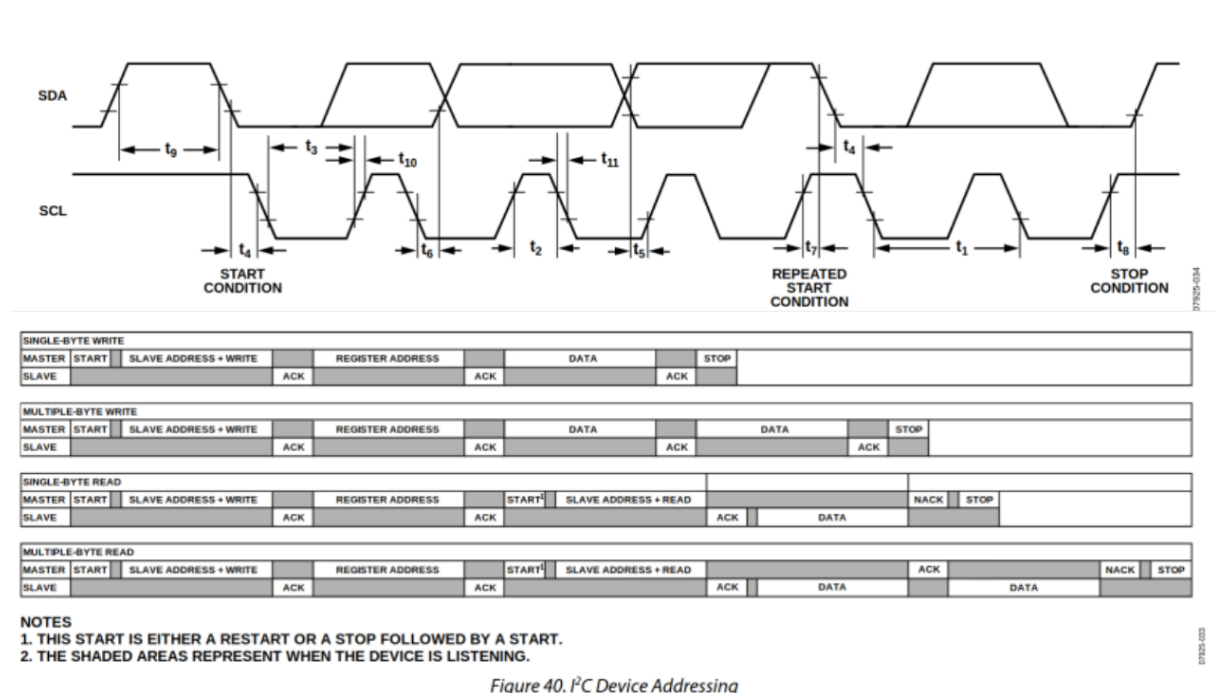


FIGURE 19 – I2C Addressing

To retrieve a single value, we need to first write the target address, then send a read request, hence getting the value of target register. `i2c_master_send({address})` followed by `i2c_master_recv()`.

To write a single value, we need to bundle the target register address and desired value in a single-byte write. There is no "START¹" byte between the "register address" write and the "data" write. A single `i2c_master_send({address,value})` is needed.

Our solution for retrieving the DEVID is :

```

adxl345.c 3 x  Extension: C/C++ Extension Pack
C adxl345.c > adxl345_probe(i2c_client *, const i2c_device_id *)
9      const struct i2c_device_id *id)
13     int Bsent,Brcv;
14
15     u8 send_buff[1]={0x00};
16     u8 rcv_buff[1];
17
18     printk(KERN_INFO " %d  %d 1.\n",id[0],id[1]);
19
20
21
22     printk(KERN_INFO "the write gave us %d",i2c_master_send(client,send_buff));
23     Brcv= i2c_master_recv(client,rcv_buff, sizeof(rcv_buff));
24     printk(KERN_INFO "received DEVID : %02x with number of bytes %d", Brcv, sizeof(rcv_buff));
25
26     return 0;
27 }
28
29 static int adxl345_remove(struct i2c_client *client)
30 {
31     /* ... */
32     printk(KERN_INFO "Goodbye I2C 1. \n");
33     return 0;}

Ln 22, Col 45  Spaces: 4  UTF-8  LF  {}  C  Linux

gfade@gfade-ROG-Zephyrus-G14-GA401QC-GA401QC: ~/Doc...
Freeing unused kernel memory: 1024K
Run /init as init process
Starting syslogd: OK
input: ImEXPS/2 Generic Explorer Mouse as /devices/platform/motherboard/bus@4000000:motherboard:iopfpga@7,00000000:put/input2
Starting klogd: OK
Running sysctl: OK
Saving random seed: random: dd: uninitialized urandom read (512 bytes) OK
Starting network: OK

Welcome to Buildroot
buildroot login: root
# random: fast init done
mount -t 9p -o trans=virtio mnt /mnt -oversion=9p2000.L
# insmod /mnt/adxl345.ko
adxl345: loading out-of-tree module taints kernel.
1819829345 3486771 1.
the write gave us 1
# rmmmod adxl345
received DEVID : e5 with number of bytes 1
Goodbye I2C 1.
#

```

FIGURE 20 – First read

3.4 Configuring the accelerometer

The next step is to properly configure the accelerometer when connected. We will need to write to correct values to the following registers : BW_RATE, INT_ENABLE, DATA_FORMAT, FIFO_CTL, POWER_CTL. To write, we will send buffers fill with the address and the value to write.

Here is our final driver's probe() function :

```

home > gfade > Documents > SETI > seti-b4-tp > pilote_i2c > C adxl345.c > adxl345_probe(i2c_client *, const i2c_device_id *)
9      const struct i2c_device_id *id)
38     //0x2E INT_ENABLE value
39     u8 int_buff[2]={0x2E,0x00};
40     i2c_master_send(client, int_buff,sizeof(int_buff));
41
42     //0x31 DATA_FORMAT
43     //what does "default" mean?
44     u8 format_buff[2]={0x31,0x00};
45     i2c_master_send(client, format_buff,sizeof(format_buff));
46
47     //0x38 FIFO_CTL
48     //set all to 0
49     u8 fifo_buff[2]={0x38,0x00};
50     i2c_master_send(client, fifo_buff,sizeof(fifo_buff));
51
52     //0x2D 45 POWER_CTL
53     //to activate set D3 Measure to 1
54     u8 power_buff[2]={0x2D,0b00000000}; //initialement à 000
55     i2c_master_send(client, power_buff,sizeof(power_buff));
56
57     return 0;
58 }
59 static int adxl345_remove(struct i2c_client *client){
60
61     //0x2D 45 POWER_CTL
62     //turn off->standby
63     u8 power_buff[2]={0x2D,0b00000000}; //initialement à 00000000
64     i2c_master_send(client, power_buff,sizeof(power_buff));
65
66     printk(KERN_INFO "Goodbye I2C 1. \n");
67 }

gfade@gfade-ROG-Zephyrus-G14-GA401QC-GA401QC: ~/Doc...
000:motherboard/bus@40000000:motherboard:iopfpga@7,00000000/10007000.km
put/input2
Starting syslogd: OK
Starting klogd: OK
Running sysctl: OK
Saving random seed: random: dd: uninitialized urandom read (512 bytes) OK
Starting network: OK

Welcome to Buildroot
buildroot login: root
random: fast init done
# insmod /mnt/adxl345.ko
insmod: can't insert '/mnt/adxl345.ko': No such file or directory
# mount -t 9p -o trans=virtio mnt /mnt -oversion=9p2000.L,msize=10240
# insmod /mnt/adxl345.ko
adxl345: loading out-of-tree module taints kernel.
1819829345 3486771 1.
the write gave us 1
received DEVID : e5 with number of bytes 1
# rmmmod adxl345
[checking]received Data rate : 10, in 1 bytes
Goodbye I2C 1.
#

```

FIGURE 21 – Configuring the accelerometer

we wish to set the following registers to the correct values for our configuration :

- INT_ENABLE to 0, to deactivate all interruptions
- DATA_FORMAT to 0, to get the default format
- FIFO_CTL to 0, to deactivate all FIFO
- POWER_CTL to 1000, to turn the device ON. Back to 0000 when we disconnect in the remove function.

4 TP3 Interface with the user

4.1 introduction

We will exploit here the file structure of the connected device. Depending on which file the kernel wishes to `open()` or `read()` we can have different behavior : we can create user interfaces or even applications in user space.

4.2 Registering the miscdevice

[Creating the special file located in `/dev/...`]

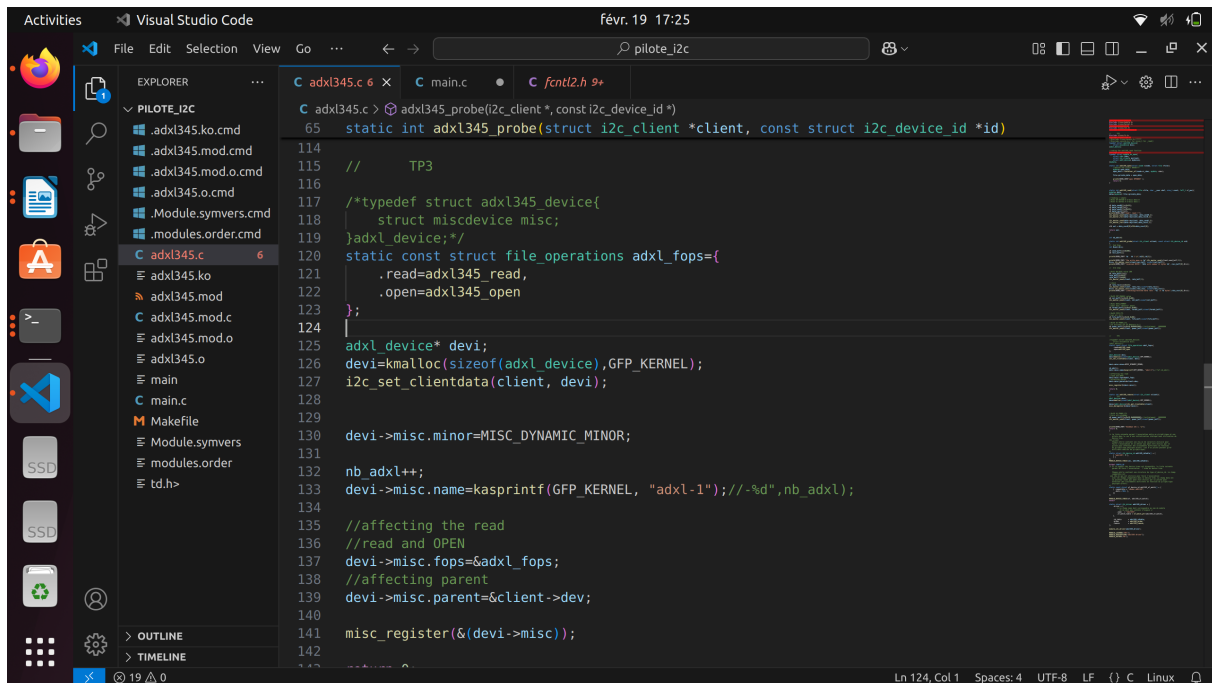


FIGURE 22 – Enter Caption

4.3 Open and Read the Special File

We will link to our struct miscdevice a new file operation structure. Thus, our user space will be able to interact with our driver through the Open and Read command. **However, we had trouble retrieving the `i2c_client` in the "open" function, so we simply print out the file was opened.**

Here is our code for the read function :

```
static int adxl345_open(struct inode *inode, struct file *file){
    //define the struct WHERE???
    //mydata* open_data;
    //open_data = container_of(inode->i_cdev, mydata, cdev);

    //file->private_data = open_data;

    printk(KERN_INFO"open OPENDED" );
    return 0;
}

static int adxl345_read(struct file *file, char __user *buf, size_t count, loff_t *f_pos,
adxl_device* my_dev;
my_dev=(adxl_device*) file->private_data;
struct i2c_client* myclient;

myclient=to_i2c_client(my_dev->misc.parent);
//reading 1 sample
//0x32 50 DATAX0 R X-Axis Data 0
//0x33 51 DATAX1 R X-Axis Data 1

u8 data_send0[1]={0x32};
u8 data_rcv0[1]={};
u8 data_send1[1]={0x33};
u8 data_rcv1[1]={};
printk(KERN_INFO"read!! read:!!");
i2c_master_send(myclient, data_send0,1);
printk(KERN_INFO"read!! 2");
i2c_master_recv(myclient,data_rcv0,1);
printk(KERN_INFO"read!! 3");

i2c_master_send(myclient, data_send1,1);
i2c_master_recv(myclient,data_rcv1,1);

u8 out[2] = {data_rcv0[0],data_rcv1[0]};

copy_to_user(buf, out,2*sizeof(char));

return 0;
}
```

```
gfade@gfade-ROG-Zephyrus-G14-GA401QC-GA40
[checking]received Data rate : 10, in 1 bytes
open OPENDED
read!! read:!!
read!! 2
WE READ : 52 254#
# /mnt/main
read!! 3
open OPENDED
read!! read:!!
read!! 2
WE READ : 244 252#
# /mnt/main
read!! 3
open OPENDED
read!! read:!!
read!! 2
WE READ : 112 0#
# /mnt/main
read!! 3
open OPENDED
read!! read:!!
read!! 2
WE READ : 88 1#
#
```

FIGURE 23 – Enter Caption

Thanks to our code of `main.c`, we can finally, from the user space, simply retrieve the data from the device. Here, we read only the value of the accelerometer aligned with the X axis.

4.4 `ioctl`

`ioctl` (Input/Output Control) is a system call in Unix-like operating systems that allows user-space programs to interact with kernel-space drivers and devices. It provides a mechanism to send device-specific commands or retrieve device-specific information that is not covered by standard system calls like `read` and `write`.

4.4.1 Role of `ioctl`

- Provides an interface for configuring and controlling hardware devices.
- Supports device-specific operations that cannot be performed using standard file operations.
- Enables bidirectional communication between user space and kernel space.

```
#  
# /mnt/mainINT  
Device opened successfully  
Axis 0 configured  
Axis 1 configured  
Axis 2 configured  
Current axis: 2
```

FIGURE 24 – ioctl Data Transfer

- Allows fine-grained control over device behavior.

4.4.2 Data Exchange Between User and Kernel Space

Since `ioctl` is used to pass commands and data between user space and kernel space, it involves different methods for data exchange :

4.4.3 Passing Data from User to Kernel

- The user-space program issues an `ioctl` call with a command and an argument.
- The kernel driver retrieves this argument using `copy_from_user()` to safely transfer data from user space.

4.4.4 Passing Data from Kernel to User

- The kernel fills a data structure with requested information.
- It then uses `copy_to_user()` to safely send the data back to user space.

4.4.5 Bidirectional Data Transfer

- Some `ioctl` calls require both reading and writing data.
- The kernel may modify the structure and return it to user space.

Here is our final result of `ioctl` communication

5 TP 4 Interruptions

5.1 Introduction

This report details the steps of TP4 on interrupt handling with the ADXL345 accelerometer. We will modify the existing driver to leverage the FIFO mode and interrupts.

5.2 Objectives

The objective is to add interrupt handling to retrieve accelerometer data via a FIFO buffer and improve driver behavior.

5.3 General Notes

5.3.1 Stream Mode

In Stream mode, acquired samples are stored in the FIFO. If the FIFO is full, the oldest sample is removed before storing a new one. When full, it holds the most recent 32 samples.

If we read DATA_X0 and then DATA_X1 in two separate I2C transactions, the values retrieved correspond to different samples.

5.3.2 Watermark Interrupt

The Watermark interrupt is triggered when the FIFO contains at least n elements (where n is the value in the Samples field of the FIFO_CTL register, ranging from 0-31). When the number of elements drops below n , the interrupt is reset.

The simulated interrupt line is connected to input number 50 of the primary interrupt controller. The kernel identifies the correct interrupt line and calculates its number, which is accessible via the *irq* field in the *struct i2c_client*.

```
Welcome to Buildroot
buildroot login: root
# random: fast init done
mount -t 9p -o trans=virtio mnt /mnt -oversion=9p2000.L,msize=10240
# insmod /mnt/adxl345.ko
adxl345: loading out-of-tree module taints kernel.
SEND bytes : 1
FIFOMOD : 0x94
STATUS : 0x00
INTERRUPT ENABLE : 0x02
INTERRUPT PIN MAP : 0xfd
INTERRUPT SOURCE : 0x00
# █
```

FIGURE 25 – interrupt configuration

5.3.3 Interrupt Handler Design

An interrupt handler is set up to react to the device's interrupt. The device name appears in */proc/interrupts*.

The interrupt handler should not perform excessive and time consuming tasks that affect other functionalities . If necessary, it should be divided into two parts :

- **Top half** : Handles time-sensitive tasks.
- **Bottom half** : Performs less urgent processing triggered by the top half.

The top half executes quickly, while the bottom half handles processing that does not need to be completed immediately.

5.4 Setup

We will work with the Linux kernel and an I2C driver for the ADXL345. The sensor's FIFO will be enabled in **Stream** mode, and the **Watermark** interrupt will be configured.

```
#
# ls /dev
adxl345          ptypb          tty3            tty62
console         ptypc          tty30          tty63
cpu_dma_latency ptypd          tty31          tty7
dri             ptype         tty32          tty8
fb0             ptypf          tty33          tty9
fd             random         tty34          ttyAMA0
full           rtc0          tty35          ttyAMA1
gpiochip0      shm           tty36          ttyAMA2
gpiochip1      snd           tty37          ttyAMA3
gpiochip2      stderr        tty38          tty0
gpiochip3      stdin         tty39          tty1
hwrng          stdout        tty4           tty2
input          tty           tty40          tty3
kmsg           tty0          tty41          tty4
log            tty1          tty42          tty5
mem            tty10         tty43          tty6
mtd0           tty11         tty44          tty7
mtd0ro         tty12         tty45          tty8
mtd1           tty13         tty46          tty9
mtd1ro         tty14         tty47          ttya
mtdblock0      tty15         tty48          ttyb
mtdblock1      tty16         tty49          ttyc
null           tty17         tty5           ttyd
ptmx           tty18         tty50          ttye
pts            tty19         tty51          ttyf
ptyp0          tty2          tty52          ubi_ctrl
ptyp1          tty20         tty53          urandom
ptyp2          tty21         tty54          usbmon0
ptyp3          tty22         tty55          vcs
ptyp4          tty23         tty56          vcs1
ptyp5          tty24         tty57          vcsa
ptyp6          tty25         tty58          vcsa1
ptyp7          tty26         tty59          vcsu
ptyp8          tty27         tty6           vcsu1
ptyp9          tty28         tty60          zero
ptypa         tty29         tty61
```

FIGURE 26 – device registration

5.5 Function Analysis and Implementation

5.5.1 Interrupt Handling

We have defined an interrupt handler to process events generated by the accelerometer.

```
1 static irqreturn_t adxl345_handler(int irq, void *dev_id) {
2     return IRQ_WAKE_THREAD;
3 }
```

Listing 1 – Interrupt Handler

Explanation : This function marks the interrupt as waking up a kernel thread. This function implements the **TOP HALF**

5.5.2 adxl345 threaded irq

The main aim of the threaded IRQ is to reduce the time spent with interrupts being disabled and that will increase the chances of handling other interrupts.

```
1
2
3 static irqreturn_t adxl345_threaded_irq(int irq, void *dev_id) {
4     adxl345_device *dev = dev_id;
5     adxl345_sample sample;
6
7     if (adxl345_read_sample(dev, &sample) == 0) {
8         kfifo_put(&dev->fifo, sample);
9         wake_up_interruptible(&adxl345_wq);
10    }
11
12    return IRQ_HANDLED;
13 }
```

Listing 2 – THREADED IRQ Interrupt

Explanation :

The function :

- Reads an accelerometer sample from the ADXL345 sensor.
- If successful, stores it in a FIFO buffer.
- Notifies any process waiting for new data.
- Returns IRQ HANDLED to indicate that the interrupt was processed.

5.5.3 Problem encountered when registering the interruption

an error is returned when trying to launch the read function telling that the interruption was not correctly registered :

solution screenshot :

```
# cat /proc/interrupts
CPU0
24:         6      GIC-0  34 Level    timer
25:       16375      GIC-0  29 Level    twd
29:         34      GIC-0  75 Edge    virtio0
33:          0      GIC-0  41 Level    mmci-pl18x (cmd)
34:          0      GIC-0  42 Level    mmci-pl18x (pio)
35:          8      GIC-0  44 Level    kmi-pl050
36:        100      GIC-0  45 Level    kmi-pl050
37:         89      GIC-0  37 Level    uart-pl011
43:          0      GIC-0  36 Level    rtc-pl031
45:        575      GIC-0  76 Level    PL111
50:          0      GIC-0  92 Level    arm-pmu
51:          0      GIC-0  93 Level    arm-pmu
52:          0      GIC-0  94 Level    arm-pmu
53:          0      GIC-0  95 Level    arm-pmu
54:          0      GIC-0  82 Level    adxl345_irq
IPI0:         0  CPU wakeup interrupts
IPI1:         0  Timer broadcast interrupts
IPI2:         0  Rescheduling interrupts
IPI3:         0  Function call interrupts
IPI4:         0  CPU stop interrupts
IPI5:         0  IRQ work interrupts
IPI6:         0  completion interrupts
Err:          0
#
```

FIGURE 27 – interrupt registration seccessfull

5.5.4 Reading Accelerometer Data

We have modified the read function to retrieve data via the software FIFO.

```
1 static ssize_t adxl345_read(struct file *file, char __user *user_buffer,
2     size_t count, loff_t *offset) {
3     struct adxl345_device *dev = container_of(file->private_data,
4         adxl345_device, misc);
5     adxl345_sample sample;
6
7     if (kfifo_is_empty(&dev->fifo)) {
8         if (file->f_flags & O_NONBLOCK) return -EAGAIN;
9         wait_event_interruptible(adxl345_wq, !kfifo_is_empty(&dev->fifo)
10             );
11     }
12
13     if (!kfifo_get(&dev->fifo, &sample)) return -EIO;
14     if (copy_to_user(user_buffer, &sample, sizeof(sample))) return -
        EFAULT;
15
16     return sizeof(sample);
17 }
```

Listing 3 – Reading FIFO Data

Explanation : This function reads a sample from the FIFO and copies it to user space.

5.5.5 FIFO and Interrupt Configuration

```
1 //mode Stream
2 sendbuff[0] = 0x38;
3 sendbuff[1] = 0b10010100 ; //stream mode + INT1 bit 5 + 20
   samples
4 int sendData = i2c_master_send(client, sendbuff, 2);
```

Listing 4 – FIFO mode Configuration

```

1
2  char INTMAP[1];
3  sendbuff[0] = 0x2F;
4  sendbuff[1] = 0b11111101;    //0 means that is sent to INT1
5  sentADD = i2c_master_send(client,sendbuff, 2);
6
7
8  char INTBUFFER[1];
9  sendbuff[0] = 0x2E;
10 sendbuff[1] = 0x02;
11 sentADD = i2c_master_send(client,sendbuff, 2);
12
13
14
15 char RATE[2] ={BW_RATE, 0x0A};
16 char FORMAT[2] ={DATA_FORMAT,0x08};    //FULL RES
17 char POWER[2]    ={POWER_CTL_ON, 0x08}; // MEASURE MODE

```

Listing 5 – Interrupt and other register configuration

Explanation : This sequence configures the FIFO in **Stream** mode and enables the Watermark interrupt.

5.6 Results and Testing

Tests confirmed the proper functioning of interrupt handling. When the FIFO threshold is reached, the interrupt is triggered, and data is retrieved without an explicit request from the user application.

```

#
# /mnt/mainINT
Device opened successfully
Axis 0 configured
Axis 1 configured
Axis 2 configured
Current axis: 2
Acceleration X: 0
Acceleration Y: 0
Acceleration Z: 0
#

```

FIGURE 28 – data read from user space

5.7 Conclusion

This TP allowed us to explore interrupt handling and FIFO usage in a Linux driver for the ADXL345. These concepts are essential for developing efficient and responsive drivers.