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2025/6/10	v1.08-20250610	Add GPIO support, controlled by reg 243h or kernel param "uart_en". Fix kernel 6.1 build issue.

1. Driver installation

The following installation is based on Ubuntu 22.04:

1. `sudo su`
2. `apt-get update`
3. `apt-get dist-upgrade`
4. `reboot`
5. `apt-get install gcc make build-essential`
6. Unzip the driver.zip
7. `cd driver`
8. `make clean ; make ; make install`
9. If the target system is using SecureBoot mode, Please refer the following link to sign driver:
<https://ubuntu.com/blog/how-to-sign-things-for-secure-boot>
10. Reference section “Debian 7 / Ubuntu Configurations” for setting.
11. `reboot`
12. Check if any new port added by “`dmesg | grep ttyS`”, if you cant see any new add ports, please following the Troubleshooting A1 then `insmod` driver again.

```
[ 26.194435] 0000:02:00.0: ttyS4 at MMIO 0xf7b00000 (irq = 46, base_baud = 230400) is a 16550A
[ 26.200733] 0000:02:00.0: ttyS5 at MMIO 0xf7b00008 (irq = 47, base_baud = 230400) is a 16550A
[ 26.207132] 0000:02:00.0: ttyS6 at MMIO 0xf7b00010 (irq = 48, base_baud = 230400) is a 16550A
[ 26.227131] 0000:02:00.0: ttyS7 at MMIO 0xf7b00018 (irq = 45, base_baud = 230400) is a 16550A
```

2. Kernel configure

If you are using embedded system, ensure the following kernel configuration is en/disabled.

Device Drivers --->

[*] PCI support --->

Character devices --->

[*] Enable TTY

Serial drivers --->

<*> 8250/16550 and compatible serial support

< > 8250/16550 PCI device support (Disable)

(48) Maximum number of 8250/16550 serial ports

(32) Number of 8250/16550 serial ports to register at runtime

3. Serial Port Mode Change

The Linux official RS485 API released with Kernel 3.19.0. If you are using Kernel 3.19.0 or newer kernel, It can be set by TIOCSRS485/TIOCGRS485 ioctl. Otherwise we can control the mode with our demo app "set_mode".

```

root@code:/home/code/ddd/hpeter/fintek/F81504-Series/change_mode# make
gcc -I.. -c -o set_mode.o set_mode.c
gcc set_mode.o -o set_mode
root@code:/home/code/ddd/hpeter/fintek/F81504-Series/change_mode# ./set_mode
./set_mode
./set_mode <port> <mode>

Uart Mode table:
1 --> eModeRS232
2 --> eModeRS485 - DE#/RE (TX Enable with RTS Low)
3 --> eModeRS485_1 - DE/RE# (TX Enable with RTS High)

root@code:/home/code/ddd/hpeter/fintek/F81504-Series/change_mode# ./set_mode ttyS4 2
Target:/sys/class/tty/ttyS4/device/config
291c411
Target:/sys/class/tty/ttyS4/port
change to mode: eModeRS485 - DE#/RE (TX Enable with RTS Low)
root@code:/home/code/ddd/hpeter/fintek/F81504-Series/change_mode#

```

This screen-shot is based on Ubuntu 14.04.2.

Section1: Compile App

Section2: App Parameter

Section2: Demo change to RS485 Mode with DE# (We should also setup transceiver correctly)

Transceiver mode change (on EVB)

We designed special EVB for F81504A/Transceiver mode switch. It can be controlled by set_mode / set_gpio to change the mode for application (RS422/485/232/ ...).

```

root@code-ms7c82: /home/code
Fintek F81504 set gpio tools
Set mode
./set_gpio <port> <mode>
Query mode
./set_gpio <port>

Uart Mode table:
F81439(M0/M1/M2)
0: 000 - RS422
1: 001 - RS232
2: 010 - RS485 Low Active
3: 011 - RS485 High Active
4: 100 - RS422 with termination
5: 101 - Reserved
6: 110 - RS485 Low Active with termination
7: 111 - Shutdown

F81435(M0/M1/M2)
0: 000 - RS422 High Active
1: 001 - RS232
2: 010 - RS485 High Active
3: 011 - ccTALK
4: 100 - RS422 Low Active
5: 101 - RS485 Low Active (Auto Sensing)
6: 110 - RS485 Low Active
7: 111 - RS422 Low Active (Auto Sensing)

F81433(M0/M1/R_DIS)
1: 001 - RS232
2: 010 - RS422 with termination
3: 011 - RS422
4: 100 - RS485 Low Active with termination (Auto Sensing)
5: 101 - RS485 Low Active (Auto Sensing)
7: 111 - Shutdown
[0] 0: bash 1: bash 2: [tmux]*
"code-ms7c82" 06:46 15- 2月 -41

```

The set_mode / set_gpio must set correctly for using this EVB, the default mode is RS232. The following examples will use F81439 and ttyS7 for demo.

RS232:

```

./set_mode ttyS7 1
./set_gpio ttyS7 1

```

RS485:

```

./set_mode ttyS7 2
./set_gpio ttyS7 2

```

RS422:

```

set_mode: don't care.
./set_gpio ttyS7 0

```

Query transceiver mode & type

```
./set_gpio <com port>
```

```
root@code-ms7c82:/home/code/ddd/old/hpeter/fintek/tmp/f81504/change_mode# ./set_gpio ttyS7
Transceiver: F81439
current mode: 1
root@code-ms7c82:/home/code/ddd/old/hpeter/fintek/tmp/f81504/change_mode#
```

H/W fix transceiver mode

Linux Driver will only detect F81504A Transceiver & H/W fix mode when driver load, reboot & S3/4 resume. The detecting flow is as following:

1. Set the M0/M1/M2 with the com port as input mode.
2. Read the three pins value.
3. If the three pins are digital 1, this com port can be controlled by set_gpio, otherwise is H/W fix mode.

GPIO control

The Fintek F81504A/508A/512A can convert serial ports to GPIOs, controlled via register 0x243 or the kernel parameter "uart_en". We can control it using Linux "gpio" tools. For example, connect GPIO03 (SOUT3) and GPIO04 (SIN3), then use "gpiochip0 3=1 / 3=0" to toggle GPIO03, and "gpioget 0 4" to read GPIO04.

```
root@code-ms7592:/home/code#
3 modules
#make -C /DataDisk/hpeter/DMA-210UII/samsung_android_kernel_3.0 M=/home/code/ddd/old/hpeter/fintek/F81504-Series/U3 modules
#make -C /DataDisk/freescale/android_x86-6.0-r2/out/target/product/x86/obj/kernel M=/home/code/ddd/old/hpeter/fintek/F81504-Series/U3 modules
root@code-ms7592:/home/code/ddd/old/hpeter/fintek/F81504-Series/U3# insmod f81504a_u3.ko uart_en=1

root@code-ms7592:/sys/class/gpio/gpio523#
root@code-ms7592:/sys/class/gpio/gpio523#
root@code-ms7592:/sys/class/gpio/gpio523#
root@code-ms7592:/sys/class/gpio/gpio523#
root@code-ms7592:/sys/class/gpio/gpio523# gpiochip0 3=1
root@code-ms7592:/sys/class/gpio/gpio523# gpiochip0 3=0
root@code-ms7592:/sys/class/gpio/gpio523#

root@code-ms7592:/sys/class/gpio#
root@code-ms7592:/sys/class/gpio#
root@code-ms7592:/sys/class/gpio# gpioget 0 4
1
root@code-ms7592:/sys/class/gpio# gpioget 0 4
0
root@code-ms7592:/sys/class/gpio#

[ 3960.807120] f81504a_u3-4-8-12 0000:01:00.0: found GPIO IC(9c), set_gpio supported
[ 3960.824069] f81504a_u3-4-8-12 0000:01:00.0: We had 16 MSI allocated
[ 3960.825025] f81504a_u3-4-8-12 0000:01:00.0: IRQ start from: 71
[ 3960.845421] 0000:01:00.0: ttyS26 at MMIO 0xdff00000 (irq = 72, base_baud = 230400) is a 16550A
[ 3960.865896] 0000:01:00.0: ttyS27 at MMIO 0xdff00008 (irq = 73, base_baud = 230400) is a 16550A
[ 3960.866145] f81504a_u3-4-8-12 0000:01:00.0: f81504a probe: serial port: 2 change to gpio set: 0
[ 3960.866270] f81504a_u3-4-8-12 0000:01:00.0: f81504a probe: serial port: 3 change to gpio set: 1

[0] 0:bash* 1:bash- 2:bash "code-ms7592" 15:11 10-6-11-25
```

Appendix:

Prepare Tools:

If You are using Debian:

1. nano /etc/apt/sources.list
2. add '#' in the front of "deb cdrom:[Debian GNU/Linux 7.8.0 _Wheezy_ - Official i386 DVD Binary-1 20150110-13:32]/ wheezy contrib main"

```
# deb cdrom:[Debian GNU/Linux 7.8.0 _Wheezy_ - Official i386 DVD Binary-1 20150110-13:32]/ wheezy contrib main
#deb cdrom:[Debian GNU/Linux 7.8.0 _Wheezy_ - Official i386 DVD Binary-1 20150110-13:32]/ wheezy contrib main
deb http://ftp.tw.debian.org/debian/ wheezy main
deb-src http://ftp.tw.debian.org/debian/ wheezy main
```

3. CTRL-X & save
4. apt-get update
5. apt-get dist-upgrade
6. reboot
7. apt-get install gcc make linux-headers-`uname -r` build-essential

If You are using Ubuntu:

1. apt-get update
2. apt-get dist-upgrade
3. reboot
4. apt-get install gcc make build-essential

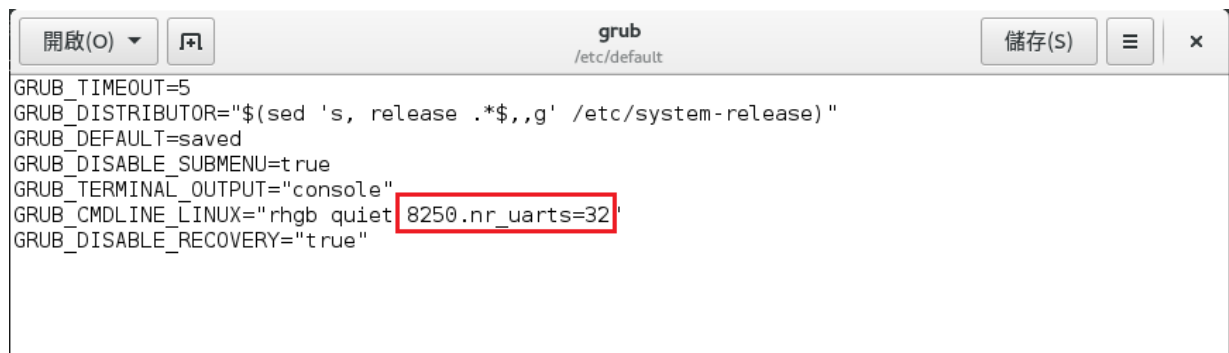
If You are using Fedora series (e.g. CentOS / Fedora 21):

1. yum update
2. reboot
3. yum install gcc make kernel-devel rpm-build

Boot Configuration

Fedora 21 Configurations / CentOS 7

1. sudo su
2. gedit /etc/default/grub
3. add command "8250.nr_uares=32 initcall_blacklist=serial_pci_driver_init" to "GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX" like:



```

GRUB_TIMEOUT=5
GRUB_DISTRIBUTOR="$(sed 's, release .*$,,g' /etc/system-release)"
GRUB_DEFAULT=saved
GRUB_DISABLE_SUBMENU=true
GRUB_TERMINAL_OUTPUT="console"
GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX="rhgb quiet 8250.nr_uares=32"
GRUB_DISABLE_RECOVERY="true"

```

4. grub2-mkconfig > /boot/grub2/grub.cfg
5. reboot
6. dmesg | grep ttyS

```

[code@localhost ~]$ dmesg | grep ttyS
[ 0.445584] 00:06: ttyS0 at I/O 0x3f8 (irq = 4, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.467713] 0000:02:00.0: ttyS4 at I/O 0xd000 (irq = 16, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.488809] 0000:02:00.0: ttyS5 at I/O 0xd008 (irq = 16, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.509899] 0000:02:00.0: ttyS6 at I/O 0xd010 (irq = 16, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.530986] 0000:02:00.0: ttyS7 at I/O 0xd018 (irq = 16, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.552177] 0000:06:00.0: ttyS8 at I/O 0xb000 (irq = 18, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.573278] 0000:06:00.0: ttyS9 at I/O 0xb008 (irq = 18, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.594377] 0000:06:00.0: ttyS10 at I/O 0xb010 (irq = 18, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.615463] 0000:06:00.0: ttyS11 at I/O 0xb018 (irq = 18, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.636550] 0000:06:00.0: ttyS12 at I/O 0xb020 (irq = 18, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.657641] 0000:06:00.0: ttyS13 at I/O 0xb028 (irq = 18, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.678728] 0000:06:00.0: ttyS14 at I/O 0xb030 (irq = 18, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.699833] 0000:06:00.0: ttyS15 at I/O 0xb038 (irq = 18, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.720936] 0000:06:00.0: ttyS16 at I/O 0xb040 (irq = 18, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.742037] 0000:06:00.0: ttyS17 at I/O 0xb048 (irq = 18, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.763133] 0000:06:00.0: ttyS18 at I/O 0xb050 (irq = 18, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[ 0.784234] 0000:06:00.0: ttyS19 at I/O 0xb058 (irq = 18, base_baud = 115200) is a 16550A
[code@localhost ~]$ sudo su
[sudo] password for code:
[root@localhost code]# uname -a
Linux localhost.localdomain 3.19.7-200.fc21.x86_64 #1 SMP Thu May 7 22:00:21 UTC 2015 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux

```


CentOS 6 Configurations

1. su
2. gedit /boot/grub/grub.conf
3. Add text "8250.nr_uares=32 initcall_blacklist=serial_pci_driver_init" to kernel option.

```
*grub.conf x
# grub.conf generated by anaconda
#
# Note that you do not have to rerun grub after making changes to this file
# NOTICE: You have a /boot partition. This means that
#         all kernel and initrd paths are relative to /boot/, eg.
#         root (hd0,0)
#         kernel /vmlinuz-version ro root=/dev/mapper/vg_livedvd-lv_root
#         initrd /initrd-[generic-]version.img
#boot=/dev/sda
default=0
timeout=5
splashimage=(hd0,0)/grub/splash.xpm.gz
hiddenmenu
title CentOS (2.6.32-504.16.2.el6.i686)
    root (hd0,0)
    kernel /vmlinuz-2.6.32-504.16.2.el6.i686 ro root=/dev/mapper/vg_livedvd-lv_root rd_NO_LUKS LANG=en_US.UTF-8
rd_LVM_LV=vgr_livedvd/lv_root rd_NO_MD SYSFONT=latacyrheb-sun16 crashkernel=auto rd_LVM_LV=vgr_livedvd/lv_swap
KEYBOARDTYPE=pc KEYTABLE=us rd_NO_DM rhgb quiet 8250.nr_uares=32
    initrd /initramfs-2.6.32-504.16.2.el6.i686.img
title CentOS (2.6.32-279.el6.i686)
    root (hd0,0)
    kernel /vmlinuz-2.6.32-279.el6.i686 ro root=/dev/mapper/vg_livedvd-lv_root rd_NO_LUKS LANG=en_US.UTF-8
rd_LVM_LV=vgr_livedvd/lv_root rd_NO_MD SYSFONT=latacyrheb-sun16 crashkernel=auto rd_LVM_LV=vgr_livedvd/lv_swap
KEYBOARDTYPE=pc KEYTABLE=us rd_NO_DM rhgb quiet 8250.nr_uares=32
    initrd /initramfs-2.6.32-279.el6.i686.img
```

4. Save
5. cp /usr/share/dbus-1/system-services/org.freedesktop.ModemManager.service
/usr/share/dbus-1/system-services/org.freedesktop.ModemManager.service.bak
6. Reboot

Debian 7 / Ubuntu Configurations

1. su
or sudo su
2. nano /etc/default/grub
3. add
8250.nr_uarts=32 initcall_blacklist=serial_pci_driver_init
to "GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT"

```
GRUB_DEFAULT=0
GRUB_HIDDEN_TIMEOUT=10
GRUB_HIDDEN_TIMEOUT_QUIET=false
GRUB_TIMEOUT=10
GRUB_DISTRIBUTOR=`lsb_release -i -s 2> /dev/null || echo Debian`
GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT="quiet splash initcall_blacklist=serial_pci_driver_init 8250.nr_uarts=32"
GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX=""
```

4. update-grub
5. reboot

Disable com port with driver parameter

We can disable serial port with driver parameter. The following instruction will disable serial port 2 & 3 (started with serial port 0) in Ubuntu 24.04.

1. Install Driver.
2. Edit file in “/etc/modprobe.d/f81504a.conf” and add content as following:

```
options f81504a_u3 disable_port=0x0c
```

The hexadecimal 0x0c can be mapping to binary 00001100, we only disable bit 2 & 3.

3. It'll apply when reboot.

```
[ 1.973931] f81504a_u3: loading out-of-tree module taints kernel.
[ 1.973935] f81504a_u3: module verification failed: signature and/or required key missing - tainting kernel
[ 1.974196] f81504a_u3-4-8-12 0000:01:00.0: f81504a_probe: version: v1.06-20250430
[ 1.975453] f81504a_u3-4-8-12 0000:01:00.0: Cant found any GPIO IC, no set_gpio support (1)
[ 1.975460] f81504a_u3-4-8-12 0000:01:00.0: enabling device (0000 -> 0003)
[ 1.975708] f81504a_u3-4-8-12 0000:01:00.0: We had 16 MSI allocated
[ 1.975763] f81504a_u3-4-8-12 0000:01:00.0: IRQ start from: 151
[ 1.975890] 0000:01:00.0: ttyS6 at MMIO 0x80a00000 (irq = 152, base_baud = 230400) is a 16550A
[ 1.977966] 0000:01:00.0: ttyS7 at MMIO 0x80a00008 (irq = 153, base_baud = 230400) is a 16550A
```