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Product Description

The PCI-NECL2-STE3A board is a one channel, full duplex interface card implementing byte wide receive and transmit port. Further, a 12 bit GPIO port is implemented and supported by the driver.

For a detailed description of the hardware including register definitions, see HW User Manual, PCI-NECL2-STE3A.

Software Description

The driver supports full duplex operation of the I/O port. Each I/O card has 1 NECL I/O port and 1 GPIO port.

A default configuration is applied when the either port is opened for the first time. These default settings are defined in the driver header file, `de_NeclSte3.h`. The default I/O port config settings is named `de_default_io_config`, the default GPIO port settings is named `de_default_gpio_config`. These default config parameters can be customized for a particular application, and the driver recompiled. This may eliminate the need for invoking the `config_ioctl`.

Applicable I/O configuration parameters include blocking timeout, sdram enable, rx and tx sdram allocations and internal loopback enable (for test purposes). Blocking timeout provides a mechanism to timeout on blocking read operations. Enabling SDRAM in the Rx/Tx path provides more data buffering in the I/O path in addition to the internal FIFOs. SDRAM can be allocated in 1 MB chunks for the Rx/Tx path. The card is populated with 32 MB of SDRAM.

Default I/O configuration is as follows: Blocking timeout on reads = 5 sec. (if opened as blocking), SDRAM enabled, 16 MB SDRAM allocated for Rx, 16 MB SDRAM allocated for Tx, and internal loopback disabled.

GPIO configuration parameters consists of GPIO direction (input or output), and an initial output assignment (if any GPIO are enabled for output). The default configuration is all GPIO set as input

The version of this driver is v1.0.0. The driver has been validated on an i7 Ubuntu server running 3.8.0-44 kernel (64 bit) SMP, and a Red Hat server running RHEL 6.5 (64 bit) SMP kernel version 2.6.32-41.el6.x86_64

Installation

- 1) Copy de_NeclSte3.c and de_NeclSte3.h to your module build directory. Invoke the system `make`. A makefile for this module has been included in the release tar-ball.
- 2) Copy the resulting de_NeclSte3.ko module to the target platform/directory.
- 3) Copy the startup script bnm to the target.
- 4) Invoke the script (`./bnm`), it will create the devices required by the driver and performs an `insmod` of the module. You may invoke this script from the systems `rc.local` file as well.

Application Programming model

After a port is opened, it may be configured for the desired mode of operation via the `DE_CONFIG_PT` ioctl. Both blocking and non-blocking modes of operation are supported. This behavior is set via the standard file flags upon open.

Please see `de_NeclSte3.h` for details of the parameters for this and other supported ioctls.

Sample application

Three sample applications (`de_loApp.c`, `de_loAppUni.c` `de_loctlApp.c`) are provided to demonstrate configuration, ioctl invocation, and I/O in the supported modes.

- 1) Compile the sample application for your platform, the output executable for these examples are `dyn_io` and `dyn_ioctl`.
 - a. Nominal compilation `gcc`

```
gcc -Wall -o dyn_io de_loApp.c
gcc -Wall -o dyn_uni de_loAppUni.c
gcc -Wall -o dyn_ioctl de_loctlApp.c
```

The apps should compile without warnings, it is assumed `de_NeclSte3.h` is resident in the same directory as the applications for these examples.

Invocation parameters

I/O application (ping-pong) invocation is as follows:

```
./dyn_io master(1=master) port(0-N) frame_len(32 bit words)
```



The first parameter specifies mode of operation (master or slave). The second parameter specifies the port. The third parameter, frame length is specified in 32 bit words. Optionally an iteration count may be specified as the last parameter after frame length.

The app assumes two I/O cards are installed in the system and cabled together properly in order to execute without error. This app validates proper I/O port operation and GPIO port operation. Even number ports are I/O ports, odd are GPIO ports.

For I/O port test execution, one port is selected as the master. The remaining command line parameters must be identical. The %slave+app must be started first for synchronization purposes. First the master posts a write, followed by a read. Upon receipt of data at the slave it is validated, and the same data is transmitted back to the master and validated upon receipt. This sequence is repeated N times unless an error is encountered. The following is an example of I/O test invocation from two different terminal windows:

```
./dyn_io 0 0 2048 /* Slave app, port 0, 2048 LWs */  
/* Start master within 5 seconds of invoking slave app in another  
terminal window */  
./dyn_io 1 2 2048 /* Master app, port 2, 2048 LWs */
```

I/O application (uni-directional) invocation is as follows:

Uni-directional application is the same as ping pong except the master only transmits, and the slave only receives. Data validation is performed at the slave port. Uni-directional app invocation is as follows:

```
./dyn_uni 0 0 2048 /* Slave app, port 0, 2048 LWs */  
/* Start master within 5 seconds of invoking slave app in another terminal  
window */  
./dyn_uni 1 2 2048 /* Master app, port 2, 2048 LWs */
```

GPIO validation:

GPIO port operation is validated by selecting ports 1 and 3 utilizing the ping pong app. The slave app is invoked first, it sets all GPIO as output and writes a test pattern to the GPIO port. Upon invoking the master app, it will configure all GPIO as input and verifies correct test pattern is read from the port. Invocation is as follows:

```
./dyn_io 0 1 /* Slave app, port 1 */  
/* Invoke slave within 5 seconds from another terminal window */  
./dyn_io 1 3 /* Slave app, port 3 */
```

loctl application invocation is as follows:

```
./dyn_ioctl
```

A menu will be displayed:
Enter p(II program)||r(eg ops)|e(xit)

The loctl application demonstrates pll programming, register R/W/RMW operations.

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