Release Notes CCURPMFC (WC-CP-FIO)



Driver	ccurpmfc (WC-CP-FIO)	
Platform	RedHawk Linux® (CentOS/Rocky/RHEL & Ubuntu), Native Ubuntu® and Native Red Hat Enterprise Linux® ¹	
Vendor	Concurrent Real-Time	
Hardware	PCIe Programmable Multi-Function I/O Card (CP-FPGA-Ax)	
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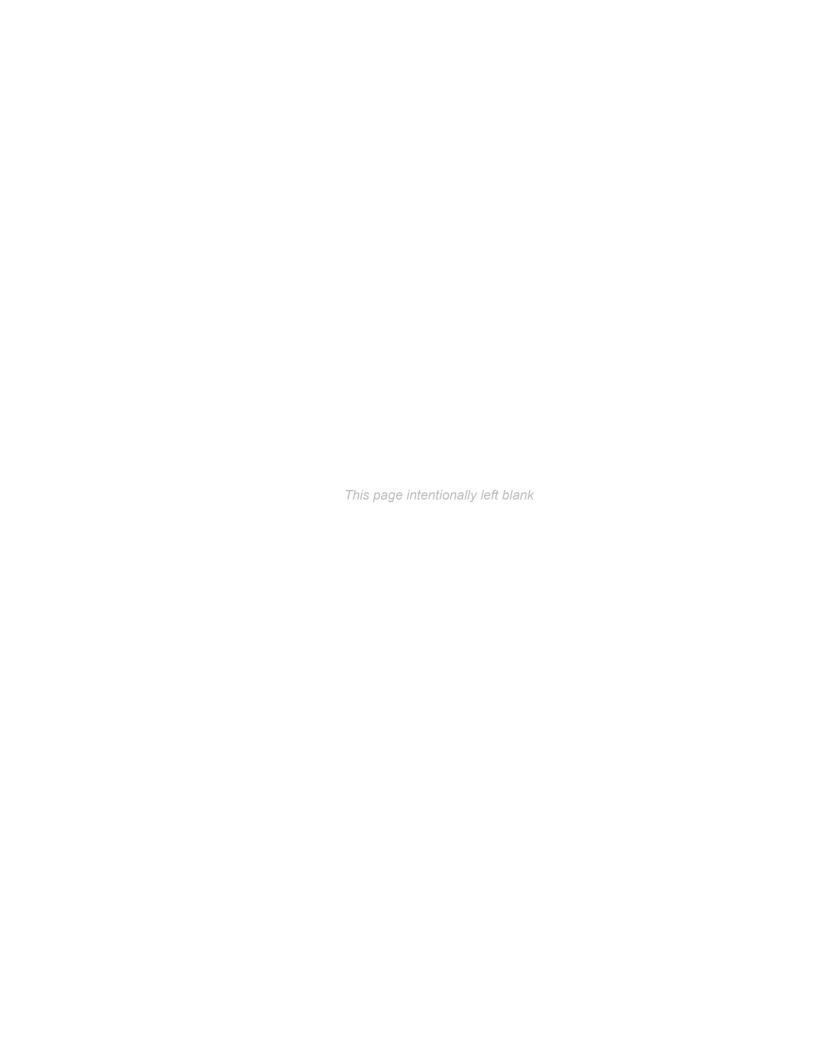


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1. Introduction

This document assists the user in installing the CCUR-PCIe-PMFC Linux *ccurpmfc* driver and related software on the RedHawk OS, Native Ubuntu and Native Red Hat for use with the CCUR-PCIe-Multi-Function I/O Card (*MIOC*). The directions in this document supersede all others – they are specific to installing the software on Concurrent Real-Time's RedHawk and Native Ubuntu and Native Red Hat systems. Other information provided as part of this release, when it may contradict these directions, should be ignored and these directions should prevail.

Current versions of Native Operating Systems that are supported are:

- 1) Ubuntu 22.04, kernel 6.5 or 6.8, gcc-11 & gcc-12
- 2) Ubuntu 24.04, kernel 6.14, gcc-13
- 3) Red Hat RHEL 9.4, kernel 5.14 (minor 427.28.1 or less)
- 4) Red Hat RHEL 9.6, kernel 5.14 (minor 570.39.1 or less)

This release provides support for the new Cloning of data among peripheral components and main system (CCRT US Patent US 11.281.584 B1, Inventor Darius Dubash).

For additional information on this driver and usage, refer to the *ccurpmfc* man page.

The MIOC is a programmable multi-function card with a PCI express interface.

Features and Characteristics of the MIOC are:

General

- Altera Arria V FPGA Control
- 1GB SDRAM
- Dual DMA Engines
- Programmable Clock Generator
- Temperature Compensated Oscillator (TCXO)
- Multi-board Synchronization
- In System Firmware Update
- PCI Express Gen 1 x4 Lane
- MSI Interrupts
- Isolated I/O Power
- Low Noise Analog Power Generation
- In System Calibration
- Non-volatile Storage of Calibration Data
- NIST Traceable Calibration Standard
- Directly Addressable Conversion Data Registers
- 128K Word Conversion Data FIFO's with DMA
- Industry Standard High Density SCSI 68-pin Connectors
- RJ-45 Synchronization Connectors

Analog Input Section

- 16-channel 16-bit Digital-to-Analog Conversion
- Differential or Single-ended Input
- +/-5V or +/-10V Input Range
- Input Impedance >1 Meg ohm
- Input Over-voltage Protection +/-30V
- 300Khz Maximum Sampling Rate

Analog Output Section

- 16-channel 16-bit Digital-to-Analog Conversion
- 16-channel Single-ended Output or up to 8-channel Differential outputs.
- Differential channels are consecutive even/odd pairs
- 0V to +10V, 0V to $+20V^*$, +/-5V or +/-10V Single-ended Output Range
- 0V to +10V, 0V to +20V*, +/-10V or +/-20V Differential Output Range
- 10 Milliamp Maximum Output Drive
- 100K Maximum Updates Per Second

Digital I/O Section

- 96-channel Input/Output
- 5V TTL Levels (3.3V Optional)
- 4 Milliamp Sink/Source
- 25Mhz Maximum I/O Rate
- Outputs Selectable per Nibble
- Input Channel Snapshot
- Output Channel Synchronization
- Change-of-state detection
- ❖ Intellectual Property Core (IpCore) Section (Special Cards Required)
 - 64-channel Change of State IP Core Card

Note: *The 0V to +20V range is usable to approximately 14 volts but is un-calibrated above 10 volts. The unipolar range in differential mode will always hold the negative (odd) channel at zero volts.

2. Requirements

- CP-MFIO, CP-FPGA-1, CP-FPGA-2 or CP-FPGA3 PCIe board physically installed in the system.
- This driver supports various versions of RedHawk and a selected set of Native Ubuntu and Native Red Hat. Actual supported versions depend on the driver being installed.

3. Documentation

 PCIe Programmable Multi-Function I/O Card (PMFC) Software Interface by Concurrent Real-Time.

4. Running on Native Red Hat

Though this driver and hardware work best on Concurrent Real-Time **RedHawk** systems, the driver will also be able to run on some selected versions of **Red Hat** with some limitations. Some of these limitations are highlighted below. The rest of the document is applicable to all systems.

When compiling the driver, you may get the following message that can be ignored:

Skipping BTF generation for /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc/driver/ccurpmfc.ko due to unavailability of vmlinux

4.1. Support to build 3rd party modules

If your system isn't setup to build 3rd party modules, you will need to install some of the following packages if they havn't already been installed before being able to compile the driver. Installation process of these modules may differ from system to system. Refer to the particular system for installation of the modules.

#yum install ncurses-devel	(to run curses)
#yum install gnuplot	(to run plots for various tests)
#yum install	<any install="" other="" package="" to="" want="" you=""></any>

4.2. Support for MSI interrupts

- The driver can operate with either MSI or wired interrupts. This is a configuration option that can be selected by editing the ccurpmfc nomsi parameter located in the .../driver/ccurpmfc config file where the driver is installed. Reloading the driver will cause the MSI interrupt handling option to switch.
 - ccurpmfc nomsi=0 enable MSI support (default for RedHawk systems)
 - > ccurpmfc nomsi=1 disable MSI support

Red Hat systems do not have kernel level hooks like CCRT RedHawk systems to enable MSI on a per board basis for cards using a PLX chip for generating interrupts. This is specially true for the later X11SPA-TF SuperMicro Mother boards and onwards. In this case, if the user wishes to use MSI instead of wired interrupts, they can enable them in various ways as outlined below.

- If MSI interrupts are not being generated and the user wishes to continue using MSI interrupts instead of wired interrupts, they can try to resolve the problem by implementing one the following:
 - Reload the kernel with the grub option "iommu=pt"
 - Reload the kernel with the grub option "iommu=off"
 - Disable IOMMU in the BIOS
 - > Reload the kernel with the grub option "intremap=nosid"
 - Reload the kernel with the grub option "intremap=off"
 - Disable VT-d in the BIOS
 - Disable VT-d MSI Interrupt Remapping in the BIOS
 - Disable 4G Decoding in the BIOS
- To add/remove/display the *intremap* command to grub, issue the following commands:

```
# grubby --update-kernel=ALL --args=iommu=pt
                                                             (add the parameter)
# grubby --update-kernel=ALL --args=iommu=off
                                                             (add the parameter)
# grubby --update-kernel=ALL --args=intremap=nosid
                                                             (add the parameter)
# grubby --update-kernel=ALL --remove-args=intremap=nosid
                                                             (remove the parameter)
# grubby --info=ALL
                                                             (display parameters)
```

> # reboot

After system reboots, issue the command "cat /proc/cmdline" to see if the added entry is present.

4.3. BIOS and Kernel Level Tuning

It is possible that some tests may get overflow or underflow errors as the card is capable of high sample rate transfers. You may need to lower the sample rates for these tests to run successfully if BIOS and kernel level tuning does not help.

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Some Red Hat kernel level tuning can be performed to see if they are helpful in getting a more realtime performance.

```
Disable HyperThread in BIOS.
To check for number of hyperthreads in system:
   lscpu | grep "Thread(s)"
```

Disable features that allows SCHED OTHER tasks to use up to 5% or RT CPUs. Concurrent Real-Time™ ccurpmfc Driver for RedHawk Linux™ – Release Notes

```
sysctl kernel.sched_rt_runtime_us=-1 echo -1 > /proc/sys/kernel/sched_rt_runtime_us
```

Disable timer migration:

```
sysctl kernel.timer_migration=0
echo 0 > /proc/sys/kernel/timer migration
```

Add follwing parameters to /etc/default/grub line and running update-grub and reboot.

GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX="skew_tick=1 rcu_nocb_poll rcu_nocbs=1-95 nohz=on nohz_full=1-95 kthread_cpus=0 irqaffinity=0 isolcpus=managed_irq,domain,1-95 intel_pstate=disable nosoftlockup tsc=nowatchdog"

```
Isolate CPUs e.g (this command has been officially marked deprecated) isolcpus=1-8,26-30 rcu nocbs=1-8,26-30 nohz full=1-8,26-30 rcu nocb poll=1-8,26-30
```

5. Running on Native Ubuntu

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- To add/remove/display the *intremap* command to grub, issue the following commands:
 - Edit /etc/default/grub and add "iommu=pt" or "iommu=off" and/or add "intremap=nosid" to "GRUB CMDLINE LINUX=" entry
 - # update-grub
 - > # reboot
 - After system reboots, issue the command "cat /proc/cmdline" to see if the added entry is present.

5.3. Compiling the driver with installed gcc

Depending on the Ubuntu kernel version supported, you will need to make sure that the driver is compiled with the same gcc as the kernel.

Currently, for Ubuntu release 22.04, the kernel 5.15 uses gcc-11 while kernel 6.4 or 6.8 uses gcc-12 and kernel 6.14 is compiled with gcc-13.

If gcc-12 is not installed, you can do the following:

```
# apt install gcc-12
```

Then create alternate entries for each available version:

```
# sudo update-alternatives --install /usr/bin/gcc gcc /usr/bin/gcc-11 11 # sudo update-alternatives --install /usr/bin/gcc gcc /usr/bin/gcc-12 12
```

sudo update-alternatives --install /usr/bin/x86_64-linux-gnu-gcc x86_64-linux-gnu-gcc /usr/bin/x86_64-linux-gnu-gcc-11 11

sudo update-alternatives --install /usr/bin/x86_64-linux-gnu-gcc x86_64-linux-gnu-gcc /usr/bin/x86_64-linux-gnu-gcc-12 12

You can select the appropriate gcc with the following commands:

```
# sudo update-alternatives --config gcc
# sudo update-alternatvies --config x86 64-linux-gnu-gcc
```

All of this will ensure you have the compiler versions that match what the kernel was compiled with.

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Isolate CPUs e.g (this command has been officially marked deprecated) isolcpus=1-8,26-30 rcu_nocbs=1-8,26-30 nohz_full=1-8,26-30 rcu_nocb_poll=1-8,26-30

6. Installation and Removal

6.1. Hardware Installation

The CP-MFIO, CP-FPGA-1, CP-FPGA-2 or CP-FPGA3 card is a Gen 1 PCI Express product and is compatible with any PCI Express slot. The board must be installed in the system before attempting to use the driver.



<u>Caution</u>: when installing the card insure the computer is powered off and the machine's power cord is disconnected. Please observe electrostatic discharge precautions such as the use of a grounding strap.

The *ccurpmfc* driver is designed to support IRQ sharing. If this device's IRQ is being shared by another device then this driver's performance could be compromised. Hence, as far as possible, move this board into a PCI slot who's IRQ is not being shared with other devices. The default driver configuration uses MSI interrupts. If the kernel supports MSI interrupts, then sharing of interrupts will not occur, in which case the board placement will not be an issue.

An 'Ispci -v' or the 'Isirq' command can be used to determine the IRQs of various devices in the system.

```
# lspci -v -d 1542:9290
```

```
05:00.0 System peripheral: Concurrent Real-Time FPGA Card (rev 01)
    Subsystem: Concurrent Real-Time Device 0100
    Physical Slot: 3
    Flags: bus master, fast devsel, latency 0, IRQ 59
    Memory at bd340000 (32-bit, non-prefetchable) [size=32K]
    Memory at bd300000 (32-bit, non-prefetchable) [size=256K]
    Capabilities: [50] MSI: Enable+ Count=1/4 Maskable- 64bit+
    Capabilities: [78] Power Management version 3
    Capabilities: [80] Express Endpoint, MSI 00
    Capabilities: [100] Virtual Channel
    Capabilities: [200] Vendor Specific Information: ID=1172 Rev=0 Len=044 <?>
    Capabilities: [800] Advanced Error Reporting
```

lsirq

After installing the card, reboot the system and verify the hardware has been recognized by the operating system by executing the following command:

```
# lspci -d 1542:9290
```

For each CP-MFIO, CP-FPGA-1, CP-FPGA-2 or CP-FPGA3 PCIe board installed, a line similar to one of the following will be printed, depending on the revision of the system's /usr/share/hwdata/pci.ids file:

```
87:00.0 Unclassified device [0008]: Concurrent Real-Time Device 9290 (rev 01)
```

If a line similar to the above is not displayed by the **Ispci** command, the board has not been properly installed in the system. Make sure that the device has been correctly installed prior to attempting to use the software. One similar line should be found for each installed card.

6.2. Software Installation

Concurrent Real-Time™ port of the *ccurpmfc* software is distributed in RPM format for CentOS/Rocky and DEB format for Ubuntu OS on a DVD. Source for the API library and kernel loadable driver are not included, however, source for example test programs as well as documentation is provided in PDF format.

The software is installed in the /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc directory. This directory will be referred to as the "top-level" directory by this document.



<u>Warning</u>: Before installing the software, for RedHawk kernels, the build environment **must** be set up and match the current OS kernel you are using. If you are running one of the preconfigured kernels supplied by Concurrent and have not previously done so, run the following commands while logged in as the root user before installing the driver software:

```
# cd /lib/modules/`uname -r`/build
# ./ccur-config -c -n
```

If you have built and are running a customized kernel configuration the kernel build environment should already have been set up when that custom kernel was built.

Warning: RedHawk kernel release 8.2.1 onwards has enabled Supervisor Mode Access Protection (SMAP), which is incompatible with driver releases 26.0.1 or earlier. It is possible that even though the kernel has SMAP enabled, some platforms may not support it. If you issue the command 'Ispcu | grep smap' and it shows 'smap' as enabled, then you will need to add the 'nosmap' argument to the grub entry and reboot the kernel.

To install the *ccurpmfc* package, load the DVD installation media and issue the following commands as the **root** user. The system should auto-mount the DVD to a mount point in the **/media** or **/run/media** directory based on the DVD's volume label – in this case **ccurpmfc_driver**. The example's **[user_name]** may be **root**, or the logged-in user. Then enter the following commands from a shell window:

rpm -ivh ccurpmfc_RedHawk_driver*.rpm (on a RedHawk CentOS/Rocky based system)

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```
# dpkg -i ccurpmfc_RedHawk_driver*.deb (on a RedHawk Ubuntu based system)
--or-
# rpm -ivh ccurpmfc_RedHat_driver*.rpm (on a Native RedHat based system)
--or--
# dpkg -i ccurpmfc_Ubuntu_driver*.deb (on a Native Ubuntu based system)
# cd /
# eject
```

On successful installation the source tree for the *ccurpmfc* package, including the loadable kernel module, API libraries, and test programs is extracted into the /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc directory by the rpm installation process, which will then compile and install the various software components.

The loadable kernel module is installed in the /lib/modules/`uname -r`/misc directory.

Once the package is installed, the driver needs to be loaded with one of the following commands:

Issue the command below to view the boards found by the driver:

cat /proc/ccurpmfc

```
Version : 2022.1.0
```

Built : Thu Jan 20 08:44:36 EST 2022

Boards : 1

card=0: [05:00.0] bus=5, slot=0, func=0, irq=56, msi=1, BInfo=9290.01.01

FM=06/19/2019 (4.0) FLV=00000000 FWB=00000000 IP=0

ID=11223344 MC=A5 RLS=100 (MultiFunc)

Note: With RedHawk 7.5 you may see a cautionary message similar to the following when the **ccurpmfc** driver is loaded on the system console or via *dmesg* command:

```
CHRDEV "ccurpmfc" major number 233 goes below the dynamic allocation range
```

As documented in the kernel driver **Documentation/devices.txt** file a range of character device numbers from 234 to 254 are officially available for dynamic assignment. Dynamic assignments start at 254 and grow downward. This range is sometimes exceeded as additional kernel drivers are loaded. Note that this was also the case with earlier kernels – the newer 7.5 kernel has added a runtime check to produce this warning message that the lower bound has been exceeded, not reduced the range of numbers officially available for dynamic assignment. If you see this message please verify the assigned number(s) isn't being used by a device installed on your system.

In addition to the above message, on some systems you may also see messages from APEI (ACPI Platform Error Interface) or AER (Advanced Error Reporting) which have these error reporting capabilities. These messages will be of the form of unrecoverable hardware errors or some other form of hardware errors for the board when the driver/firmware is loaded and started. This is because during the driver load operation, a fresh copy of the firmware is installed and started. This process of starting is equivalent to issuing a power shutdown and restart of the card. Some operating systems see the device as being no longer present, and generate the message.

On RedHawk 8.x kernels, you may see cautionary messages on the system console or via *dmesg* command similar to the following when the **ccurpmfc** driver is loaded, as this is a proprietary driver:

ccurpmfc: module verification failed: signature and/or required key missing - tainting kernel

6.3. Software Removal

The *ccurpmfc* driver is a dynamically loadable driver that can be unloaded, uninstalled and removed. Once removed, the only way to recover the driver is to re-install the *rpm* or *deb* from the installation DVD:



If any changes have been made to the driver package installed in /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc directory, they need to be backed up prior to invoking the removal; otherwise, all changes will be lost.

If, for any reason, the user wishes to un-load and uninstall the driver and not remove it, they can perform the following:

To uninstall the *ccurpmfc* driver, do the following after it has been unloaded:

```
=== as root ===
# cd /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc
# make uninstall (uninstall the driver and Library)
```

In this way, the user can simply issue the 'make install' and 'make load' in the /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc directory at a later date to re-install and re-load the driver.



On some Debian RedHawk systems, the following message may appear and can be ignored when the package is removed. "dpkg: warning: while removing ccrtaicc, directory '/usr/local' not empty so not removed".

7. Auto-loading the Driver

The *ccurpmfc* driver is a dynamically loadable driver. Once you install the package or perform the 'make install', appropriate installation files are placed in the /etc/rc.d/rc*.d or /usr/lib/system/systemd directories so that the driver is automatically loaded and unloaded when Linux is booted and shutdown. If, for any reason, you do not wish to automatically load and unload the driver when Linux is booted or shutdown, you will need to manually issue the following command to enable/disable the automatic loading of the driver:

```
=== as root ===
```

8. Testing and Usage

Build and run the driver test programs, if you have not already done so:

Several tests have been provided in the /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc/test directory and can be run to test the driver and board

```
can be run to test the driver and board.
=== as root ===
# cd /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc
# make test
                                      (build the test programs)
# ./test/ccurpmfc_disp
                                     (display board registers)
                                     (dump all board resisters)
# ./test/ccurpmfc_dump
# ./test/ccurpmfc_rdreg
                                     (display board resisters)
# ./test/ccurpmfc_reg
                                     (Display board resisters)
# ./test/ccurpmfc_regedit
                                     (Interactive board register editor test)
# ./test/ccurpmfc_tst
                                     (Interactive test to test driver and board)
# ./test/ccurpmfc_wreg
                                     (edit board resisters)
# ./test/Flash/ccurpmfc_flash
                                     (Flash: Flash FPGA)
# ./test/Flash/ccurpmfc label
                                     (Flash: Label FPGA)
# ./test/Flash/ccurpmfc_dump_license (Flash: Dump License)
                                      (library: test ADC channel registers)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_adc
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc adc calibrate (library: test ADC calibrate)
                                     (library: test ADC FIFO channels)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_adc_fifo
                                     (library: test ADC samples/channel)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc adc sps
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc check bus
                                     (library: test system jitter)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_clock
                                     (library: test clock)
                                     (library: test DAC channels)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_dac
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_dac_calibrate
                                     (library: test DAC calibrate)
                                     (library: test DAC channels)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_dac_setchan
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_dio
                                     (library: test DIO channels)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc dio intr
                                     (library: test DIO change-of-state interrupt)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_disp
                                     (library: display board registers)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_dma
                                     (library: run dma test)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc example
                                     (library: run example test)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_expires
                                     (library: run expires information test)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_identify
                                     (library: identify cards in the system)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_info
                                     (library: provide information of all
                                                boards)
                                      (library: modular scatter-gather DMA test)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc msgdma
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc msgdma clone
                                      (library: modular scatter-gather cloning
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_msgdma_info
                                     (library: modular scatter-gather DMA info)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc msgdma multi clone
                                     (library: modular scatter-gather DMA
                                                multi-cloning test)
                                      (library: display/set IRQ CPU affinity)
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc_smp_affinity
# ./test/lib/ccurpmfc transfer
                                     (library: run DMA and PIO transfer test)
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```

9. Re-building the Driver, Library and Tests

If for any reason the user needs to manually rebuild and load an *installed rpm* or *deb* package, they can go to the installed directory and perform the necessary build.



<u>Warning</u>: Before installing the software, for RedHawk kernels, the build environment **must** be set up and match the current OS kernel you are using. If you are running one of the preconfigured kernels supplied by Concurrent and have not previously done so, run the following commands while logged in as the root user before installing the driver software:

```
# cd /lib/modules/`uname -r`/build
# ./ccur-config -c -n
```

If you have built and are running a customized kernel configuration the kernel build environment should already have been set up when that custom kernel was built.

To build the driver and tests:

```
=== as root ===
# cd /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc
# make clobber (perform cleanup)
# make (make package and build the driver, library and tests)
```

(Note: if you only wish to build the driver, you can enter the 'make driver' command instead)

After the driver is built, you will need to install the driver. This install process should only be necessary if the driver is re-built with changes.

```
=== as root ===
# cd /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc
# make install (install the driver software, library and man page)
```

Once the driver and the board are installed, you will need to *load* the driver into the running kernel prior to any access to the CCUR MIOC board.

```
=== as root ===
# cd /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc
# make load (Load the driver)
```

10. Software Support

This driver package includes extensive software support and test programs to assist the user in communicating with the board. Refer to the CONCURRENT PCIe Programmable Multi-Function I/O Card (MIOC) Software Interface document for more information on the product.

10.1. Device Configuration

After the driver is successfully loaded, the device to card association file <code>ccurpmfc_devs</code> will be created in the <code>/usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc/driver</code> directory, if it did not exist. Additionally, there is a symbolic link to this file in the <code>/usr/lib/config/ccurpmfc</code> directory as well. If the user wishes to keep

the default one-to-one device to card association, no further action is required. If the device to card association needs to be changed, this file can be edited by the user to associate a particular device number with a card number that was found by the driver. The commented portion on the top of the ccurpmfc_devs file is automatically generated every time the user issues the 'make load' or 'sbin/service ccurpmfc start' (on RedHawk 6.5 and below) or 'usr/bin/systemctl start ccurpmfc' (on RedHawk 7.0 and above) command with the current detected cards, information. Any device to card association edited and placed in this file by the user is retained and used during the next 'make load' or 'sbin/service ccurpmfc load' or 'usr/bin/systemctl start ccurpmfc' process.

If the user deletes the *ccurpmfc_devs* file and recreates it as an empty file and performs a *'make load'* or if the user does not associate any device number with card number, the driver will provide a one to one association of device number and card number. For more information on available commands, view the commented section of the *ccurpmfc_devs* configuration file.



<u>Warning</u>: If you edit the *ccurpmfc_devs* file to associate a device to a card, you will need to re-issue the 'make load' or '/sbin/service ccurpmfc start' or '/usr/bin/systemctl start ccurpmfc' command to generate the necessary device to card association. This device to card association will be retained until the user changes or deletes the association. If any invalid association is detected, the loading of the driver will fail.

10.2. Library Interface

There is an extensive software library that is provided with this package. For more information on the library interface, please refer to the *PCle Programmable Multi-Function I/O Card (PMFC) Software Interface by Concurrent Real-Time* document.

10.3. Debugging

This driver has some debugging capability and should only be enabled while trying to trouble-shoot a problem. Once resolved, debugging should be disabled otherwise it could adversely affect the performance and behavior of the driver.

To enable debugging, the **Makefile** file in **/usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc/driver** should be edited to un-comment the statement (*remove the preceding '#'*):

```
# EXTRA CFLAGS += -DCCURPMFC DEBUG
```

Next, compile and install the driver

- # cd /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc/driver
- # make
- # make install

Next, edit the *ccurpmfc_config* file in /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc/driver to un-comment the statement (remove the preceding '#'):

ccurpmfc debug mask=0x00002040

Additionally, the value of the debug mask can be changed to suite the problem investigated. Once the file has been edited, the user can load the driver by issuing the following:

- # cd /usr/local/CCRT/drivers/ccurpmfc/driver
- # make load

The user can also change the debug flags after the driver is loaded by passing the above debug statement directly to the driver as follows:

echo "ccurpmfc_debug_mask=0x00082047" > /proc/ccurpmfc

Following are the supported flags for the debug mask as shown in the ccurpmfc_config file.

```
#
#
                                                                     #
        D ENTER
                      0x00000001 /* enter routine */
#
                      0x00000002 /* exit routine */
                                                                     #
        D EXIT
#
                                                                     #
                      0x00000004 /* level 1 */
                                                                     #
#
        D L1
                      0x00000008 /* level 2 */
#
        D L2
                                                                     #
                      0x00000010 /* level 3 */
        D_L3
#
                                                                     #
                      0x00000020 /* level 4 */
#
                                                                     #
        D L4
                                                                     #
#
#
        D ERR
                      0x00000040 /* level error */
                                                                     #
#
                      0x00000080 /* level wait */
                                                                     #
        D_WAIT
#
                                                                     #
                      0x00000100 /* interrupt level 0 */
#
        D INT0
                                                                     #
                      0x00000200 /* interrupt level 1 */
#
        D INT1
                                                                     #
#
        D INT2
                      0x00000400 /* interrupt level 2 */
                                                                     #
                      0x00000800 /* interrupt level 3 */
#
        D INT3
                                                                     #
                      0x00001000 /* interrupt wakeup level */
#
        D INTW
                                                                     #
#
                      0x00002000 /* interrupt error */
        D INTE
                                                                     #
#
                                                                     #
#
        D_RTIME
                      0x00010000 /* display read times */
                                                                     #
#
                                                                     #
        D_WTIME
                      0x00020000 /* display write times */
#
                      0x00040000 /* dump registers */
                                                                     #
        D_REGS
                      0x00080000 /* ioctl call */
#
                                                                     #
        D_IOCTL
#
                                                                     #
#
        D DATA
                      0x00100000 /* data level */
                                                                     #
#
        D DMA
                      0x00200000 /* DMA level */
                                                                     #
                      0x00800000 /* DMA buffer allocation */
#
        D DBUFF
                                                                     #
#
                                                                     #
#
                      0x00000000 /* never print this debug message */
                                                                     #
        D NEVER
        D_ALWAYS
                      0xffffffff /* always print this debug message */
                                                                     #
#
#
        D TEMP
                      D ALWAYS
                                 /* Only use for temporary debug code */
```

Another variable <code>ccurpmfc_debug_ctrl</code> is also supplied in the <code>ccurpmfc_config</code> that the driver developer can use to control the behavior of the driver. The user can also change the debug flags after the driver is loaded by passing the above debug statement directly to the driver as follows:

```
# echo "ccurpmfc debug ctrl=0x00001234" > /proc/ccurpmfc
```

In order to make use of this variable, the driver must be coded to interrogate the bits in the *ccurpmfc debug ctrl* variable and alter its behavior accordingly.

11. 256K Base Address Register (BAR) Firmware Support

The original FPGA firmware came with 128K BAR memory support. The new FPGA firmware uses a 256K BAR memory size. For cards that have multi-level firmware (Base & Run Level Firmware), the user will be required to upgrade the Base Level Firmware to the 256K BAR Base Level Firmware if they plan to use the 256K BAR Run Level Firmware. Failure to do so will result in unpredictable behavior.

For now, there is no need to update the Multi-Function Firmware (normally on A5 Member Code cards) as no changes have been made to it to utilize the 256K memory size. This exercise is more for the B3 and B7 cards that have FPGAWB support.

The user can upgrade to the 256K BAR base level firmware at any time (even if the Run Level Firmware currently on the card is a 128K BAR) with the help of the *ccurpmfc_flash* utility.

11.1. Determining BAR of current installed Firmware

The easiest way to determine the BAR of the firmware is by using the *Ispci(8)* system command. The FPGA card must be installed, however, there is no need to install the FPGA driver.

```
# lspci -v -d1542:9290

05:00.0 System peripheral: Concurrent Real-Time FPGA Card (rev 01)
    Subsystem: Concurrent Real-Time Device 0100
    Physical Slot: 3
    Flags: bus master, fast devsel, latency 0, IRQ 59
    Memory at bd340000 (32-bit, non-prefetchable) [size=32K]
    Memory at bd300000 (32-bit, non-prefetchable) [size=256K]
    Capabilities: [50] MSI: Enable+ Count=1/4 Maskable- 64bit+
    Capabilities: [78] Power Management version 3
    Capabilities: [80] Express Endpoint, MSI 00
    Capabilities: [100] Virtual Channel
    Capabilities: [200] Vendor Specific Information: ID=1172 Rev=0 Len=044 <?>
    Capabilities: [800] Advanced Error Reporting
```

You will notice that the second memory address has a size of **256K**. If the card shows a size of **128K** instead, then you will need to update the Base Level Firmware if you plan to use the new 256K BAR Run Level Firmware.

11.2. Installing the new 256K BAR Base Level Firmware

Before updating the Base Level Firmware, you need to make sure whether the card has a Member Code of A5, B3 or B7. In order to determine the card Member Code, the driver and card must be installed and running in the system. You can then issue the following command to get information on the card.

```
# cat /proc/ccurpmfc
```

In the above example, the card has a Member Code of 'B3'. We therefore will need to install a 256K BAR Base Level Firmware with a Member Code of 'B3' on this card. *Installing the wrong Member Code will render the board useless.*

Once the firmware is successfully burnt, you will need to reboot the system for the Base Level Firmware to take effect.

```
# reboot
```

Once the system is operational, use the *Ispci(8)* as above to verify that the memory BAR is now showing **256K**. If you have a **256K** Run Level Firmware, you can install that at this time.

12. Notes and Errata

- On the new DELL systems, e.g. HQR74-2R31C- 2KE60 motherboard with UEFI setting, a **reboot** command (not power-up) causes the BIOS to report a previously queued PCIe device error requiring the user to select 'F1' at the prompt to continue when the system is booting. The error is generated due to the FPGA card going through a firmware reload on boot, which is perfectly normal. To avoid the user entering 'F1' at the prompt every time a **reboot** command is issued, they can add the following entry to the grub line --kopt-add="reboot=hard,pci".
- In some kernel releases, when a package is installed or uninstalled, you may see a warning
 message on the system console similar to "systemd-rc-local-generator[22094]:
 /etc/rc.d/rc.local is not marked executable, skipping.". This is for informational purpose only
 and can be ignored.
- This driver provides support for the new MsgDma Cloning (CCRT US Patent US 11.281.584 B1, Inventor Darius Dubash) feature and enabled after purchase of the appropriate licenses.
- An additional feature of the Cloning support is Region Addressing. The user needs to clear the Physical Memory structure when calling ccurPMFC_MMap_Physical_Memory() as it is looking at the address being passed. The call will fail if the address supplied is invalid.
- Region Addressing allows a user to supply a physical address to access memory beyond its domain. Care should be taken in supplying a valid physical address, otherwise results can be unpredictable including kernel crash or system hang. On RH6.0 through RH7.2 kernels, a dmesg 'ioremap' kernel-warning message may be generated when kernel I/O mapping is performed on a user supplied physical memory address that is allocated and reserved by someone other than the user. If this is exactly what the user is intending to do, the message can be ignored as this warning should have no effect on the driver operation or the system. It may appear only once since a system reboot.
- Only one Cloning or MsgDma operation can be active at a given time. Additionally, it is meaningless
 to perform Cloning on a FIFO region for two reasons. Firstly, each data in a FIFO is synchronous,
 however, the Cloned region is accessed asynchronously. Secondly, when the FIFO runs empty
 (underflow) or cannot accept more data (overflow) the results are unpredictable as there is no flow
 control in the Cloning operation.
- If a kernel is configured with the CONFIG_DEBUG_LOCK_ALLOC define, the driver will fail to compile due to mutex_lock_nested() call being included with GPL requirement. If you want to successfully compile the driver, you will need to remove the CONFIG_DEBUG_LOCK_ALLOC define and rebuild the kernel.
- RedHawk kernel release 8.2.1 onwards has enabled Supervisor Mode Access Protection (SMAP), which is incompatible with driver releases 26.0.1 or earlier. It is possible that even though the kernel has SMAP enabled, some platforms may not support it. If you issue the command 'Iscpu | grep smap' and it shows 'smap' as enabled, then you will need to add the 'nosmap' argument to the grub entry and reboot the kernel.
- Ubuntu kernels RH8.0 onwards may have the default systemd-timesyncd daemon installed which
 does not accurately adjust the system clock causing the Sample/Second test to fall out of tolerance
 and fail. You may want to replace the default with the chrony package for a more accurate time
 asjustment.
- On some Debian systems, the following message can be ignored when the package is removed. "dpkg: warning: while removing ccurpmfc, directory '/usr/local' not empty so not removed"
- This new driver provides support for the 128K and 256K board BAR sizes. If a 256K run level firmware is installed, then the 256K base level firmware must also be installed on the card otherwise, the board will not operate properly.
- Driver and board support MSI interrupts. It can be configured for wired interrupts. MSI support is the default.
- Currently, several totally different types of cards are supported by the driver. The standard Multi-Function I/O Card (MIOC), the specialized Engine Control, the IP Core change-of-state card and several others. Currently, all tests are tailored for the Multi-Function card so some tests may fail on the other card.
- It is possible that *Ispci* calls may still display the device with the old name of "Concurrent Computer Corporation" instead of "Concurrent Real-Time" if the OS has not been updated.
- Modular scatter-gather DMA is currently not supported on the Multi-Function I/O Card. It is supported in some specific cards with limitations on specific memory regions.
- Removed Deprecated Defines
- The following defines have been renamed:

CCURPMFC ADC DATA UPDATE CLOCK NONE -> CCURPMFC ADC UPDATE CLOCK NONE MASK CCURPMFC_ADC_DATA_EXTERNAL_SIGNAL -> CCURPMFC_ADC_EXTERNAL_SIGNAL_MASK CCURPMFC_ADC_DATA_CALIBRATION_BUS -> CCURPMFC_ADC_CALIBRATION_BUS_MASK CCURPMFC_ADC_DATA_FORMAT_OFFSET_BINARY -> CCURPMFC_ADC_OFFSET_BINARY_MASK CCURPMFC ADC DATA FORMAT TWOS COMPLEMENT -> CCURPMFC ADC TWOS COMPLEMENT MASK CCURPMFC_ADC_INPUT_RANGE_BIPOLAR_10V -> CCURPMFC_ADC_BIPOLAR_10V_MASK CCURPMFC_ADC_INPUT_RANGE_BIPOLAR_5V -> CCURPMFC_ADC_BIPOLAR_5V_MASK CCURPMFC_DAC_UPDATE_MODE_IMMEDIATE -> CCURPMFC_DAC_MODE_IMMEDIATE_MASK CCURPMFC_DAC_UPDATE_MODE_SYNCHRONIZED -> CCURPMFC_DAC_MODE_SYNCHRONIZED_MASK CCURPMFC_DAC_DATA_FORMAT_OFFSET_BINARY -> CCURPMFC_DAC_OFFSET_BINARY_MASK CCURPMFC_DAC_DATA_FORMAT_TWOS_COMPLEMENT -> CCURPMFC_DAC_TWOS_COMPLEMENT_MASK CCURPMFC_DAC_OUTPUT_SINGLE_ENDED -> CCURPMFC_DAC_SINGLE_ENDED_MASK CCURPMFC_DAC_OUTPUT_DIFFERENTIAL -> CCURPMFC_DAC_DIFFERENTIAL_MASK CCURPMFC DAC OUTPUT RANGE SINGLE ENDED UNIPOLAR 10V -> CCURPMFC DAC SINGLE ENDED UNIPOLAR 10V MASK CCURPMFC_DAC_OUTPUT_RANGE_SINGLE_ENDED_BIPOLAR_5V -> CCURPMFC_DAC_SINGLE_ENDED_BIPOLAR_5V_MASK CCURPMFC DAC OUTPUT RANGE SINGLE ENDED BIPOLAR 10V -> CCURPMFC DAC SINGLE ENDED BIPOLAR 10V MASK CCURPMFC_DAC_OUTPUT_RANGE_SINGLE_ENDED_UNIPOLAR_20V -> CCURPMFC_DAC_SINGLE_ENDED_UNIPOLAR_20V_MAKS CCURPMFC_DAC_OUTPUT_RANGE_DIFFERENTIAL_UNIPOLAR_10V -> CCURPMFC_DAC_DIFFERENTIAL_UNIPOLAR_10V_MASK CCURPMFC_DAC_OUTPUT_RANGE_DIFFERENTIAL_BIPOLAR_10V -> CCURPMFC_DAC_DIFFERENTIAL_BIPOLAR_10V_MASK CCURPMFC DAC OUTPUT RANGE DIFFERENTIAL BIPOLAR 20V -> CCURPMFC DAC DIFFERENTIAL BIPOLAR 20V MASK CCURPMFC_DAC_OUTPUT_RANGE_DIFFERENTIAL_UNIPOLAR_20V -> CCURPMFC_DAC_DIFFERENTIAL_UNIPOLAR_20V_MASK

Appendix A: Board Indicators

The MIOC has two multicolor LED indicator located between the two front panel connector pairs. If the board is in a reset state, the right indicator will be solid Red. After reset is complete, the indicators will cycle through Red, Green and Blue for approximately 1 second each as a lamp test. If the either of the indicators remain solid or flashing Red after reset is complete it would indicate a board malfunction. See the Board Faults section for more information. Other states of the board during normal operation are indicated as follows:

Left Indicator				
Color	Description	Digital Outputs		
Red	<see board="" faults="" section=""></see>	Not Active		
Flashing Red	<see board="" faults="" section=""></see>	Not Active		
Green	Digital Inputs Enabled	Not Active		
Blue	Digital Outputs Enabled	Active		

Right Indicator				
Color	Description	Analog Outputs		
Red	<see board="" faults="" section=""></see>	Not Active		
Flashing Red	<see board="" faults="" section=""></see>	Not Active		
Green	Analog Inputs Enabled	Not Active		
Blue	Analog Outputs Enabled	Active		

Note: If either left or right LED has to represent both the blue (output) and the green (input) color, the Digital or Analog Output signals supersede the inputs and therefore the corresponding LED will display a blue color.

If the user selects to *identify* the board, both the left and right LEDs will flash approximately once every second with the color blue on the left and green on the right while board identification is enabled. Once board identification is disabled, the left and right LEDs will display the Analog and Digital Input and Output settings.

If the FPGA card is running a custom firmware, it is possible that the meaning of the LED colors can change based on the custom firmware running on the card at that time.

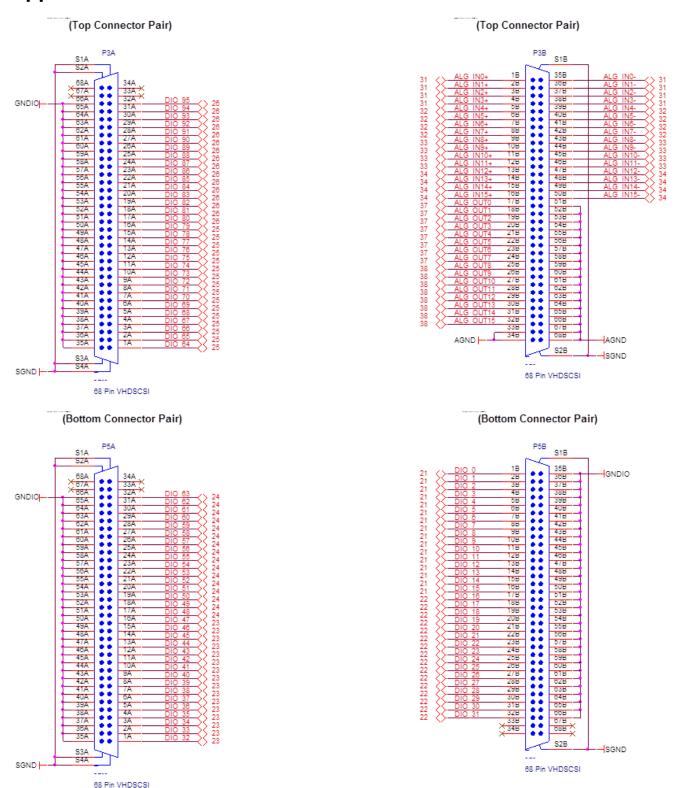
Appendix B: Board Faults

The MIOC has on board monitoring of the power up sequence and initialization of the Altera FPGA. The front panel indicators along with the multi-board synchronization (J1 & J2) connector LED indicators will provide some level of feedback if there is a problem during board initialization as follows:

Front Panel		J1		J2		Description	Course
Left	Right	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Description	Cause
Off	Red	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	Board Reset	N/A
Red	Flashing Red	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	N/A	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	No 12V Main Power	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	V1.1 Off Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	V1.15 Off Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	V1.5 Off Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	V2.5 Off Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	V3.3 Off Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	OFF	ON	ON	ON	VTT Off Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	V1.1 On Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	V1.15 On Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	V1.5 On Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	ON	OFF	ON	ON	V2.5 On Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	V3.3 On Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	ON	ON	OFF	ON	VTT On Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	ON	ON	ON	OFF	FPGA Pwr Status Error	Board Malfunction
Red	Flashing Red	ON	ON	ON	ON	All Pwr On Status Error	Board Malfunction
OFF	Flashing Red	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	N/A	Board Malfunction
OFF	Flashing Red	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	FPGA Status Error	Board Malfunction
OFF	Flashing Red	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	FPGA Conf Error	Board Malfunction

All other combinations would be N/A and indicate a board malfunction.

Appendix C: External Connections and Pin-outs



Appendix D: The Multi-Function FPGA Board



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