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– General Linux 2 – Set Up USB devices [2]

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Objective

Candidates should be able to activate USB support, use and configure different USB devices. This objective includes the correct selection of the USB chipset and the corresponding module. It also includes the knowledge of the basic architecture of the layer model of USB as well as the different modules used in the different layers.

Key files, terms, and utilities

lspci(8)
usb-uhci.o
usb-ohci.o
/etc/usbmgr/
usbmodules
/etc/hotplug

Resources of interest

The Linux-USB Project :

http://www.linux-usb.org:

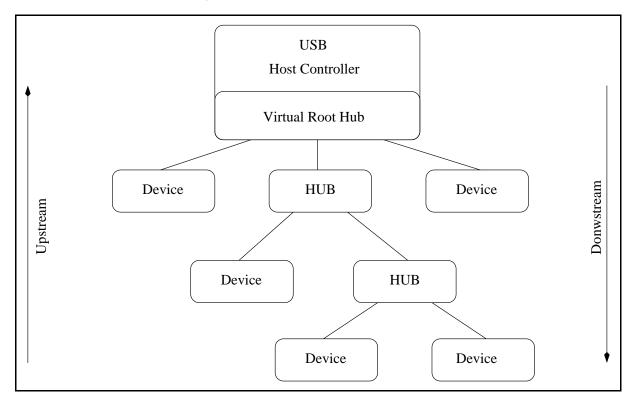
The Linux USB Sub System : by Brad Hards, Sigma Bravo Pty Ltd

The Universal Serial Bus

- A serial transmission scheme
- Two versions of USB Version 1 & Version 2
- Version 1
 - released January 1996
 - supports speeds up to 12MBit/s (8.5Mbit/s in practice)
 - supports up to 127 devices connected to the bus
- Version 2:
 - announced 1999
 - supports speeds up to 480Mbit/s
- Devices can be self or bus powered



The system unit contains the host controller and one virtual root hub with at least one (and normally two) USB interfaces. These interfaces can then be connected directly to a USB device or to another HUB.

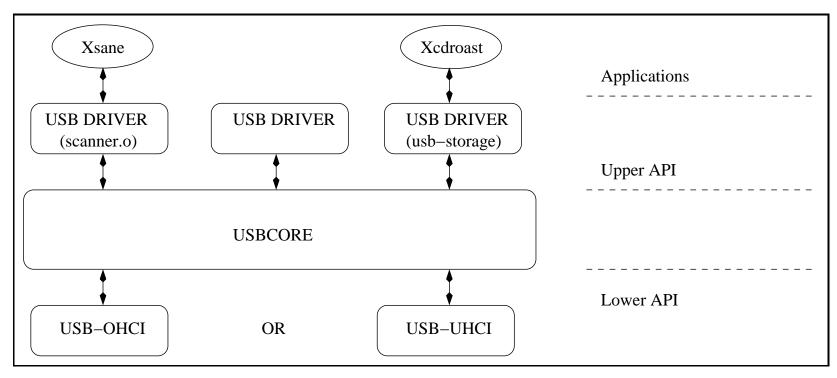


USB Device Driver Layers

The Device drivers for the USB sub-system are split into two distinct layers:

Hardware Layer usbcore & usb-uhci / usb-ohci

API Layer - Application / Product specific



USB Controllers

There are two categories of USB controller

usb-uhci For Intel, PIIX4, Via controllers

usb-ohci For Compaq, iMacs, OPTi, SiS, ALi controllers

The <u>UHCI</u> controllers use a 16 bit IO address:

I/O at 0xHHHH eg: I/O at 0xe400

The <u>OHCI</u> controllers use a 32 bit memory address:

memory at 0xHH000000 eg memory at 0xee000000

USB Controllers

To determine your controller type, examine /proc/pci for a clue:

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[root@Node4] root]# cat /proc/pci
PCI devices found:
.....
Bus 0, device 7, function 2:
USB Controller: VIA Technologies Inc. UHCI USB(rev 17).
IRQ 10.
Master Capable. Latency=32.
I/O at 0xe400 [0xe41f].
.....
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Assuming you have a modular kernel, the following modules will be required:

usbcore The base usb kernel module

plus one of the controller specific modules either

usb-uhci For Intel, PIIX4, Via controllers

usb-ohci For Compaq, iMacs, OPTi, SiS, ALi controllers



Configuration

An entry in /etc/modules.conf aliases the specific controller to usb-controller as follows:

alias usb-controller usb-uhci

USB Modules

Starting up the USB sub-system

To have the usb sub-system startup automatically at boot time, all you need to do is ensure that the above alias line is present in /etc/modules.conf.

To startup manually, do the following steps:

- insmod usbcore
- insmod usb-uhci (or usb-ohci)
- mount the usbdevfs filesystem (optional but highly recommended)



Example

[root@Node4]# insmod usbcore
Using /lib/modules/2.4.18-4/kernel/drivers/usb/usbcore.o

[root@Node4] root]# insmod usb-uhci
Using /lib/modules/2.4.18-4/kernel/drivers/usb/usb-uhci.o

[root@Node4]# mount -t usbdevfs usbdevfs /proc/bus/usb

Once this is done, you should see the following entries in /proc/bus/usb:

[root@Node4] root]# ls /proc/bus/usb
001 devices drivers

USB Interrogation Utilities

LSUSB - A console view of USB devices

Lsusb is a text utility contained in the usbutils package. Use 'rpm -Uvh usbutils.xxx.rpm' to install.

[root@node4]# lsusb Bus 001 Device 001: ID 0000:0000 Virtual Hub Device Descriptor: bLength 18 bDescriptorType 1 bcdUSB 1.00 bDeviceClass 9 Hub iProduct 2 USB UHCI Root Hub

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LSUSB - A console view of USB devices

Bus 001 Device 002: ID 03f0:0601 Hewlett-Packard ScanJet 6300c Device Descriptor:

bLength	18	
bDescriptorType	1	
bcdUSB	1.00	
bDeviceClass	0	Interface
bDeviceSubClass	0	
bDeviceProtocol	0	
bMaxPacketSize0	8	
idVendor	0x03f0	Hewlett-Packard
idProduct	0x0601	ScanJet 6300c
bcdDevice	1.00	
iManufacturer	1	
iProduct	2	HP ScanJet 6300C
iSerial	3	SG9941706SPE

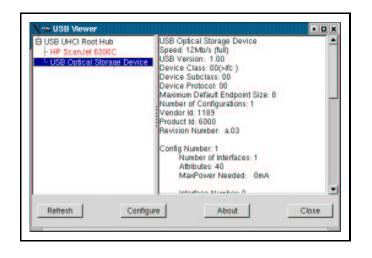
LSUSB - A console view of USB devices

Bus 001 Device 003:	ID 1189	:6000
Device Descriptor:		
bLength	18	
bDescriptorType	1	
bcdUSB	1.00	
bDeviceClass	0	Interface
bDeviceSubClass	0	
bDeviceProtocol	0	
bMaxPacketSize0	8	
idVendor	0x1189	
idProduct	0x6000	
bcdDevice	a.03	
iManufacturer	0	
iProduct	1	USB Optical Storage Device
iSerial	0	

USB Interrogation Utilities

USBVIEW - An X view of USB devices

- Usbview is a GUI utility contained in the usbview package. Use 'rpm -Uvh usbview.rpm' to install.
- Usbview parses /proc/bus/usb/devices for connected USB devices. Any device that has a problem will be printed in red.



X-⊨ USB Viewer		•
USB UHCI Root Hub HP ScanJet 6300C USB Optical Storage Device	USB Optical Storage Device Speed: 12Mb/s (full) USB Version: 1.00 Device Class: 00(>lfc) Device Subclass: 00 Device Protocol: 00 Maximum Default Endpoint Size: 8 Number of Configurations: 1 Vendor Id: 1189 Product Id: 6000 Revision Number: a.03 Config Number: 1 Number of Interfaces: 1 Attributes: 40 MaxPower Needed: 0mA	
Refresh Configur	e About Close	

Hotplugging USB Devices

When a device is plugged into a USB port, it will automatically register itself with the USB subsystem. The upper API drivers will not however automatically 'insmod' themselves unless the hotplug package has been installed.

With the hotplug package installed, an entry in /proc/sys/kernel/hotplug will be created which will contain the name of an executable to be called whenever a new device is detected on the bus.

\$ ls /proc/sys/kernel/hotplug
/sbin/hotplug

Hotplugging USB Devices

For example, when a USB scanner is plugged in, hotplug will automatically load the module 'scanner.o'. The xsane application can then be run directly without any user intervention.

- /sbin/hotplug is an executable which is called by the kernel (kernel space to user space interface)
- /etc/hotplug is a directory containing configuration information for hotplug (which drivers to load when a device is plugged in)

