

Android Open Accessory Protocol

Turn Your Linux machine as ADK

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- Communication – Android Side

Need for AOA Protocol/ADK Host

- Peripheral support of typical android gadget
- Adding more peripherals like temperature sensor, CANBus support, SPI, I2C, PWM etc?
- With/without rooting of android device
- Scope of Android USB Host capabilities
- USB device capabilities of android gadget
- Alternatives for USB – Bluetooth, WiFi etc.
- Designing rich UI for your hardware control.
- Lets talk about the solution for all...

ADK Host

- In this protocol android gadget is kept in device mode and external hardware will be chosen in host mode
- Any hardware with USB host capabilities and capable of supplying a power of 5V@500mA to the android device can be chosen for this purpose, which is called as Android Accessory Development Kit(ADK) or Accessory Host
- Simple USB communication with two bulk end points

History

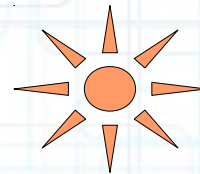
- AOA v1.0
 - Supported from Android 3.1(API Level 12) onwards
 - With add on library from Android 2.3.4(API level 10)
 - Announced in Google I/O 2011
 - Demonstrated through Custom shield for Arduino Mega board
- AOA v2.0
 - Supported from Android 4.1(API Level 16) onwards
 - Comes with additional features like audio,hid support and bluetooth connectivity
 - Announced in Google I/O 2012
 - Demonstrated through Arduino Due based custom board

Available Hardware for ADK

- Arduino Mega
- Arduino Due
- AOA kit from Embedded Artists
- FTDI Vinculum II
- Microchip PIC24F ADK
- Sparkfun IOIO
- BeagleBone powered with TI Starterware

Not limited to this hardware, any board with USB Host support can be designed as ADK with suitable USB Host APIs. The only advantage with this listing is availability of some sample code and certain tested apps.

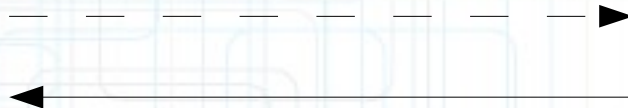
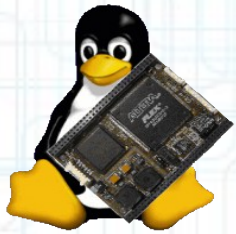
Any Linux machine with USB Host support



Initialization

Step1:-

- Send Control request 51(0x33) to get the protocol version
- Returns 1 for AOA 1.0, 2 for AOA 2.0

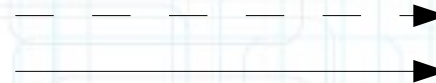
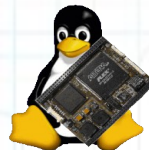


bmRequestType	TYPE_VENDOR DIR_DEVICE_TO_HOST
bRequest	51
wValue	0
wIndex	0
Data	Address of two byte buffer
wLength	2

Initialization

Step2:-

- Send identity strings through control request 52
- Essentially one should send manufacturer, model, version to communicate ADK with an app
- Rest all are optional

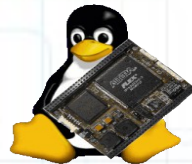


bmRequestType	TYPE_VENDOR DIR_HOST_TO_DEVICE	String IDs	
		Manufacturer	0
bRequest	52	Model	1
wValue	0	Description	2
wIndex	String id	Version	3
Data	Address of string	Url	4
wLength	Length of the string	Serial id	5

Initialization

Step3:-

- Start in accessory mode through control request 53(0x35)
- Launch an app matched by essential identity strings or start without app just for audio/hid support.



bmRequestType	TYPE_VENDOR DIR_HOST_TO_DEVICE
bRequest	53
wValue	0
wIndex	0
Data	NULL
wLength	0

Audio Support

- Send control request 0x58 for audio support with value=1 for 2 channel 16 bit PCM @ 44100 Kh`z
- If you are requesting for audio support, this must be done before starting in accessory mode
- If manufacturer, model identity strings are not supplied device goes to audio only mode

bmRequestType	TYPE_VENDOR DIR_HOST_TO_DEVICE
bRequest	53
wValue	1
wIndex	0
Data	NULL
wLength	0

HID Support

- ADK can acts as HID event source or HID proxy to your android device
- The following request codes are used for HID support

Register HID	54
Unregister HID	55
Set HID Report	56
Send HID Event	57

Configuration

- Upon initialization android device switches to accessory mode from MTP/PTP mode and re-enumerated by ADK Host with one of the following vendor id,product id combinations and interface 0 with two bulk end points for communication

0x18D1:0x2D00	Accessory only
0x18D1:0x2D01	Accessory+ADB
0x18D1:0x2D02	Audio only
0x18D1:0x2D03	Audio + ADB
0x18D1:0x2D04	Accessory + Audio
0x18D1:0x2D05	Accessory + Audio + ADB

Using driver skeleton

- Hosted on github.com/rajeshsola/adk-driver-skeleton

based on Gary Bisson's libusb based linux-adk code

- Load the driver, optionally with module parameters

my_dev_vid, my_dev_pid

- Initialize using simple shell commands

cat /sys/kernel/adk_linux/aoa_init/version

echo "Manu=OSI Days" > /sys/kernel/adk_linux/aoa_init/identity

echo "Model=uisample" > /sys/kernel/adk_linux/aoa_init/identity

echo "version=1.0" > /sys/kernel/adk_linux/aoa_init/identity

echo "accessory" > /sys/kernel/adk_linux/aoa_init/start

- Alternatives for initialization

ioctl code

module parameter `init_on_probe=1`

Communication – ADK side

- Simple userspace file operations on linux(ADK) side to talk to the app

- Start the communication

```
fd=open("/dev/aoa-skel0",O_RDWR);
```

- For output peripherals(Android to ADK), eg:- LEDs, Volume

```
read(fd,buf,len);
```

```
//process the buffer and control peripherals
```

- For input peripherals(ADK to Android), eg:- Sensors, RTC

```
//fill the buffer with state of peripherals
```

```
write(fd,str,len);
```

- Stop the communication

```
close(fd);
```

- can go for threaded design for Asynchronous transfer

Sample Apps

- From Google Playstore
 - ADK 2012 from Google
 - Basic Accessory Demo from Microchip
- From other repositories with source code
 - SimpleAccessory Demo
 - Examples for AOA Kit from Embedded Artists
 - ADK Demo from rowboat project for beagle bone
 - TinyAccessory Demo
 - FTDI Android examples

Developing Your own Apps

- intent-filter section and other changes in Manifest file
- Getting the reference of USB service manager
- Getting the reference for connected accessory
- Checking/Obtaining permissions
- Getting references of file streams
- Steps to take care during Activity life cycle
 - onCreate
 - onPause
 - onResume
 - onDestroy
- A walk through of skeleton code ADKControl class

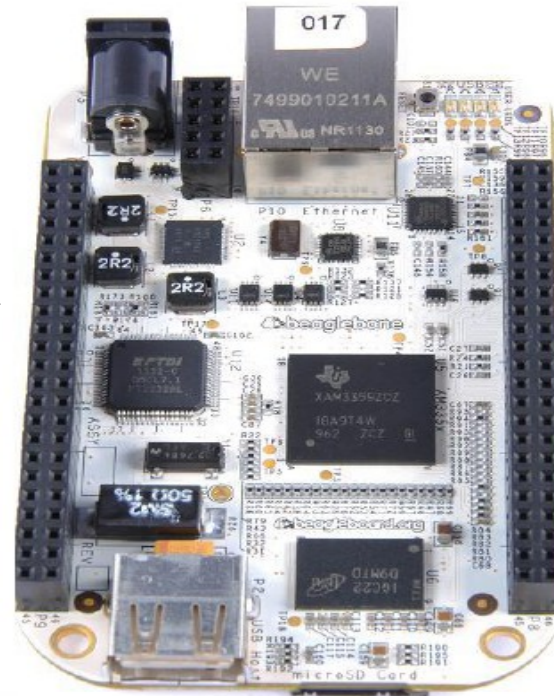
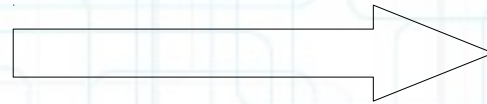
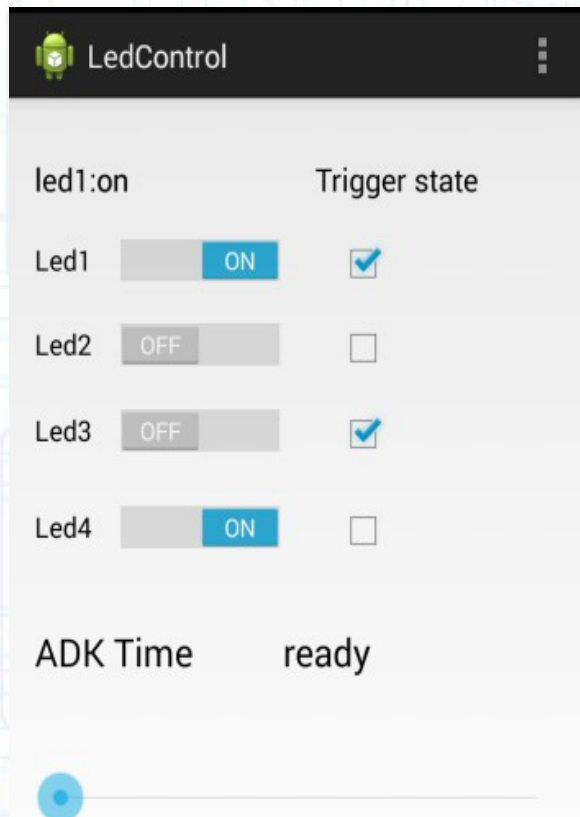
Communication – Android App side

- Add the skeleton class ADKControl to your project
- Create an instance of ADKControl in MainActivity by passing the reference of same,if necessary pass the reference of ADKControl to other activities or fragments or retrieve through getInstance(null)

`ADKControl adk=ADKControl.getInstance(this)`

- Use sendCommand method for output activity,in appropriate listeners
- Use readData method for input activity, preferably in a different thread for asynchronous read
- Can obtain references for Input,Output references using methods getInputStream,getOutputStream

An Example – App to ADK



Byte buffer

Peripheral Type	Peripheral Id	Peripheral State/Data	Peripheral Data	Peripheral Data
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0

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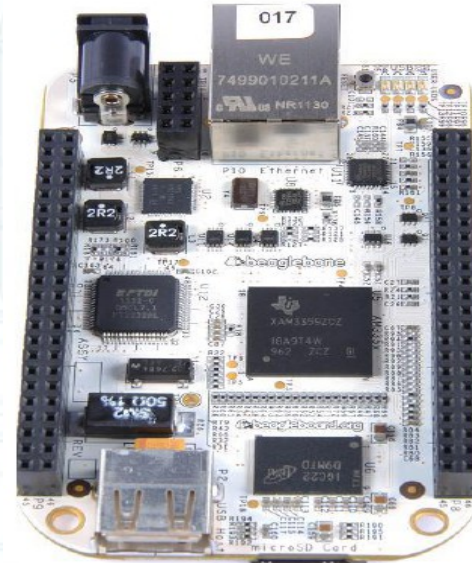
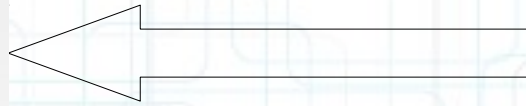
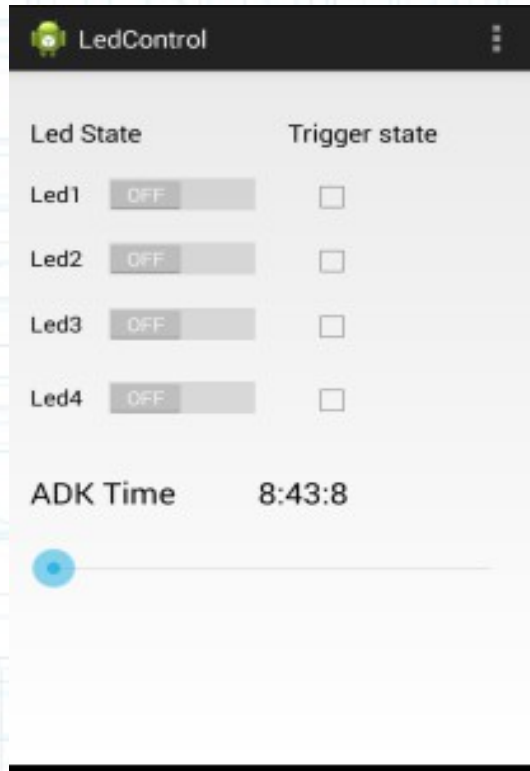
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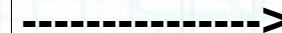
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An Example – ADK to App



Input Type	Data	Data	Data	Data
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0x46	hours	mins	secs
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