

# **QNX<sup>®</sup> Neutrino<sup>®</sup> Device Drivers**

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## ***Character Devices***

*For targets running QNX<sup>®</sup> Neutrino<sup>®</sup> 6.3 or later*

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## ***About the Character DDK***

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## What you'll find in this guide

The following table may help you find information quickly:

For information about:	See this chapter:
The character I/O system	Character I/O Architecture
The 8250 serial driver	8250 serial driver
Functions provided by the <code>io-char</code> library	Character I/O Library

## Assumptions

To use this guide, you need to have:

- sufficient hardware documentation for your hardware in order to be able to program all the registers
- a working knowledge of the C programming language.

## Building DDKs

You can compile the DDK from the IDE or the command line.

- To compile the DDK from the IDE:  
Please refer to the Managing Source Code chapter, and “QNX Source Package” in the Common Wizards Reference chapter of the *IDE User's Guide*.
- To compile the DDK from the command line:  
Please refer to the release notes or the installation notes for information on the location of the DDK archives.

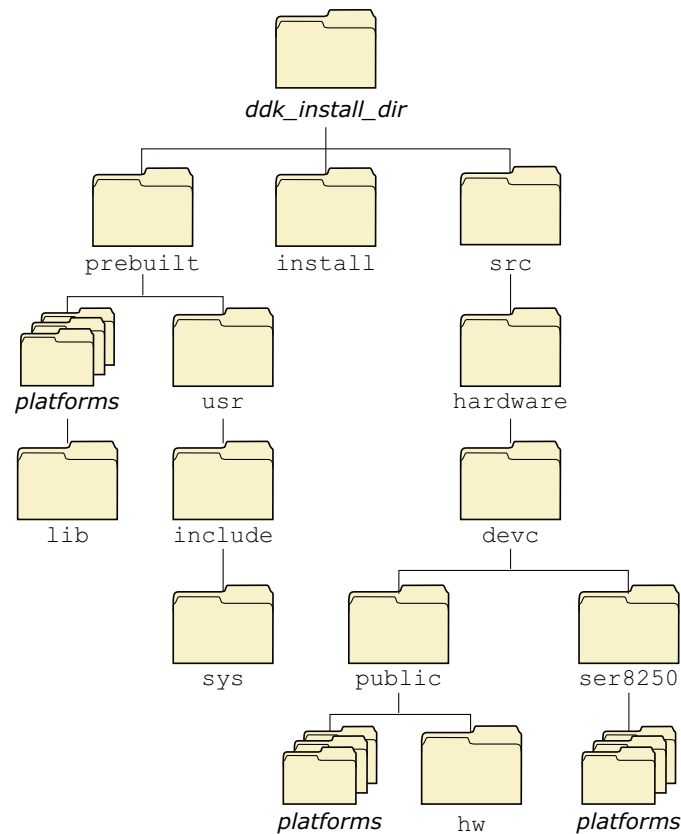
DDKs are simple zipped archives, with no special requirements. You must manually expand their directory structure from the archive. You can install them into whichever directory you choose, assuming you have write permissions for the chosen directory.

Historically, DDKs were placed in `/usr/src/ddk_VERSION` directory, e.g. `/usr/src/ddk-6.2.1`. This method is no longer required, as each DDK archive is completely self-contained.

The following example indicates how you create a directory and unzip the archive file:

```
# cd ~
# mkdir my_DDK
# cd my_DDK
# unzip /path_to_ddks/ddk-device_type.zip
```

The top-level directory structure for the DDK looks like this:




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Directory structure for this DDK.



You must run:

```

. ./setenv.sh

```

before running **make**, or **make install**.

Additionally, on Windows hosts you'll need to run the **Bash** shell (**bash.exe**) before you run the `. ./setenv.sh` command.

If you fail to run the `. ./setenv.sh` shell script prior to building the DDK, you can overwrite existing binaries or libs that are installed in **\$QNX\_TARGET**.

Each time you start a new shell, run the `. ./setenv.sh` command. The shell needs to be initialized before you can compile the archive.

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The script will be located in the same directory where you unzipped the archive file. It must be run in such a way that it modifies the current shell's environment, not a sub-shell environment.

In **ksh** and **bash** shells, All shell scripts are executed in a sub-shell by default. Therefore, it's important that you use the syntax

```

. <script>

```

which will prevent a sub-shell from being used.

Each DDK is rooted in whatever directory you copy it to. If you type **make** within this directory, you'll generate all of the buildable entities within that DDK no matter where you move the directory.

all binaries are placed in a scratch area within the DDK directory that mimics the layout of a target system.

When you build a DDK, everything it needs, aside from standard system headers, is pulled in from within its own directory. Nothing that's built is installed outside of the DDK's directory. The makefiles shipped with the DDKs copy the contents of the **prebuilt** directory into the **install** directory. The binaries are built from the source using include files and link libraries in the **install** directory.

## Typographical conventions

Throughout this manual, we use certain typographical conventions to distinguish technical terms. In general, the conventions we use conform to those found in IEEE POSIX publications. The following table summarizes our conventions:

Reference	Example
Code examples	<code>if( stream == NULL )</code>
Command options	<code>-lR</code>
Commands	<b>make</b>
Environment variables	<b>PATH</b>
File and pathnames	<code>/dev/null</code>
Function names	<code>exit()</code>
Keyboard chords	Ctrl-Alt-Delete
Keyboard input	<b>something you type</b>
Keyboard keys	Enter
Program output	<b>login:</b>
Programming constants	<code>NULL</code>
Programming data types	<code>unsigned short</code>
Programming literals	<code>0xFF, "message string"</code>
Variable names	<code>stdin</code>
User-interface components	<b>Cancel</b>

We use an arrow (→) in directions for accessing menu items, like this:

You'll find the **Other...** menu item under **Perspective→Show View**.

We use notes, cautions, and warnings to highlight important messages:



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Notes point out something important or useful.

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**CAUTION:** Cautions tell you about commands or procedures that may have unwanted or undesirable side effects.

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**WARNING:** Warnings tell you about commands or procedures that could be dangerous to your files, your hardware, or even yourself.

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## Note to Windows users

In our documentation, we use a forward slash (/) as a delimiter in *all* pathnames, including those pointing to Windows files.

We also generally follow POSIX/UNIX filesystem conventions.

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## ***Chapter 1***

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# **Character I/O Architecture**

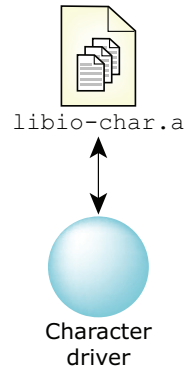
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## Overview

At present, each character driver is a separate process. Each driver links against the `libio-char.a` library:

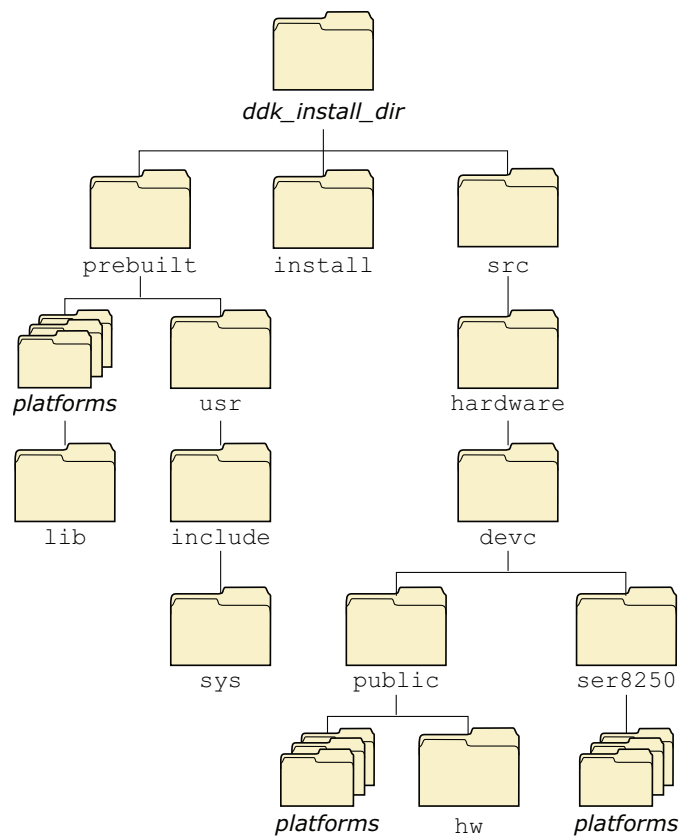


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*Current Character I/O architecture*

## DDK source code

When you install the DDK package, the source is put into a directory under the `ddk_install_dir ddk-char` directory. Currently, the directory structure for the Character DDK looks like this:



Directory structure for the Character DDK.



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## Creating a serial driver

The Character DDK currently includes the source code for the 8250 serial driver. You may not have to change much:

- If your serial hardware is completely compatible with the 8250, you might not have to change anything.
- If your hardware is almost compatible with the 8250, you might have to change the register addresses. See “Registers,” below.
- If compatibility is in question, you may have to change the source code. See “Source code,” below.




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On a modem disconnect, `libio-char.a` triggers an `io_read` for every client blocked on a `read()` call. The client's `read()` call returns with 0 (EOF). Make sure that your clients explicitly check for a return of EOF, instead of simply calling `read()` repeatedly if the number of bytes is less than expected.

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## Registers

You'll find the register addresses defined in `ddk_working_dir/ddk-char/src/hardware/devc/public/hw/8250.h`.

The `<8250.h>` file defines:

- the register addresses, specified as offsets from the port address that you set when you start the `devc-ser8250` driver
- bit definitions for the registers.

See the documentation for your hardware for information about its registers and bit definitions.

## Source code

The source code for the 8250 serial driver is in `ddk_working_dir/ddk-char/src/hardware/devc/ser8250`. This directory includes:

<code>externs.c</code>	Defines the global data.
<code>externs.h</code>	Includes the required headers and declares the global data.
<code>init.c</code>	Initialization code.
<code>intr.c</code>	Interrupt handler routines.
<code>main.c</code>	The main part of the driver.

<code>options.c</code>	Parses the driver's command-line arguments.
<code>proto.h</code>	Prototypes for the driver's interface routines.
<code>query_defdev.c</code>	Queries the default devices. Note that there's a special version of this routine for x86 desktop systems in <code>x86/query_defdev.c</code> . For other platforms, there aren't any default devices.
<code>tedit.c</code>	The tiny edit-mode routine.
<code>tto.c</code>	A routine to transmit a byte, called by <code>io-char</code> . It also provides support to control and read hardware control lines status, and provides support for the <code>stty</code> utility. <code>io-char</code> down call that uses the <code>stty</code> command to send output such as line ctrl and line status to the hardware.

There are also platform-specific directories, each of which includes:

`<sys_ttyinit.c>`

Initialize the tty structure that the driver passes to `io-char`.



Change as little of the given source code as possible, because it's easy to mess things up.

The most important parts of the code are those associated with output and interrupts.

## Interrupts

Different chips use interrupts in different ways. Typically, interrupts occurs when:

- A character arrives at the chip. This character is added to the input queue.  
If the device is in edited mode, the character is also added to the canonical queue. Typically, the driver doesn't worry about raw and edited modes; `io-char` handles them.
- The chip's transmission buffer is ready for a character.
- A modem-control signal (e.g. hardware flow control) is received.
- An error (e.g. line status, parity error, or framing error) occurs.

## Functions

The `ser8250` driver includes the following functions, defined in `proto.h`:

- `create_device()`
- `options()`

- *query\_default\_device()*
- *ser\_intr()*
- *ser\_stty()*
- *sys\_ttyinit()*
- *tto()*

The driver's *main()* routine (defined in **main.c**) calls:

- *tto()* with an argument of `TTC_INIT_PROC` to allocate and configure the resources shared by all devices, e.g. the resource manager.
- *tto()* with an argument of `TTC_INIT_START` to allow the driver to start accepting messages, i.e. work.
- *options()* to parse the driver's command-line options.

### ***create\_device()***

This function is defined in **init.c**. The prototype is:

```
void create_device( TTYINIT *dip,
                  unsigned unit )
```

This function gets a device entry and its input/output buffers and creates a new device based on options passed in.

### ***options()***

This function is defined in **options.c**. The prototype is:

```
unsigned options( int argc,
                char *argv[] )
```

This function parses the driver's command-line arguments. For information about the arguments, see **devc-ser8250** in the *Utilities Reference*.

Depending on the options specified, this function may call:

- *tto()* with an argument of `TTC_INIT_RAW` to configure the terminal to RAW mode.
- *sys\_ttyinit()* to initialize the `tty` as appropriate for the CPU platform.
- *tto()* with an argument of `TTC_SET_OPTION` to pass standard terminal configuration options to `<libio-char.a>` to be executed.
- *create\_device()* to create a device.
- *query\_default\_device()* to query the default devices if none is specified on the command line.

The *options()* function returns the number of ports.

***query\_default\_device()***

This function is defined in **query\_defdev.c**. The prototype is:

```
void *query_default_device( TTYINIT *dip,
                           void *link )
```

This function returns a placeholder that's used for overwrites in the platform directory.

***ser\_intr()***

This function is defined in **intr.c**. The prototype is:

```
const struct sigevent *ser_intr( void *area,
                                 int id )
```

The *ser\_attach\_intr()* function, which is called by *create\_device()*, calls *InterruptAttach()* (see the *QNX Library Reference*) to attach *ser\_intr()* to the first handler.

The *ser\_intr()* function calls:

- *tto()* to pass a character of data received by the hardware to the **io-char** library.
- *tto()* to transmit a character by taking the next available byte in the **io-char** lib output buffer and writing it to the hardware.

***ser\_stty()***

This function is defined in **tto.c**. The prototype is:

```
void ser_stty( DEV_8250 *dev )
```

This function configures hardware registers and settings such as baud rate, parity, etc.

***sys\_ttyinit()***

This function is defined in **<sys\_ttyinit.c>** in the platform-specific directories under **ddk\_working\_dir/ddk-char/src/hardware/devc/ser8250**.

The prototype is:

```
void sys_ttyinit( TTYINIT *dip )
```

This function initializes the TTYINIT clock and divisor default as appropriate for the platform.

***tto()***

This function is defined in **tto.c**. The prototype is:

```
int tto( TTYDEV *ttydev,
         int action,
         int arg1 )
```

This function takes data from **io-char**'s output buffer and gives it to the hardware. It also deals with **stty** commands, by calling *ser\_stty()* and provides line ctrl and line status information.

The arguments are:

<i>ttydev</i>	A pointer to the driver's <b>TTYDEV</b> structure.
<i>action</i>	One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TTO_STTY</b> — an <b>stty</b> command was received. It's called by <b>io-char</b> when the <b>stty</b> command is performed on the device. This action calls <i>ser_stty()</i>; the argument is ignored.</li> <li>• <b>TTO_CTRL</b> — set the characteristics of the port i.e. control RS-232 modem lines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>arg1</i> <b>_SERCTL_BRK_CHG</b> — called by <b>io-char</b> when the application requests a break such as <i>tcsendbreak()</i> to be sent</li> <li>- <i>arg1</i> <b>_SERCTL_DTR_CHG</b> — changes the DTR line</li> <li>- <i>arg1</i> <b>_SERCTL_RTS_CHG</b> — used to change the RTS line; <b>io-char</b> calls this to assert hardware flow control when the input buffer is filling up (based on the high-water level)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>TTO_LINESTATUS</b> — a request for line status. Returns the status of the Modem Status and Modem Control registers when the user performs a <i>devctl()</i> with <b>DCMD_CHR_LINESTATUS</b>; the argument is ignored.</li> <li>• <b>TTO_DATA</b> — output transmit data.</li> <li>• <b>TTO_EVENT</b> — ignored.</li> </ul>
<i>arg1</i>	A data value which has different meanings for different actions. It's used to pass flags that modify the action.





## ***Chapter 3***

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# **Character I/O Library**



The **libio-char.a** library defines these functions and data types:

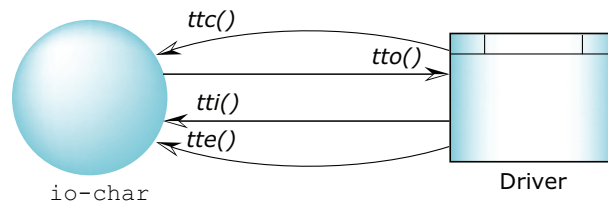
<b>ttc()</b>	Used during initialization to configure the terminal's settings.
<b>tti()</b>	Passes rx data and control information.
<b>tto()</b>	Writes tx data to hardware, handles settings, line control and line status.
<b>TTYCTRL</b>	Contains the settings which are shared by all devices, e.g. the resource manager configuration.
<b>TTYDEV</b>	Contains the settings specific to one serial device.
<b>TTYINIT</b>	Initializes the driver, <b>termios</b> , and buffer size.

The **io-char** utility calls the **tto()** function and the driver implements it. The **TTYCTRL** and **TTYDEV** structures provide the interface between **io-char** and the driver. The **tto()** function writes tx data, line status, device settings, and line ctrl information to the hardware.

The driver calls the **ttc()** and **tti()** function calls. The **ttc()** function initializes the device and the resource manager. The **tti()** function passes receive data and control info to the **io-char** utility.

The **tte()** function is generated by an event which causes **io-char**'s event handler to be called.

The relationship between the **io-char** utility and the driver is seen here:



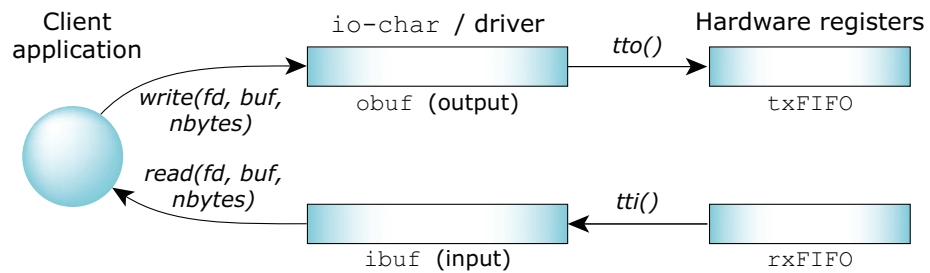
*Relationship between **io-char** and the driver*

The **TTYDEV** structure contains two buffers: an *obuf* (output buffer) and an *ibuf* (input buffer).

The **tto()** function call provides the interface between the Tx FIFO register and the *obuf*. It's called to send the contents of the output buffer to the Tx FIFO register.

The **tti()** function call provides the interface between the Rx FIFO register and the *ibuf*. It's called to place the data from the Rx FIFO register into the input buffer.

The relationship between the output and input buffers and the **tto()** and **tti()** function calls can be seen here:




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#### Buffer and function call interaction

The following table indicates the relationship between the driver and these APIs:

#### The driver implements:

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`tto()` — to tx data, and perform line status, line ctrl, and device settings, e.g. baud, parity, etc.)

#### The driver calls:

`ttc()` — to initialize the device and resource manager

`tti()` — to pass rx data and control info to **io-char**

#### The driver generates an event:

`tte()` — to cause the **io-char** `tte()` event handler to be called

## Synopsis:

```
#include <sys/io-char.h >
```

```
int ttc(int type,
        void *ptr,
        int arg );
```

## Arguments:

*type*     One of:

- **TTC\_INIT\_PROC** — allocates and configures the basic resources which are shared by all terminal sessions
- **TTC\_INIT\_CC** — configures the character codes for the terminal
- **TTC\_INIT\_RAW** — set the terminal into RAW mode
- **TTC\_INIT\_EDIT** — set the terminal into EDIT i.e. “cooked” mode
- **TTC\_SET\_OPTION** — pass the standard terminal configuration options to **io-char** library for handling.  
If *opt* is found in the common string of options, **IO\_CHAR\_COMMON\_OPTIONS**, the handler string returns 0. If *opt* is not found, it returns the *opt* back.
- **TTC\_INIT\_START** — allow the driver to start accepting messages
- **TTC\_INIT\_TTYNAME** — sets up the device name based on the unit number passed in and must be called before **TTC\_INIT\_POWER** and **TTC\_INIT\_ATTACH**
- **TTC\_INIT\_POWER** — initializes power management related data structures to defaults (ACTIVE mode only). The driver’s call to **TTC\_INIT\_POWER** is mandatory.  
**TTC\_INIT\_POWER** must be called before any calls to **io-char** functions such as **tti()**, or before interrupt handlers are attached.  
This *type* must also be called after **TTC\_INIT\_TTYNAME** and before **TTC\_INIT\_ATTACH**. For power managed device drivers, the **iochar\_regdrv\_power()** function should be called prior to calling **TTC\_INIT\_POWER**.
- **TTC\_INIT\_ATTACH** — attaches the resource manager to the name initialized by **TTC\_INIT\_TTYNAME**
- **TTC\_TIMER\_QUEUE** — register to receive an event once a timer expires
- **TTC\_INIT\_PTY** — needed by **devc-pty** only. Do not use.

*ptr*     A pointer to the structure which will be updated with the new configuration data. Depending on the *type* argument, this argument will be a pointer to a structure of type **TTYCTRL**, **TTYDEV**, or **TTYINIT**.

*arg*     Data which describes the new setting. The values which are valid for this argument vary depending on the *type* argument.

## Description:

This function configures the terminal's settings.

## Returns:

- 0      Success.
- 1     An error occurred.

## Classification:

QNX Neutrino

### Safety

Cancellation point	No
Interrupt handler	No
Signal handler	No
Thread	No

## See also:

*tti()*, *tto()*, **TTYDEV**

**Synopsis:**

```
#include <sys/io-char.h >

int tti(TTYDEV *dev,
        unsigned c );
```

**Arguments:**

- dev*     A pointer to the structure that represents the specific device data has been received on.
- c*        Contains received data and control codes which modify how the data is read and processed. See the TTI\_\* defines below for more details.

**Description:**

This function forwards data received by the hardware to **io-char** and passes error/control codes.

The control type is extracted from *c*, and is one of:

TTI_BREAK	Indicates a “break” signal has been detected by the hardware or VINTR character received.
TTI_QUIT	Internal to <b>io-char</b> . Indicates a VQUIT character has been received.
TTI_SUSP	Internal to <b>io-char</b> . Indicates a VSUSP character has been received.
TTI_OVERRUN	An overrun has been detected by the hardware.
TTI_FRAME	A framing error has been detected by the hardware.
TTI_PARITY	A parity error has been detected by the hardware.
TTI_CARRIER	Indicates to the <b>io-char</b> library that a carrier was detected, i.e. the hardware modem is online.
TTI_HANGUP	Indicates to <b>io-char</b> that the hardware modem is “hung up.” This type is the opposite of TTI_CARRIER
TTI_OHW_STOP	Used by hardware flow control to stop output.
TTI_OHW_CONT	Used by hardware flow control to start output.

**Returns:**

If this call returns 0, do nothing. If it returns -1 an event needs to be generated for **io-char**.

**Classification:**

QNX Neutrino

**Safety**

Cancellation point	No
Interrupt handler	No
Signal handler	No
Thread	No

**See also:***ttc()*, *tto()*, **TTYDEV**



## Synopsis:

```
typedef struct chario_entry {
    dispatch_t      *dpp;
    int              coid;
    int              timerid;
    unsigned         max_devs;
    unsigned         num_devs;
    struct sigevent event;
    struct sigevent timer;
    struct ttydev_entry *timer_list;
    unsigned         num_events;
    struct ttydev_entry **event_queue;
    intrspin_t       lock;
} TTYCTRL;
```

## Description:

A character driver shares the **TTYCTRL** with the **io-char** library. This structure is used to coordinate events, timers, and so on.

The members include:

<i>dpp</i>	A dispatch handle, returned by <i>dispatch_create()</i> . Used <i>only</i> by <b>io-char</b> .
<i>coid</i>	The connection ID. Used <i>only</i> by <b>io-char</b> .
<i>timerid</i>	The timer ID. Used <i>only</i> by <b>io-char</b> .
<i>max_devs</i>	Used by <b>io-char</b> and the driver to define the maximum number of devices supported.
<i>num_devs</i>	Used <i>only</i> by <b>io-char</b> to define the current number of devices supported.
<i>event</i>	Used by the driver to send pulse events to <b>io-char</b> 's event handler. Flags are used to indicate which event occurred. The driver must send the event to <b>io-char</b> .

The following events are currently defined:

- **EVENT\_QUEUED** — there is an event queued.
- **EVENT\_SIGBRK** — POSIX job control for SIGBRK sends SIGINT. This event is called by **TTI\_BREAK**, so the driver probably doesn't need to do this.
- **EVENT\_SIGHUP** — POSIX job control, **TTI\_HANGUP**.
- **EVENT\_TTO** — not used.
- **EVENT\_READ** — used by **io-char**.

- **EVENT\_WRITE** — called by the driver. Unblock an application waiting to write when the output buffer has room to take characters.
- **EVENT\_DRAIN** — called by the driver. The output buffer has drained (unblock someone waiting on the device to drain.)
- **EVENT\_TIMEOUT** — used by **io-char**.
- **EVENT\_NOTIFY\_INPUT** — input notification (used by **io-char**). See the *notify* entry in **TTYDEV**.
- **EVENT\_NOTIFY\_OUTPUT** — output notification (used by **io-char**). See the *notify* entry in **TTYDEV**.
- **EVENT\_NOTIFY\_OBAND** — driver notifies **io-char** if out-of-band data is available.
- **EVENT\_CARRIER** — generated by **TTI\_CARRIER**.
- **EVENT\_SIGQUIT** — job control, generated by **TTI\_QUIT** to notify that a QUIT character has been received.
- **EVENT\_SIGSUP** — job control, generated by **TTI\_SUSP** to notify that a SUSP character has been received.

<i>timer</i>	A pulse to call the timer handler. Used <i>only</i> by <b>io-char</b> .
<i>timer_list</i>	Used <i>only</i> by <b>io-char</b> , it provides a list of active timers.
<i>num_events</i>	Used by <b>io-char</b> and the driver, it displays the current number of events for processing.
<i>event_queue</i>	An array of <b>TTYDEV</b> structures used by <b>io-char</b> and the driver to queue events.
<i>lock</i>	A lock used to control access to this structure. Use the <i>dev_lock()</i> and <i>dev_unlock()</i> macros to access this member.

## Classification:

Photon

## See also:

**TTYDEV**

**Synopsis:**

```

typedef struct ttydev_entry {
    iofunc_attr_t      attr;
    iofunc_mount_t     mount;
    TTYWAIT            *waiting_read;
    TTYWAIT            *waiting_write;
    TTYWAIT            *waiting_drain;
    int                c_cflag;
    int                c_iflag;
    int                c_lflag;
    int                c_oflag;
    volatile unsigned   flags;
    volatile unsigned   xflags;
    int                bcnt;
    int                fwdcnt;
    struct ttydev_entry *timer;
    int                timeout;
    int                timeout_reset;
    union {
        int            tmrs;
        struct {
            char        spare_tmr;
            char        tx_tmr;
            char        brk_tmr;
            char        dtr_tmr;
        } s;
    } un;
    pid_t              brkpggrp;
    pid_t              huppid;
    cc_t               c_cc[NCCS];
    unsigned char      fifo;
    unsigned char      fwd;
    unsigned char      prefix_cnt;
    unsigned char      oband_data;
    int                highwater;
    int                baud;
    struct winsize      winsize;
    TTYBUF             obuf;
    TTYBUF             ibuf;
    TTYBUF             cbuf;
    iofunc_notify_t     notify[3];
    struct ttydev_entry *extra;
    TTYWAIT            *waiting_open;
    void                *reserved2; /* reserved for use by io-ch
    int                (*io_devctxext)(resmgr_context_t *ctp, io_dev
    char                name[TTY_NAME_MAX];
} TTYDEV;

```

## Description:

A character driver shares the **TTYDEV** structure with the **io-char** library.

This structure is used to handle devices shared between the driver and **io-char**.

The members include:

<i>attr</i>	A resource manager attribute
<i>mount</i>	Related to resource manager information
<i>waiting_read</i>	The queue to store blocking clients waiting to read
<i>waiting_write</i>	The queue to store blocking clients waiting to write
<i>waiting_drain</i>	The queue to store blocking clients waiting to drain.
<i>c_cflag</i>	POSIX <b>termios</b> flag describing the hardware control of the terminal
<i>c_iflag</i>	POSIX <b>termios</b> flag describing the basic terminal input control
<i>c_lflag</i>	POSIX <b>termios</b> flag used to control various terminal functions
<i>c_oflag</i>	POSIX <b>termios</b> flag describing the basic terminal output control
<i>flags</i>	The following flags are currently defined:

- **OHW\_PAGED** — the output hardware flow control (set by **io-char** and used by the driver)
- **IHW\_PAGED** — input hardware flow control is asserted; the device's highwater mark has been reached and doesn't want to receive any more data. This flag also asserts the RTS line.
- **OSW\_PAGED** — output software flow control is asserted; the device should not transmit any data (set by **io-char** and used by the driver)
- **ISW\_PAGED** — input software flow control is asserted; the device's highwater mark has been reached and doesn't want to receive any more data. This flag also transmits VSTOP.
- **EDIT\_INSERT** — for edit mode. Insert or overstrike typing mode.
- **EDIT\_PREFIX** — for edit mode. Look for edit keys which begin with a fixed prefix, e.g. ESC [ ansi" used with POSIX **c\_cc[VPREFIX]**.
- **OBAND\_DATA** — indicates that out-of-band data is available
- **LOSES\_TX\_INTR** — tells the character device library (**io-char**) that the device sometimes fails to generate TX interrupts. With this knowledge of the hardware's short

comings, the **io-char** library will take extra precautions when transmitting data, by using an internal countdown timer to keep track of the time between TX interrupts. If the timer expires before the next TX interrupt comes in, the **io-char** library assumes the hardware failed to generate the interrupt and attempts to transmit more data by calling *tto()*. If there's no more data to be transmitted, the countdown timer isn't reloaded.

- **TIMER\_ACTIVE** — used by **io-char**
- **TIMER\_KEEP** — used by **io-char**
- **NOTTY** — used by PTYs
- **NL\_INSERT** — used to notify application if a **\n** was changed to a **\r**
- **ISAPTY** — used by PTYs
- **PTY\_MASTER\_ONLY** — used by PTYs
- **LITERAL** — used by **io-char**
- **FIRST\_TIME\_ALONE** — used by **io-char**

<i>xflags</i>	<b>OSW_PAGED_OVERRIDE</b> — override <b>OSW_PAGED</b> to allow transmission of controlled characters when in a software flow control suspend state. This flag is set by <b>io-char</b> and is used and cleared by the driver.
<i>bcnt</i>	Internal to <b>io-char</b> and used to determine the number of bytes needed to notify a read client.
<i>fwdcnt</i>	Internal to <b>io-char</b> and used to determine the number of fwd counts.
<i>timer</i>	Used by <b>io-char</b> .
<i>timeout</i>	Used by <b>io-char</b> .
<i>timeout_reset</i>	Used by <b>io-char</b> .
<i>tmrs</i>	One of several available for <b>io-char</b> to use.
<i>spare_tmr</i>	Spare used only by <b>io-char</b> for drain.
<i>tx_tmr</i>	Enabled by <b>LOSES_TX_INTR</b> . The timer causes <i>tto()</i> to be called to work around some parts that lose transmit interrupts.
<i>brk_tmr</i>	Used only by <b>io-char</b> sending break; calls <i>tto()</i> ( <b>TTO_CTRL</b> , <i>dtrchg</i> ).
<i>dtr_tmr</i>	Used by <b>io-char</b> to set <i>dtr</i> line i.e. generate <b>SIGHUP</b> calls <i>tto()</i> ( <b>TTO_CTRL</b> , <i>dtrchg</i> ).
<i>brkpggrp</i>	Used by <b>io-char</b> .

<i>huppid</i>	Used by <b>io-char</b> .
<i>c_cc</i>	POSIX special control-characters.
<i>fifo</i>	Used only by the driver.
<i>fwd</i>	Forward character used by <b>io-char</b> . It's used with <i>fwdcnt</i> to implement <i>forward</i> , described in <i>readcond()</i> .
<i>prefix_cnt</i>	For <b>io-char</b> only.
<i>oband_data</i>	Out-of-band data set by the driver in <b>&lt;intr.c&gt;</b> . The application gets it from <b>io-char</b> via a <i>devctl()</i> .
<i>highwater</i>	Set by the driver and used by <b>io-char</b> to determine when to invoke flow control. (Make sure this value is <i>LESS</i> than the input buffer size).
<i>baud</i>	The device's baud rate.
<i>winsize</i>	Used only by <b>io-char</b> .
<i>obuf</i>	The output buffer.
<i>ibuf</i>	The input buffer.
<i>cbuf</i>	The canonical buffer.
<i>notify</i>	The notify list. It implements <i>iofunc_notify_trigger()</i> resource manager information. The following arguments are used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>notify[0]</i> — notify for input used by <b>io-char</b></li> <li>• <i>notify[1]</i> — notify for output to the driver, <b>&lt;tto.c&gt;</b></li> <li>• <i>notify[2]</i> — notify for data that out-of=band to the driver, <b>&lt;intr.c&gt;</b></li> </ul>
<i>extra</i>	Used for PTYs.
<i>waiting_open</i>	The queue to store blocking clients waiting to open.
<i>io_devctlext</i>	Custom <b>devctl</b> command.
<i>name</i>	The device's name i.e. <b>/dev/ser1</b>

## Classification:

QNX Neutrino

## See also:

**TTYCTRL**

## Synopsis:

```
typedef struct ttyinit_entry {
    _Paddr64t      port;
    unsigned       port_shift;
    unsigned       intr;
    int            baud;
    int            isize;
    int            osize;
    int            csize;
    int            c_cflag;
    int            c_iflag;
    int            c_lflag;
    int            c_oflag;
    int            fifo;
    int            clk;
    int            div;
    char           name [TTY_NAME_MAX];
} TTYINIT;
```

## Description:

A character driver shares the **TTYINIT** with the **io=char** library. This structure is used to initialize baud rate, input, output, canonical buffer sizes, **termios** flags, interrupts, etc.

The members include:

<i>port</i>	Contains addresses of device registers.
<i>port_shift</i>	Used to provide spacing between registers. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 — is for 8-bit registers</li> <li>• 1 — is for 16-bit registers</li> <li>• 2 — is for 32-bit registers</li> </ul>
<i>intr</i>	The interrupt number associated with the device.
<i>baud</i>	The device's baud rate.
<i>isize</i>	The input buffer size.
<i>osize</i>	The output buffer size.
<i>csize</i>	The canonical buffer size.
<i>c_cflag</i>	See <b>TTYDEV</b> .
<i>c_iflag</i>	See <b>TTYDEV</b> .
<i>c_lflag</i>	See <b>TTYDEV</b> .
<i>c_oflag</i>	See <b>TTYDEV</b> .

<i>fifo</i>	See <b>TTYDEV</b> .
<i>clk</i>	The clock frequency is used with baud rate and divisor in <b>stty</b> .
<i>div</i>	The divisor is used with baud rate and clock in <b>stty</b> .
<i>name</i>	The name of the device.

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## See also:

**TTYDEV**



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