

Garmin Gadget

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1 Introduction

Here we introduce how to use Garmin Forerunner in Linux system.

2 Linux Setup

You may type the command line:

```
1 udevadm monitor
```

You may type the command line, if you get:

```
1 monitor will print the received events for:
2 UDEV - the event which udev sends out after rule processing
3 KERNEL - the kernel uevent
4
5 KERNEL[10617.492679] add          /devices/pci0000:00/0000:00:1a
    .0/usb1/1-1/1-1.2 (usb)
6 KERNEL[10617.493716] add          /devices/pci0000:00/0000:00:1a
    .0/usb1/1-1/1-1.2/1-1.2:1.0 (usb)
7 UDEV [10617.523787] add          /devices/pci0000:00/0000:00:1a
    .0/usb1/1-1/1-1.2 (usb)
8 UDEV [10617.533120] add          /devices/pci0000:00/0000:00:1a
    .0/usb1/1-1/1-1.2/1-1.2:1.0 (usb)
```

it means it was not recognized correctly.

You may also type following command to get the USB information after inserting you ANT+ key:

```
1 $ lsusb | grep Dynastream
2 Bus 001 Device 004: ID 0fcf:1008 Dynastream Innovations, Inc.
```

*(v1.1)

2.1 udev Rule

If usbserial is a separated module, you may add a udev rule to the config file /etc/udev/rules.d/80-garmin-ant2.rules

```
1 sudo su -
2 #not work: echo 'BUS=="usb", SYSFS{idVendor}=="0fcf", SYSFS{
    idProduct}=="1008", RUN+="/sbin/modprobe usbserial vendor
    =0x0fcf product=0x1008"' > /etc/udev/rules.d/80-garmin-
    ant2.rules
3 #echo 'SUBSYSTEM=="usb", ATTRS{idVendor}=="0fcf", ATTRS{
    idProduct}=="1008", RUN+="/sbin/modprobe usbserial vendor
    =0x0fcf product=0x1008"' > /etc/udev/rules.d/80-garmin-
    ant2.rules
4 echo 'SUBSYSTEM=="usb", ATTR{idVendor}=="0fcf", ATTR{
    idProduct}=="1008", MODE="0666", SYMLINK+="ttyANT", ACTION
    == "add", RUN+="/sbin/modprobe usbserial vendor=0x0fcf
    product=0x1008"' > /etc/udev/rules.d/80-garmin-ant2.rules
```

Or you have to type command line at each time you insert your ANT+ key:

```
1 sudo /sbin/modprobe usbserial vendor=0x0fcf product=0x1008
```

And the linux should show the messages after you insert your ANT+ key again:

```
1 KERNEL[3801.729434] add      /module/usbserial (module)
2 UDEV  [3801.729922] add      /module/usbserial (module)
3 KERNEL[3801.730226] add      /bus/usb-serial (bus)
4 UDEV  [3801.730511] add      /bus/usb-serial (bus)
5 KERNEL[3801.730744] add      /bus/usb/drivers/usbserial (
    drivers)
6 KERNEL[3801.730777] add      /bus/usb/drivers/
    usbserial_generic (drivers)
7 KERNEL[3801.730803] add      /bus/usb-serial/drivers/generic
    (drivers)
8 KERNEL[3801.730913] add      /devices/pci0000:00/0000:00:1a
    .0/usb1/1-1/1-1.2/1-1.2:1.0/ttyUSB0 (usb-serial)
9 UDEV  [3801.731572] add      /bus/usb/drivers/
    usbserial_generic (drivers)
10 KERNEL[3801.731620] add      /devices/pci0000:00/0000:00:1a
    .0/usb1/1-1/1-1.2/1-1.2:1.0/ttyUSB0/tty/ttyUSB0 (tty)
11 UDEV  [3801.732094] add      /bus/usb/drivers/usbserial (
    drivers)
12 UDEV  [3801.732279] add      /bus/usb-serial/drivers/generic
    (drivers)
```

```
13 UDEV [3801.733116] add /devices/pci0000:00/0000:00:1a
    .0/usb1/1-1/1-1.2/1-1.2:1.0/ttyUSB0 (usb-serial)
14 UDEV [3801.744466] add /devices/pci0000:00/0000:00:1a
    .0/usb1/1-1/1-1.2/1-1.2:1.0/ttyUSB0/tty/ttyUSB0 (tty)
```

You may check your device files:

```
1 $ ls -l /dev/ttyUSB0
2 crw-rw---- 1 root dialout 188, 0 May  3 14:02 /dev/ttyUSB0
```

2.2 grub2

If `usbserial` was compiled in the kernel, as Fedora 15 did, then you need to setup `grub2`^[1].

```
1 # add following line to the GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX in file /etc/
    default/grub
2 # usbserial.vendor=0x0fcf usbserial.product=0x1008
3 sudo sed -i.bak "s/GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT[^\t]*=[^\t]*\
    "/GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT=\\"usbserial.vendor=0x0fcf
    usbserial.product=0x1008 /g" /etc/default/grub
4
5 # Update the grub config by issuing
6 grub2-mkconfig > /boot/grub2/grub.cfg
7
8 # reboot
9 shutdown -r now
```

3 Transfer Files from Garmin Watch

You may use `Gant`^[2] or `python-ant-downloader`^[3] to transfer the files from the watch to your computer. If the watch is 610, 310, FR60, 910XT etc, you would like to try `Garmin-Forerunner-610-Extractor`^[4].

NOTE: I use 405, so `Garmin-Forerunner-610-Extractor` would not work, and `python-ant-downloader` failed getting files from the watch. The only work `gant` version is `yhfudev`'s.

3.1 Gant

If you want to compile and run from source code, you may want to use `yhfudev`'s `gant` version^[2].

Download and compile `gant`

```
1 mkdir -p ~/Development/Native/
2 cd ~/Development/Native/
3 git clone https://github.com/yhfudev/gant.git gant-git
4 cd gant-git/
5 mkdir -p build
6 cd build
7 ../configure && make
```

Run

1. Insert the ANT+ key to the computer's USB slot;
2. Put Forerunner into pairing mode

```
1 Menu > Settings > ANT+ > Computer > Pairing > On
```

3. make sure that communication is enabled:

```
1 Menu > Settings > ANT+ > Computer > Enabled > Yes
```

4. You may need to also set "Force Send". This seems to send all data on the device, whether or not the data's been downloaded from the device before.

```
1 Menu > Settings > ANT+ > Computer > Force Send > Yes
```

5. authorized by watch

```
1 # Use garmin-ant-downloader in debian
2 # gant -f nameofyourwatchid -a nameofauthenticationfile
3 #sudo ./gant -f Forerunner-405 -a auth405
4 sudo ./gant -f yhfu -a auth405
```

6. transfer .tcx files from your watch

```
1 sudo ./gant -nza auth405 > output
```

Alternatively you can move the authorization file to your home directory; Gant looks for it there automatically:

```
1 cp ./auth405 ~/.gant
2 sudo ./gant -nz > output
```

7. Upload all of these .tcx to [Garmin Connect](#), or open these files by pytrainer.

3.2 python-ant-downloader

```
1 git clone https://github.com/braiden/python-ant-downloader
2 sudo apt-get install python-pip python-usb libusb-1.0-0
3 sudo apt-get install python-lxml
4 sudo apt-get install python python-lxml python-pkg-resources
   python-poster python-serial
5
6 # replace python-usb 0.4 by 1.0
7 sudo apt-get install python-pip &&
8     pyusbdir="$(mktemp -d)" &&
9     pushd "$pyusbdir" &&
10     git clone https://github.com/walac/pyusb &&
11     cd ./pyusb/; git checkout 1.0.0a3 && cd .. &&
12     sudo pip install ./pyusb/ &&
13     popd &&
14     rm "$pyusbdir" -rfv &&
15     unset pyusbdir
16
17 ./ant-downloader.py --help
```

Setup the watch as we described above, then run

```
1 sudo ./ant-downloader.py
```

3.3 Garmin-Forerunner-610-Extractor

Supported devices by Garmin-Forerunner-610-Extractor^[4]:

1. Garmin Forerunner 60
2. Garmin Forerunner 405CX
3. Garmin Forerunner 310XT
4. Garmin Forerunner 610
5. Garmin Forerunner 910XT
6. Garmin FR70
7. Garmin Swim

Download and run the application:

```
1 git clone https://github.com/Tigge/Garmin-Forerunner-610-
  Extractor
2 cd Garmin-Forerunner-610-Extractor
3 sudo cp resources/ant-usbstick2.rules /etc/udev/rules.d/80-
  garmin-ant2.rules
4 echo 'SUBSYSTEM=="usb", ATTR{idVendor}=="0fcf", ATTR{
  idProduct}=="1008", MODE="0666", SYMLINK+="ttyANT", ACTION
  == "add", RUN+="/sbin/modprobe usbserial vendor=0x0fcf
  product=0x1008"' > /etc/udev/rules.d/80-garmin-ant2.rules
5
6 sudo ./garmin.py
```

4 Applications

4.1 pytrainer

Pytrainer^[5] is a desktop tool for logging and graphing sporting excursions, the file formats include: [GPX](#), [TCX](#), [FIT](#).

Install in Ubuntu Linux:

```
1 sudo apt-get install pytrainer
```

Or installed from source code:

```
1 git clone https://github.com/pytrainer/pytrainer.git
2 cd pytrainer
3 sudo python setup.py install
4 pytrainer -i
```

4.2 Garmin Connect

5 Related Work

There's two versions of the gant, The DanAnker's ¹ seems contains the latest version of the origin author, because of the latest commits are in this repo, while the Debin's ² has not. Another jamesarbrown's ³ was from one early version of wbell in a web forum.

Unfortunately, the three versions above were not able to get files from the watch. Only yhfudev's version can work correctly.

¹DanAnker's gant <https://github.com/DanAnkers/garmin-ant-downloader.git>

²Debian's gant <git://git.debian.org/git/pkg-running/garmin-ant-downloader.git>

³jamesarbrown's gant <https://github.com/jamesarbrown/Gant.git>

James A R Brown^[1] described how to transfer files from Garmin watch, and import the files to pytrainer.

braiden^[6] introduced how to use Garmintools^[7] to communicate with Garmin Forerunner 305^[8] in Linux, and he also give an enhanced Python tool^[3]; Another work^[9] introduced the protocol between host and Garmin Forerunner 405^[10]CX^[11], and it also introduced the Python source code^[3].

Garmin-Forerunner-610-Extractor^[4] support a newer devices, such as 610.

Linux Garmin Communicator Plugin^[12] support uploading files to Gamin's website by using Firefox. ⁴

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