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Preface

About this guide and technical support information.

About this document

This document mainly provides the SDK developers with the programming basics and debugging know-how for the UART of the StarFive next generation SoC platform - JH7110.

Audience

This document mainly serves the UART relevant driver developers. If you are developing other modules, place a request to your sales or support consultant for our complete documentation set on JH7110.

Revision History

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| Version | Released | Revision |
|---------|----------|-------------------------|
| 1.0 | | First official release. |

Notes and notices

The following notes and notices might appear in this guide:

-  **Tip:**
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-  **Note:**
Explains a special case or expands on an important point.
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1. Introduction

Universal Asynchronous Receiver-Transmitter (UART) uses a single data transmission line to send data to destination.

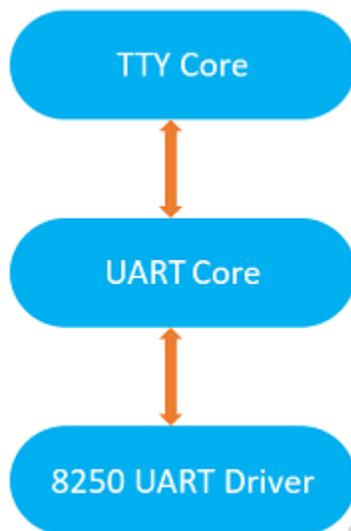
UART can be used not only to output log data for system debug, but also to complete short-distance communication. It is an interface with practical use in embedded systems.

1.1. Function Layer

The UART driver of the JH7110 SoC Platform has the following layers.

- TTY Core: TTY refers to the TeleType and/or the TeleType Writer. It registers and manages all TTY devices in the core.
- UART Core: It provides a set of API for the UART driver for registration of devices and drivers.
- 8250 UART Driver: It serves as a platform for the initialization and data communication for the JH7110 SoC Platform.

Figure 1-1 Function Layer



1.2. Device Tree Overview

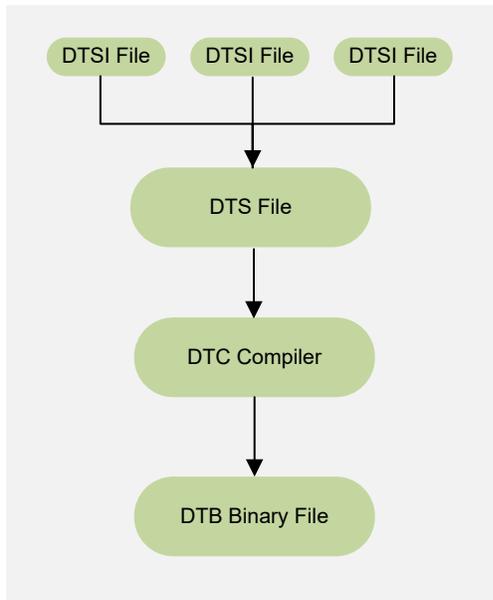
Since Linux 3.x, device tree is introduced as a data structure and language to describe hardware configuration. It is a system-readable description of hardware settings so that the operating system doesn't have to hard code details of the machine.

A device tree is primarily represented in the following forms.

- *Device Tree Compiler (DTC)*: The tool used to compile device tree into system-readable binaries.
- *Device Tree Source (DTS)*: The human-readable device tree description file. You can locate the target parameters and modify hardware configuration in this file.
- *Device Tree Source Information (DTSI)*: The human-readable header file which you can include in device tree description. You can locate the target parameters and modify hardware configuration in this file.
- *Device Tree Blob (DTB)*: The system-readable device tree binary blob files which is burned in system for execution.

The following diagram shows the relationship (workflow) of the above forms.

Figure 1-2 Device Tree Workflow



1.3. Source Code Structure

The following code block shows the source code tree structure of the UART driver.

```
linux 5.15
|-- include
|   |-- linux
|   |   |-- serial_8250.h
|   |   |-- serial_core.h
|-- driver
|   |-- tty
|   |   |-- serial
|   |   |   |-- serial_core.c
|   |   |   |-- 8250
|   |   |       |-- 8250_dw.c
|   |   |       |-- 8250_core.c
|   |   |       |-- 8250.h
```

2. Configuration

2.1. Kernel Menu Configuration

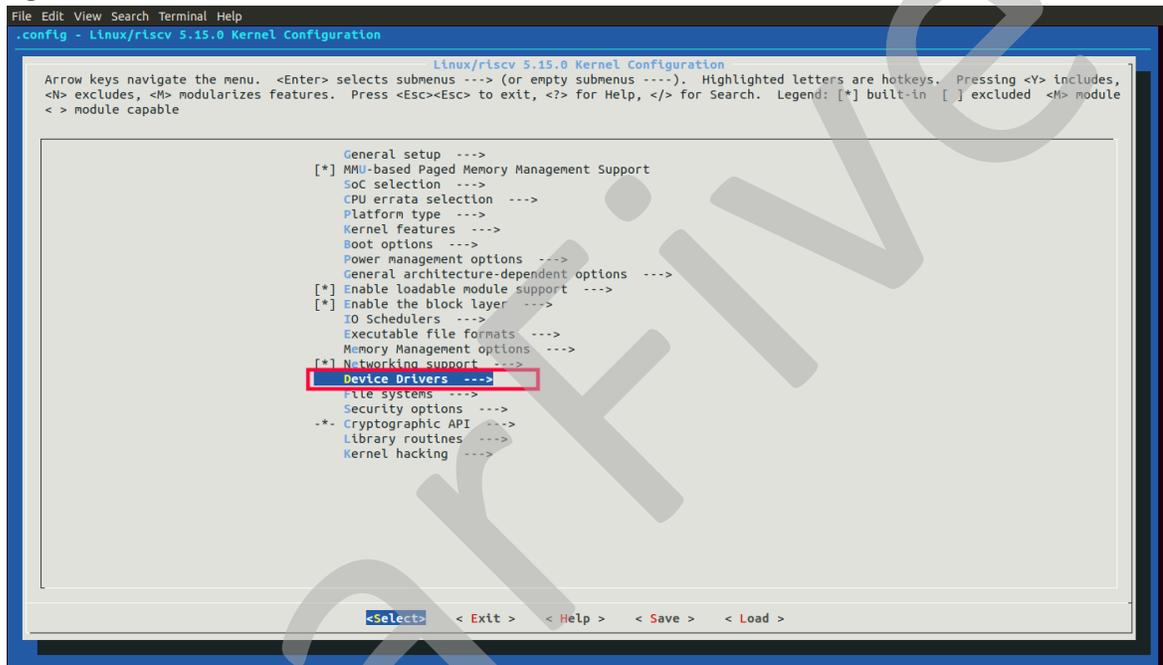
Follow the steps below to enable the kernel configuration for UART.

1. Under the root directory of `freelight-u-sdk`, type the following command to enter the kernel menu configuration GUI.

```
make linux-menuconfig
```

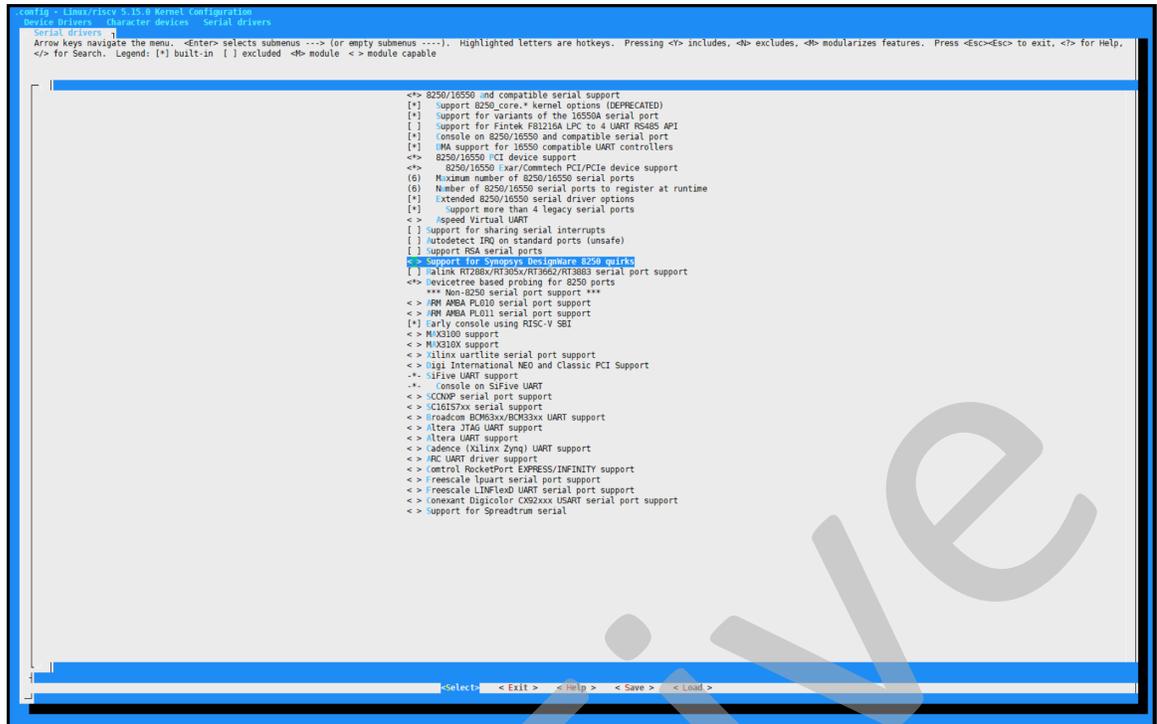
2. Enter the **Device Drivers** menu.

Figure 2-1 Device Drivers



3. Enter the **Character devices** menu.

Figure 2-4 Support for 8250



6. Save your change before you exit the kernel configuration dialog.

2.2. Device Tree Source Code

Overview Structure

The device tree source code of JH7110 is listed as follows:

```

linux
├── arch
│   ├── riscv
│   │   ├── boot
│   │   │   └── dts
│   │   │       └── starfive
│   │   │           ├── codecs
│   │   │           │   ├── sf_pdm.dtsi
│   │   │           │   ├── sf_pwm dac.dtsi
│   │   │           │   ├── sf_spdif.dtsi
│   │   │           │   ├── sf_tdm.dtsi
│   │   │           │   └── sf_wm8960.dtsi
│   │   │           ├── evb-overlay
│   │   │           │   ├── jh7110-evb-overlay-can.dts
│   │   │           │   ├── jh7110-evb-overlay-rgb2hdmi.dts
│   │   │           │   ├── jh7110-evb-overlay-sdio.dts
│   │   │           │   ├── jh7110-evb-overlay-spi.dts
│   │   │           │   ├── jh7110-evb-overlay-uart4-emmc.dts
│   │   │           │   ├── jh7110-evb-overlay-uart5-pwm.dts
│   │   │           │   └── Makefile
│   │   │           ├── jh7110-clk.dtsi
│   │   │           ├── jh7110-common.dtsi
│   │   │           ├── jh7110.dtsi
│   │   │           ├── jh7110-evb-can-pdm-pwm dac.dts
│   │   │           ├── jh7110-evb.dts
│   │   │           ├── jh7110-evb.dtsi
│   │   │           ├── jh7110-evb-dvp-rgb2hdmi.dts
│   │   │           ├── jh7110-evb-pcie-i2s-sd.dts
│   │   │           ├── jh7110-evb-pinctrl.dtsi
│   │   │           └── jh7110-evb-spi-uart2.dts
│   │   └── dtb
│   └── dtb
└── dtb

```

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```
| | | | | └─ jh7110-evb-uart1-rgb2hdmi.dts
| | | | | └─ jh7110-evb-uart4-emmc-spdif.dts
| | | | | └─ jh7110-evb-uart5-pwm-i2c-tdm.dts
| | | | | └─ jh7110-fpga.dts
| | | | | └─ jh7110-visionfive-v2.dts
| | | | | └─ Makefile
| | | | | └─ vf2-overlay
| | | | |   └─ Makefile
| | | | |   └─ vf2-overlay-uart3-i2c.dts
```

SoC Platform

The device tree source code of the JH7110 SoC platform is in the following path:

```
freelight-u-sdk/linux/arch/riscv/boot/dts/starfive/jh7110.dtsi
```

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The device tree source code of the VisionFive 2 *Single Board Computer (SBC)* is in the following path:

```
freelight-u-sdk/linux/arch/riscv/boot/dts/starfive/jh7110-visionfive-v2.dts
-- freelight-u-sdk/linux/arch/riscv/boot/dts/starfive/jh7110-common.dtsi
-- freelight-u-sdk/linux/arch/riscv/boot/dts/starfive/jh7110.dtsi
```

2.3. Device Tree Configuration

For Linux 5.15, UART has the following configuration for a general UART Controller:

```
uart0: serial@10000000 {
    compatible = "snps,dw-apb-uart";
    reg = <0x0 0x10000000 0x0 0x10000>;
    reg-io-width = <4>;
    reg-shift = <2>;
    clocks = <&clkgen JH7110_UART0_CLK_CORE>,
            <&clkgen JH7110_UART0_CLK_APB>;
    clock-names = "baudclk", "apb_pclk";
    resets = <&rstgen RSTN_U0_DW_UART_APB>,
            <&rstgen RSTN_U0_DW_UART_CORE>;
    interrupts = <32>;
    status = "disabled";
};
```

The following list provides explanations for the parameters included in the above code block.

- **compatible:** Compatibility information, used to associate the driver and its target device.
- **reg:** Register base address "0x10000000" and range "0x10000". Make sure you do not change the 2 bits after it, **reg-io-width** and **reg-shift**.
- **clocks:** The clocks used by the UART module.
- **clock-names:** The names of the above clocks.
- **resets:** The reset signals used by the UART module.
- **interrupts:** Hardware interrupt ID.
- **status:** The work status of the UART module. To enable the module, set this bit as "okay" or to disable the module, set this bit as "disabled".

You can configure each UART controller in the device tree. A UART node represents a UART controller. You need to specify an alias for the UART node so that you can identify it from the others.

2.4. Board Level Configuration

The `board.dts` file is used to store the configuration profiles at the board level.

For the VisionFive 2 SBC, the board.dts file is in the following path:

```
linux/arch/riscv/boot/dts/starfive/jh7110-visionfive-v2.dts
```

Take UART0 module as an example, its board.dts file is in the following path:

```
linux/arch/riscv/boot/dts/starfive/jh7110-visionfive-v2.dts
```

In the file, you can find the following configuration information for UART pin control configuration:

```
&gpio {
    uart0_pins: uart0-pins {
        uart0-pins-tx {
            sf,pins = <PAD_GPIO5>;
            sf,pin-ioctl = <IO(GPIO_IE(1) | GPIO_DS(3))>;
            sf,pin-gpio-dout = <GPIO_UART0_SOUT>;
            sf,pin-gpio-doen = <OEN_LOW>;
        };

        uart0-pins-rx {
            sf,pins = <PAD_GPIO6>;
            sf,pinmux = <PAD_GPIO6_FUNC_SEL 0>;
            sf,pin-ioctl = <IO(GPIO_IE(1) | GPIO_PU(1))>;
            sf,pin-gpio-doen = <OEN_HIGH>;
            sf,pin-gpio-din = <GPIO_UART0_SIN>;
        };
    };
};
```

And you can also find the following configuration information for pin control.

```
&uart0 {
    pinctrl-names = "default";
    pinctrl-0 = <&uart0_pins>;
    status = "okay";
};
```

2.5. Set Other UART as Print Console

Follow the procedure below to complete the setting.

1. Find the target UART port in the board.dts file, and make sure the port has been enabled.

```
&uart3 {
    pinctrl-names = "default";
    pinctrl-0 = <&uart3_pins>;
    status = "okay";
};
```

2. Modify the Kernel command line parameter which passed by the front boot step to use the target UART port as the printing console.

```
earlyprintk console=ttyS3,115200 debug rootwait earlycon=sbi
Note:
ttyS0 <====> uart0
ttyS1 <====> uart1
ttyS2 <====> uart2
ttyS3 <====> uart3
```

3. Interface Description

UART driver automatically registers and generates the following device for serial communication: `/dev/ttySx`.

When working on UART relevant applications, Linux application developers are recommended to follow the standard Linux coding practices.

3.1. Enable or Disable the Serial Port

When enabling or disabling the serial port, make sure you have followed the rules below:

- Include all the following header files:

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <unistd.h>
```

- Make sure you use standard functions to open and close the files you need.

```
int open(const char *pathname, int flags);
int close (int fd)
```

3.2. Configure Serial Port Attributes

Make sure you have included the following file before setting attributes.

```
#include <termios.h>
```

Commonly, a serial port has the following attributes.

- Baud rate
- Data bit
- Stop bit
- Verification bit
- Traffic control

The following interfaces are used to configure the attributes of a serial port.

3.2.1. tcgetattr

`tcgetattr` is a Linux standard interface to get parameters from the terminal.

See *Library Functions* on the [Linux man-pages project](#) for more information.

3.2.2. tcsetattr

`tcsetattr` is a Linux standard interface to set parameters to the terminal.

See *Library Functions* on the [Linux man-pages project](#) for more information.

3.2.3. cfgetispeed

`cfgetispeed` is a Linux standard interface to get input baud rate.

See *Library Functions* on the [Linux man-pages project](#) for more information.

3.2.4. cfgetspeed

`cfgetispeed` is a Linux standard interface to get output baud rate.

See *Library Functions* on the [Linux man-pages project](#) for more information.

3.2.5. cfsetispeed

`cfsetispeed` is a Linux standard interface to set input baud rate.

See *Library Functions* on the [Linux man-pages project](#) for more information.

3.2.6. cfsetospeed

`cfsetospeed` is a Linux standard interface to set output baud rate.

See *Library Functions* on the [Linux man-pages project](#) for more information.

3.2.7. cfsetspeed

`cfsetospeed` is a Linux standard interface to set input and output speed.

See *Library Functions* on the [Linux man-pages project](#) for more information.

3.2.8. tcflush

`tcflush` is a Linux standard interface to discard data written to the object .

See *Library Functions* on the [Linux man-pages project](#) for more information.

4. Example Use Case

The following demo program including the complete process of opening a UART device, listening on it, and printing when readable data is detected.

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <fcntl.h> /*File control definition*/
#include <termios.h> /*PPSIX Terminal operating system definition*/
#include <stdio.h> /*Standard input and output definition*/
#include <unistd.h> /*UNIX standard function definition*/

#define BAUDRATE      115200
#define UART_DEVICE   "/dev/ttyS3"

#define FALSE  -1
#define TRUE   0

/**
 *@brief Set communication speed for UART
 *@param fd      Type int  Open UART file
 *@param speed  Type int  UART speed
 *@return void
 */
int speed_arr[] = {B115200, B38400, B19200, B9600, B4800, B2400, B1200, B300,
                  B115200, B38400, B19200, B9600, B4800, B2400, B1200, B300, };
int name_arr[] = {115200, 38400, 19200, 9600, 4800, 2400, 1200, 300,
                 115200, 38400, 19200, 9600, 4800, 2400, 1200, 300, };
void set_speed(int fd, int speed){
    int i;
    int status;
    struct termios Opt;
    tcgetattr(fd, &Opt);
    for ( i= 0; i < sizeof(speed_arr) / sizeof(int); i++) {
        if (speed == name_arr[i]) {
            tcflush(fd, TCIOFLUSH);
            cfsetispeed(&Opt, speed_arr[i]);
            cfsetospeed(&Opt, speed_arr[i]);
            status = tcsetattr(fd, TCSANOW, &Opt);
            if (status != 0) {
                perror("tcsetattr fd1");
                return;
            }
            tcflush(fd,TCIOFLUSH);
        }
    }
}

/**
 *@brief Set data bit, stop bit and parity check bit
 *@param fd      Type int  OPEN UART file
 *@param databits Type int data bit Value 7 or 8
 *@param stopbits Type int stop bit Value 1 or 2
 *@param parity  Type int parity check Type Value N,E,O,,S
 */
int set_Parity(int fd,int databits,int stopbits,int parity)
{
    struct termios options;
    if ( tcgetattr( fd,&options) != 0) {
        perror("SetupSerial 1");
        return(FALSE);
    }
    options.c_cflag &= ~CSIZE;
    switch (databits) /*Set dataa bit count*/
    {
        case 7:
            options.c_cflag |= CS7;
            break;
        case 8:
            options.c_cflag |= CS8;
    }
}
```

```

    break;
default:
    fprintf(stderr, "Unsupported data size\n"); return (FALSE);
}
switch (parity)
{
    case 'n':
    case 'N':
        options.c_cflag &= ~PARENB; /* Clear parity enable */
        options.c_iflag &= ~INPCK; /* Enable parity checking */
        break;
    case 'o':
    case 'O':
        options.c_cflag |= (PARODD | PARENB); /* Set as odd parity check*/
        options.c_iflag |= INPCK; /* Disable parity check */
        break;
    case 'e':
    case 'E':
        options.c_cflag |= PARENB; /* Enable parity */
        options.c_cflag &= ~PARODD; /* Set as even parity check*/
        options.c_iflag |= INPCK; /* Disable parity check */
        break;
    case 'S':
    case 's': /*as no parity*/
        options.c_cflag &= ~PARENB;
        options.c_cflag &= ~CSTOPB; break;
    default:
        fprintf(stderr, "Unsupported parity\n");
        return (FALSE);
}
/* Set stop bit*/
switch (stopbits)
{
    case 1:
        options.c_cflag &= ~CSTOPB;
        break;
    case 2:
        options.c_cflag |= CSTOPB;
        break;
    default:
        fprintf(stderr, "Unsupported stop bits\n");
        return (FALSE);
}
/* Set input parity option */
if (parity != 'n')
    options.c_iflag |= INPCK;
tcflush(fd, TCIFLUSH);
options.c_cc[VTIME] = 150; /* Set to more than 15 seconds*/
options.c_cc[VMIN] = 0; /* Update the options and do it NOW */
if (tcsetattr(fd, TCSANOW, &options) != 0)
{
    perror("SetupSerial 3");
    return (FALSE);
}
options.c_lflag &= ~(ICANON | ECHO | ECHOE | ISIG); /*Input*/
options.c_oflag &= ~OPOST; /*Output*/
return (TRUE);
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int fd, c=0, res;
    char *dev;

    char buf[256];

    printf("Start...\n");
    if (argc == 2)
        dev = argv[1];
    else
        dev = UART_DEVICE;

```

| 4 - Example Use Case

```
fd = open(dev, O_RDWR);

if (fd < 0) {
    perror(UART_DEVICE);
    exit(1);
}

printf("Open...\n");
printf("bandrate %d...\n",BAUDRATE);
set_speed(fd,BAUDRATE);
if (set_Parity(fd,8,1,'N') == FALSE) {
    printf("Set Parity Error\n");
    exit (0);
}

printf("Reading...\n");
while(1) {
    res = read(fd, buf, 255);

    if(res==0)
        continue;
    buf[res]=0;

    printf("%s", buf);

    if (buf[0] == 0x0d)
        printf("\n");
write(fd,buf,res);

    if (buf[0] == '@') break;
}

printf("Close...\n");
close(fd);

return 0;
}
```