



# Android drivers in Rust

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# Declaring a driver

```
static struct amba_driver pl061_gpio_driver =  
{  
    .drv = {  
        .name      = "pl061_gpio",  
#ifdef CONFIG_PM  
        .pm       = &pl061_dev_pm_ops,  
#endif  
    },  
    .id_table = pl061_ids,  
    .probe   = pl061_probe,  
};  
module_amba_driver(pl061_gpio_driver);  
  
MODULE_LICENSE("GPL v2");
```

## Macro used to register AMBA driver

```
module_amba_driver! {  
    type: PL061Device,  
    name: b"pl061_gpio",  
    author: b"Wedson Almeida Filho",  
    license: b"GPL v2",  
}
```

PL061Device holds details about device driver

# Driver callbacks and IDs

Trait that needs to implemented by AMBA drivers

```
static const struct amba_id pl061_ids[] = {  
    {  
        .id      = 0x00041061,  
        .mask    = 0x000fffff,  
    },  
    { 0, 0 },  
};
```

```
static int pl061_probe(  
    struct amba_device *adev,  
    const struct amba_id *id)  
{  
    [...]  
}
```

```
impl amba::Driver for PL061Device {  
    type InnerData = DeviceData;  
    type PowerOps = Self;  
  
    declare_id_table! {  
        (0x00041061, 0x000fffff),  
    }  
  
    fn probe(  
        dev: &mut amba::Device,  
        id: &(u32, u32, Option<()>),  
    ) -> Result<Ref<DeviceData>> {  
        [...]  
    }  
}
```

DeviceData holds details about device instance

Specifies the type (Self) containing the power management operations (more on this later)

# Typed device ID info

```
impl amba::Driver for PL061Device {  
    type IdInfo = u64;  
  
    declare_id_table! {  
        (0x00041062, 0x000fffff),  
        (0x00041061, 0x000fffff, 30),  
    }  
  
    fn probe(  
        dev: &mut amba::Device,  
        id: &(u32, u32, Option<u64>),  
    ) -> Result<Ref<DeviceData>> {  
        [...]  
    }  
}
```

Developer decides which type to use

No id info here

No need to zero-terminate the list

When present, id info must have type Self::IdInfo (u64 in this case)

Id info: optional Self::IdInfo

# Power management

```
#ifdef CONFIG_PM
static int pl061_suspend(struct device *dev)
{
    struct pl061 *p1061 = dev_get_drvdata(dev);
    [...]
}

static int pl061_resume(struct device *dev)
{
    struct pl061 *p1061 = dev_get_drvdata(dev);
    [...]
}

static const struct dev_pm_ops pl061_dev_pm_ops = {
    .suspend = pl061_suspend,
    .resume = pl061_resume,
    .freeze = pl061_suspend,
    .restore = pl061_resume,
};
#endif
```

No need for conditional compilation in driver code

Device state data is typed

Trait that needs to implemented by drivers that support power management

```
impl power::Operations for PL061Device {
    type Data = Ref<DeviceData>;

    fn suspend(
        data: &Ref<DeviceData>) -> Result {
        [...]
    }

    fn resume(
        data: &Ref<DeviceData>) -> Result {
        [...]
    }

    fn freeze(
        data: &Ref<DeviceData>) -> Result {
        [...]
    }

    fn restore(
        data: &Ref<DeviceData>) -> Result {
        [...]
    }
}
```

# IRQ Registration

```
static int queue_request_irq(  
    struct nvme_queue *nvmeq)  
{  
    struct pci_dev *pdev =  
        to_pci_dev(nvmeq->dev->dev);  
    int nr = nvmeq->dev->ctrl.instance;  
    return pci_request_irq(pdev,  
        nvmeq->cq_vector, nvme_irq,  
        NULL, nvmeq, "nvme%dq%d", nr,  
        nvmeq->qid);  
}
```

```
fn register_irq(  
    self: &Ref<Self>,  
    pci_dev: &pci::Device) -> Result {  
    let irq = pci_dev.request_irq(  
        self.cq_vector.into(),  
        self.clone(),  
        format_args!(  
            "nvme{}q{}",  
            self.data.instance,  
            self.qid,  
        ),  
    )?;  
    self.inner.lock().irq.replace(irq);  
    Ok(())  
}
```

IRQ context is typed

Typed string formatting

IRQ handler registration and  
context automatically dropped  
when Self (NvmeQueue) is.

# IRQ Handling

```
static
irqreturn_t nvme_irq(int irq, void *data)
{
    struct nvme_queue *nvmeq = data;

    if (nvme_process_cq(nvmeq))
        return IRQ_HANDLED;
    return IRQ_NONE;
}
```

Context is typed and guaranteed to exist while handler is registered

Enum values are in namespace and not implicitly coerced

Trait that needs to implemented by drivers that handle interrupts

```
impl irq::Handler for NvmeDevice {
    type Data = Ref<NvmeQueue>;

    fn handle_irq(
        queue: &Ref<NvmeQueue>
    ) -> irq::Return {
        if queue.process_cq() {
            irq::Return::Handled
        } else {
            irq::Return::None
        }
    }
}
```

# Locking

Size of write is determined at compile-time  
by type (`NvmeCommand`)

```
static void nvme_submit_cmd(  
    struct nvme_queue *nvmeq,  
    struct nvme_command *cmd,  
    bool write_sq)  
{  
    spin_lock(&nvmeq->sq_lock);  
    memcpy(nvmeq->sq_cmds + (nvmeq->sq_tail  
<< nvmeq->sqes), cmd, sizeof(*cmd));  
    if (++nvmeq->sq_tail == nvmeq->q_depth)  
        nvmeq->sq_tail = 0;  
    nvme_write_sq_db(nvmeq, write_sq);  
    spin_unlock(&nvmeq->sq_lock);  
}
```

```
fn submit(&self,  
    cmd: &NvmeCommand,  
    write_sq: bool,  
    ) {  
    let mut inner = self.inner.lock();  
    self.sq.write(  
        inner.sq_tail.into(), *cmd);  
    inner.sq_tail += 1;  
    if inner.sq_tail == self.q_depth {  
        inner.sq_tail = 0;  
    }  
    self.write_sq_db(  
        write_sq, &mut inner);  
}
```

Spin lock acquired:

- Automatically released when guard goes out of scope
- Protected data syntactically inaccessible before locking

`write_sq_db` requires the queue  
inner state with the locked acquire



# Memory-mapped IO

```
static
int pl061_get_direction(struct gpio_chip *gc,
    unsigned offset)
{
    struct pl061 *pl061 = gpiochip_get_data(gc);

    if (readb(pl061->base + GPIODIR) & BIT(offset))
        return GPIO_LINE_DIRECTION_OUT;

    return GPIO_LINE_DIRECTION_IN;
}
```

Resources become  
unavailable when device is  
removed

Argument is typed, as always

No mixing of error codes and  
return type

```
fn get_direction(
    data: &Ref<DeviceData>,
    offset: u32,
) -> Result<gpio::LineDirection> {
    let pl061 = data.resources().ok_or(Error::ENXIO)?;
    Ok(if pl061.base.readb(GPIODIR) & bit(offset) != 0 {
        gpio::LineDirection::Out
    } else {
        gpio::LineDirection::In
    })
}
```

- No arithmetic in driver code
- `pl061.base` minimum size known at compile time
- Offset checked at compile time
- `try_` variants when offsets are not known at compile time

# Why should one consider Rust?

- The primary reason for Rust is security:
  - Memory safety in safe fragment
- However, Rust also increases development velocity, for example:
  - All context data is strongly typed
  - Resources are automatically released
  - Detects and rejects data races
  - Doesn't mix error code and return values
  - Data protected by synchronisation primitives (mutexes, spin locks) are only available when locked
  - Functions can specify that they need locked data structures
  - No dangling pointers
  - No use-after-free
  - etc.

# Discussion

- Questions
- Concerns/objections
- Unforeseen difficulties
- General feedback
- Pain points when writing drivers in C
- Possible paths to upstreaming