

EFCAPI Installation Guide for Linux

Software Drivers, Documentation, and API (Application Programming Interface) for EFC, GRAVITY and GRAVITY II Cards

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Overview

This document outlines the steps necessary to install the Great River Technology EFCAPI software for Linux operating systems.

The EFCAPI software is for use on Linux kernel versions 2.2.X, 2.4.X and 2.6.X. Due to the numerous flavors of Linux and hardware variations, GRT cannot test and support on all Linux distributions and hardware. However, most Linux configurations should work with minimal porting effort.

Hardware supported is GRT_EFCPCI-001 Fibre Channel card, the GRT-FCAV-PMC card or any GRAVITY or GRAVITY II (64 bit) series data and video cards.

This document describes the software installation only. Refer to the API Users Manual for detailed information on how to use the API for custom programming.

Files on the Supplied Setup CD

The following files are on the setup CD.

Directory	Filename	Description
\Library	EFCAPI_X_Y_Z.tar	API Library tar file, where X_Y_Z is the
		library version number
\Driver\Source	PlxLinuxGRT.tar	Device driver source code tar file, including
		GRT-specific code for device driver build
		(files Driver.c, DriverDefs.h and
		ModuleVersion.c)
\Driver\Modules	Pci9054_VVV_X_Y_Z.ko	Pre-built device driver modules for some
	Pci9656_VVV_X_Y_Z.ko	Linux kernels, where VVV is the vendor ID
	Pci9054_VVV_X_Y_Z.o	and X_Y_Z is the Linux kernel version. For
	Pci9656_VVV_X_Y_Z.o	vendor ID:
		FC1 = Fedora Core 1
		FC2 = Fedora Core 2
		FC3 = Fedora Core 3
		FC5 = Fedora Core 5
		S80 = SuSE 8.0
		S81 = SuSE 8.1
\Docs	EFCAPI_InstallGuide_Linux.pdf	This document
\Docs	SDK_HL2DAPI_UserMan.pdf	Hotlink II Data functions API Users guide
\Docs	SDK_HL2VAPI_UserMan.pdf	Hotlink II Video functions API Users guide
\Docs	SDK_FCAVAPI_UserMan.pdf	FCAV functions API Users guide

Installation Steps

The steps to install are

- 1. Install your hardware.
- 2. Install the API library.
- 3. Install the device driver.
- 4. Load the device driver.

Install the API Library

The API library is on the setup CD in the \Library directory.

The API library files are in the tar file EFCAPI_X_Y_Z.tar Where X_Y_Z is the API library version number.

Installation:

The installation package consists of a tar zip compressed archive (EFCAPI_X_Y_Z.tar where 'X'=version, 'Y'=revision,'Z'=release), which must be UN-zipped as 'root' user. This operation will install all system files required of the package, and produce '/grtefc' directory tree and a product information file 'Readme.txt' in that directory.

Installation is accomplished as follows:

Login as superuser and go to the top-level directory

cd /

Copy the archive to the top-level directory with the cp command:

cp <cdpath>/Library/EFCAPI_X_Y_Z.tar / where <cdpath> is the full path to your CDROM drive (for example: /mnt/cdrom).

Untar the archive as follows:

tar -xvpPf EFCAPI_X_Y_Z.tar

Create the shared library links and cache for run time linking of the newly installed libraries by typing:

ldconfig

The sample program source and makefiles, and read-me will now be available in a new directory called /root/grtefc. This directory can be relocated if desired. Refer to the read-me for package update information and general library usage instructions.

Install the Device Driver

Depending on your Linux vendor and kernel version, you may be able to use one of the pre-built device driver modules on the Linux API setup CD. GRT supplies some pre-built device driver files for specific kernels. If you are running one of these kernel versions you may use the supplied pre-built device driver module, saving you a considerable amount of work. Of course, you may choose to build the device driver module even if the pre-built device driver file is supplied. Do not attempt to use a pre-built device driver module that does match your kernel version. Use one of the following options (A or B) to install the device driver for your card(s).

A. Using a pre-built device driver module

1. Determine your kernel version

Use the following command: uname -r to get your kernel version.

2. Check for pre-built kernel module on the setup CD.

Pre-built device driver modules are in: /Driver/Modules

These pre-built device driver files are named as follows:

Pci9054_VVV_X_Y_Z.ko Pci9656_VVV_X_Y_Z.ko Pci9054_VVV_X_Y_Z.o Pci9656_VVV_X_Y_Z.o

Where the Pci9054*.* files are for the 32-bit cards and the Pci9656*.* files are for the 64-bit cards. In these file names, VVV is the vendor ID and X_Y_Z is the Linux kernel version. The *.ko files are for kernel 2.6.X later, and the *.o files are for kernels prior to 2.6.X. The following vendor IDs are used:

FC1 = Fedora Core 1 FC2 = Fedora Core 2 FC3 = Fedora Core 3 FC5 = Fedora Core 5 S80 = SuSE 8.0S81 = SuSE 8.1

For example, the kernel modules for Fedora Core 5, kernel 2.6.15, are Pci9054_FC5_2_6_15.ko (32-bit card) and Pci9656_FC5_2_6_15.ko (64-bit card). Note that all pre-built kernel modules are for SMP.

If you do not find a pre-built device driver module for your kernel version, proceed to the section below titled "Building the device driver to your kernel". Do not attempt to use a pre-built device driver module that does match your kernel version.

3. Copy pre-built driver module to library directory

Do not attempt to use a pre-built device driver module that does not match your kernel version.

If the directory /usr/lib/efc does not exist, create it. If you found a pre-built module for your kernel on the CD, copy this file to: /usr/lib/efc/Pci9054.* for 32-bit cards, or /usr/lib/efc/Pci9656.* for 64-bit cards, where the "*" is "ko" for kernel 2.6.X and "o" for kernels previous to 2.6.X.

If you were able to use a pre-built device driver module and have completed this step, you do not need to build the device driver to your kernel so skip the section titled "Building the device driver to your kernel" below and proceed to the section titled "Load the Device Driver Module".

B. Building the device driver to your kernel

If you were able to use a pre-built device driver module, you do not need to build the device driver to your kernel so skip this section and proceed to the section titled "Load the Device Driver Module".

The *kernel sources package* must be installed in order to build the drivers. Without the kernel sources the kernel header files are not be available for building the device driver module. For kernel versions 2.2.X and 2.4.X, the kernel sources can be installed during Linux installation. Typically this package must be manually selected during the installation process. Please refer to your Linux installation documentation. Starting with Kernel 2.6, the Linux kernel build system was introduced. In order to build the drivers, the Linux build system requires that the Linux kernel source be installed and the current running kernel must be configured and built. If this is not done, the driver builds will fail. Fedora Core 3 and later distributions no longer include the kernel source package, so the kernel source RPM file must be downloaded and the RPM installed. If you are running Fedora Core 3 or Fedora Core 5, see the instructions for installing the kernel source in the section titled "Installing Fedora Core 3 Kernel Source Files" or "Installing Fedora Core 5 Kernel Source Files" in this document before proceeding with the EFCAPI installation.

1. Copy device driver tar file

The device driver source file PlxLinuxGRT.tar is on the setup CD in the directory: \Driver\Source

Copy the file *PlxLinuxGRT.tar* to the working directory /usr/src

2. Extract source files from the tar file

Use a TAR file extractor to extract all the files from the tar file -OR-Open a terminal window and change the current directory to /usr/src then type the following command: tar -xvf PlxLinuxGRT.tar to extract the files.

This will create a folder called *PlxLinux* with all PLX and GRT supplied device driver source files and folders as follows:

<plxlinux include="" linux=""></plxlinux>	PLX SDK include files
<plxlinux api="" linux=""></plxlinux>	PLX Host API Library source files
<plxlinux driver="" linux=""></plxlinux>	PLX/GRT device driver (Linux installable module) files
<plxlinux linux="" makefiles=""></plxlinux>	PLX shared makefile components used to build PLX
	applications, libraries, and drivers
<plxlinux bin=""></plxlinux>	PLX Scripts to load, unload, and assist in debug of the
	driver/module

3. Set environmental variables

In order to build the device driver, the shell environment variables **PLX_SDK_DIR** and **KERNEL_VER** must be set. These may be set from the command line or commands added to the shell initialization script.

PLX_SDK_DIR

The shell environment variable **PLX_SDK_DIR** must be set. This must be set to the root location of where the *PlxLinux* folder is created. This can be set with the *declare* command. This command may be executed from the command line or placed in the shell initialization script (e.g. ".*bashrc*") so that it is automatically set when a new terminal session is started.

The command to set this is: declare -x PLX_SDK_DIR=/usr/src/PlxLinux

This command may be placed in the shell initialization script (e.g. "*.bashrc*"). Here is an example entry for the .bashrc file:

PLX SDK environmental variables echo "SETTING PLX PATH" declare -x PLX_SDK_DIR=/usr/src/PlxLinux declare -x KERNEL_VER=2.6 # PLX SDK command paths export PATH=\$PATH:/usr/src/PlxLinux/linux/driver export PATH=\$PATH:/usr/src/PlxLinux/bin

One these changes are made to the .bashrc file, you must exit your terminal and restart another one or reboot to incorporate the changes. You may wait to reboot after modifying the .bashrc file for the KERNEL_VER variable (described below).

KERNEL_VER

The Linux device driver code has been tested with Linux kernels 2.2, 2.4, and 2.6. By using special coding techniques, drivers may be built for each of these kernels, while still retaining a common code base. The build scripts will attempt to automatically select the correct kernel version based on the existence of certain files in the system. The desired kernel version can be overridden, however, by setting the **KERNEL_VER** environment variable. If the **KERNEL_VER** variable is not set in the environment, it will be set in the **builddriver** script file.

The value of **KERNEL_VER** determines the kernel version to build the driver for. Note that once **KERNEL_VER** is set, all subsequent driver builds will be for the newly selected kernel. To build for the alternate kernel, the variable must be modified and the driver re-built.

The **KERNEL_VER** variable can be set with the *declare* command. This command may be executed from the command line or placed in the shell initialization script (e.g. ".*bashrc*") so that it is automatically set when a new terminal session is started.

Set the environment variable **KERNEL_VER** to the desired kernel version, 2.2, 2.4, or 2.6. This can be set from the command line or set in the shell initialization script (e.g. "*.bashrc*") so that it is automatically set when a new terminal session is started.

An example of the command to set this variable for Linux kernel 2.6 is: $declare -x \ KERNEL_VER=2.6$

This command may be placed in the shell initialization script (e.g. ".*bashrc*"). Some example entries for the .bashrc file follow:

For kernel v2.2, use: declare -x KERNEL_VER=2.2 For kernel v2.4, use: declare -x KERNEL_VER=2.4 For kernel v2.6, use: declare -x KERNEL_VER=2.6

4. Set up path for Linux source files

If you are on Fedora Core 5, skip this step and proceed to step 5.

If you are on Fedora Core 3 and kernel 2.6, create a symbolic link to the kernel source directory with the following command:

ln -s /usr/src/redhat/BUILD/kernel-2.6.X/linux-2.6.X /usr/src/linux-2.6 Where X is the third number in your kernel version. For example, for kernel 2.6.9-1.667, the command would be:

In -s /usr/src/redhat/BUILD/kernel-2.6.9/linux-2.6.9 /usr/src/linux-2.6

If you are on kernel 2.4, rename the kernel source directory named /usr/src/linux-2.4.xx-xxxxx to /usr/src/linux-2.4 using a command like:

mv /usr/src/linux-2.4.xx-xxxxx /usr/src/linux-2.4

Where xx-xxxxx is correct for the directory name found on your system.

5. Build device driver module

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Go to the directory
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\ usr\src\PLXLinux\linux\driver

and type

./buildalldrivers cleanall"

This removes all the .o (and .ko) files so that a new full build will occur.

To build the driver files for Gravity 32 bit cards, go to directory \usr\src\PLXLinux\linux\driver and type ./builddriver 9054 This builds the Pci9054.o (or Pci9054.ko) driver used for Gravity 32 bit cards.

To build the driver files for Gravity 32 bit cards go to directory \usr\src\PLXLinux\linux\driver

and type

./builddriver 9656

This builds the Pci9656.o (or Pci9656.ko) driver, used with 64 bit GravityII cards.

6. Copy driver module to library directory

If the directory /usr/lib/efc does not exist, create it now.

For Gravity 32 bit cards

If the Pci9054.o file (or Pc9054.ko for kernel 2.6) is built ok then copy this file from /usr/src/PLXLinux/linux/driver/Pci9054/Driver

to

/usr/lib/efc For the 32 bit GravityII cards, this is the loadable module that is custom built to your kernel.

For Gravity 64 bit cards

If the Pci9656.0 file is built ok then copy this file from /usr/src/PLXLinux/linux/driver/Pci9656/Driver

to

/usr/lib/efc

For the 64 bit GravityII cards, this is the loadable module that is custom built to your kernel.

Load the Device Driver

Now you have either copied in the pre-built device driver file or built it, so you can load the module and see if it connects to our board.

Loading and unloading of the driver is accomplished by running the appropriate script as superuser (root user). The script '/usr/sbin/efcload' or '/usr/sbin/efcload2' will create the required device special files and load the driver into the kernel, and '/usr/sbin/efcunload' or '/usr/sbin/efcunload2' does the reverse. Calls to these scripts can also be made at startup or login time in the runtime command (rc) section of the '/etc' tree, or user startup files, respectively. To gain a better understanding of what the scripts do, it is suggested that the user view them.

To load the 32-bit Gravity card driver, type

./efcload

to load the Pci9054.o file (or Pci9054.ko file for kernel 2.6). This script will first look for Pci9054.ko and then Pci9054.o, so make sure you have installed the Pci9054.ko file if you are on Linux kernel 2.6. Note that if you get the error message:

insmod: error inserting '/usr/lib/efc/Pci9054.ko': -1 No such device this means that the hardware is not installed or you are attempting to load the driver for the wrong card type (32-bit vs. 64-bit).

To load the 64-bit GravityII card driver module, type ./efcload2

to load the Pci9656.o file (or Pci9656.ko file for kernel). This script will first look for Pci9054.ko and then Pci9054.o, so make sure you have installed the Pci9054.ko file if you are on Linux kernel 2.6 (Linux 2.4 only uses the *.o file). Note that if you get the error message:

insmod: error inserting '/usr/lib/efc/Pci9054.ko': -1 No such device

this means that the hardware is not installed or you are attempting to load the driver for the wrong card type (32-bit vs. 64-bit).

Should you need to unload the driver module (not normally necessary), the commands are as follows. To unload the 32bit driver module, type

./efcunload To unload the 64-bit Gravity card driver module, type ./efcunload2

Once the loadable kernel module is loaded, you can write code using calls to the libefc.so library functions and run your applications. All projects that use this API must link to this API library during compilation. The Makefile found in the 'sample' directory demonstrates how this is done.

EXAMPLE of a successful module load for the Pci9656.ko file using efcload2:

Module load complete.

Installed Files

Upon installation the following files will be installed on the system.

Header files:

/usr/include/efclib.h Library h		header file
Library files:		
/usr/lib/libefc.a Static li		brary file
/usr/lib/libefc.so.x.y.z Shared		library file
/usr/lib/libefc.so.x Shared		library link
/usr/lib/libefc.so Shared l		library link
Driver module load/unloa	d scripts:	
/usr/sbin/efcload	Loads the driver for 32 bit Gravity cards	
/usr/sbin/efcunload Unloads		s the driver for 32 bit Gravity cards
/usr/sbin/efcload2	Loads the driver for Gravity 64 bit cards	
/usr/sbin/efcunload2 Unloads		s the driver for Gravity 64 bit cards
Sample project files:		
~/grtefc/efcdata.c		Sample code for Gravity HL2D (Data cards)
~/grtefc/Makefile_Data		Makefile for efcdata
~/grtefc/efcdata_bytewide	e.c	Sample code for Gravity HL2D (Data cards)
~/grtefc/Makefile_DataBy	yteWide	Makefile for efcdata_bytewide
~/grtefc/efchl2v.c		Sample code for Gravity HL2V (Hotlink Video)
~/grtefc/Makefile_HL2V		Makefile for efchl2v
~/grtefc/efcfcav.c		Sample code for Gravity FCAV (Fiber Channel Audio Video)
~/grtefc/Makefile_fcav		Makefile for efcfcav
~/grtefc/efctest.c		Sample code for FCAV
~/grtefc/Makefile_EFCTest		Makefile for efctest
~/grtefc/HL2Vrate1.c		Sample code for Gravity HL2V (Hotlink Video)
~/grtefc/Makefile_HL2Vi	rate1	Makefile for HLK2Vrate1
(note: '~' is the root user	's home c	lirectory)
Documentation:		

~devel/grtefc/EFCAPI_LinuxInstall.pdfThis file~devel/grtefc/GRAVITY_FCAV_UserMan.pdfUser manual for the FCAV card~devel/grtefc/GRAVITY_HL2D_UserMan.pdfUser manual for the HL2D card~devel/grtefc/GRAVITY_HL2V_UserMan.pdfUser manual for the HL2V card~devel/grtefc/SDK_FCAVAPI_UserMan.pdfUser manual for the HL2V card~devel/grtefc/SDK_HL2DAPI_UserMan.pdfUser manual for the HL2D API~devel/grtefc/SDK_HL2VAPI_UserMan.pdfUser manual for the HL2D API~devel/grtefc/SDK_HL2VAPI_UserMan.pdfUser manual for the HL2D API

Links (Fedora Core 3, kernel 2.6 only): /usr/src/linux-2.6 -> /usr/src/redhat/BUILD/kernel-2.6.X/linux-2.6.X

Upgrading to a New Library Only

Note that these steps are for upgrading the library files only (*.so and *.a) and do not cover upgrading of the kernel module(s). The include file used to build applications is also upgraded. Any applications built using the EFCAPI library will need to be rebuilt following this upgrade procedure.

The library upgrade is supplied as a compressed TAR file in the format

EFCAPI_X_Y_Z_LIBS.tar (where X_Y_Z is the version number)

This TAR file contains new library files and an updated header file

libefc.a	Static library file
libefc.so.x.xx.0	Shared library file
libefc.so.x	Shared library link
libefc.so	Shared library link
efclib.h	Library header file

- 1. Log in as superuser (root user)
- First the old libraries and links must be removed. Got to the /usr/lib directory and delete libefc.so.x.xx.0 first. Then remove libefc.a, libefc.so and libefc.so.x. In /usr/include, remove the file efclib.h
- 3. Untar the file by placing it in the top-level directory

Go to the top-level directory

cd /

Copy the tar file from the CD to the top-level directory.

UN-tar the archive as follows:

tar -xvpPf EFCAPI_X_Y_Z_LIBS.tar

4. Create the shared library links and cache for run time linking of the newly installed libraries by typing:

ldconfig

5. Rebuild all applications that use the EFCAPI library.

Installing Fedora Core 3 Kernel Source Files

These instructions are for installing the kernel source files for Fedora 3 (kernel 2.6.X), and should only be performed by personnel with experience in Linux system administration and configuration. The kernel source files must be installed before building the GRT drivers.

1. Determine your kernel version

Perform the following command to determine your current kernel: uname -r

This will produce output something like this:

2.6.9-1.667smp

This output shows the current running kernel, 2.6.9-1.667smp in this example. Note that in this example the "smp" at the end of the kernel version indicates that this is the SMP version of the kernel. Do not continue with this procedure until you determine your kernel version, and you have determined that you are running Fedora Core 3 and your kernel is 2.6 or greater. If you have Fedora Core 1 or 2, or kernel 2.4.X or lower, you should have the kernel source package in your Linux distribution. In this case, follow the instructions included in your Linux distribution for installing the package.

2. Download the kernel source RPM file

Download the kernel source RPM file for your kernel version. You can get this from one of the common RPM repositories or the following locations:

http://download.fedora.redhat.com/pub/fedora/linux/core/3/SRPMS/

http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/linux-ntf

In the example above, the kernel source file is kernel-2.6.9-1.667.src.rpm. Note that in this example the "smp" specifier is not in the file name. Download the kernel source file to any available location such as /tmp. Make sure you get the correct kernel source for your kernel.

3. Install the source RPM

Install the source RPM using the following command:

rpm –ivh <kernel file name>

where <kernel file name> is the name of the kernel source file (in this case the file name is kernel-2.6.9-1.667.src.rpm). After performing this step, the RPM source files (many) will be in /usr/src/redhat/SOURCES and there will be a spec file in /usr/src/redhat/SPECS. Do not proceed to the next step unless you get a clean ROM install with no errors.

4. Build the kernel source package

Change to the /usr/src/redhat/SPECS directory and execute the following command:

rpmbuild -bp --target=<arch> kernel-2.6.spec

Where <arch> is the architecture (such as i686). Note that rpmbuild can be used to build both binary and source software packages. In this case we are using the "-bp" option that executes the "% prep" stage from the spec file. This unpacks the sources and applies any patches. Do not proceed to the next step unless you get a clean build with no errors.

5. Copy the kernel configuration file

Change to the /usr/src/redhat/BUILD directory, then change to the directory for your kernel version (i.e. ./kernel-2.6.9/linux-2.6.9). In the "configs" directory, locate the config file for your configuration. This will be something like:

./configs/kernel-2.6.9-i686-smp.config
Copy this file to: /.config
The command for this is: cp <config file> ./.config
Where <config file> is your config file. In this example the file is ./configs/kernel-2.6.9-i686-smp.config
So the command is: cp ./configs/kernel-2.6.9-i686-smp.config ./.config
If asked if you want to overwrite the file, answer "yes".

6. Check the kernel configuration file

Perform the command:

make oldconfig

This command reads in your existing configuration information and then prompts you for a value for any kernel configuration variables that were not provided in the existing kernel configuration file. You may be asked questions about new kernel options. Since our intention here is to install the source for the current kernel and NOT modify the kernel, answer "no" to all the questions and make notes of the new options. The "make oldconfig" command is essentially checking for consistency between your current kernel and the source you just installed. If this command reports no changes you are ready to continue on to installing GRT API for Linux. If there are any significant new changes, you may not have gotten the correct RPM file for your kernel and may need to get the correct file and repeat this procedure.

Installing Fedora Core 5 Kernel Source Files

These instructions are for installing the kernel source files for Fedora 5, and should only be performed by personnel with experience in Linux system administration and configuration. The kernel source files must be installed before building the GRT drivers.

1. Determine your kernel version

Perform the following command to determine your current kernel: uname -r

This will produce output something like this:

2.6.15-1.2054_FC5smp

This output shows the current running kernel, 2.6.15-1.2054_FC5smp in this example. Note that in this example the "smp" at the end of the kernel version indicates that this is the SMP version of the kernel. Do not continue with this procedure until you determine your kernel version, and you have determined that you are running Fedora Core 5. If you have Fedora Core 1 or 2, or kernel 2.4.X or lower, you should have the kernel source package in your Linux distribution. In this case do not continue with the instructions in this section, but follow the instructions included in your Linux distribution for installing the package.

2. Download the *hardlink* RPM file

You can download the *hardlink* RPM file from one of the common RPM repositories or the following location:

http://download.fedora.redhat.com/pub/fedora/linux/core/5/i386/os/repodata/repoview

3. Install the *hardlink* package

Install the *hardlink* package using the following command:

rpm -ivh <filename>

where <filename> is the name of the *hardlink* RPM file (for example, hardlink-1.0-1.21.2.i386.rpm). Do not proceed to the next step unless you get a clean RPM install with no errors.

4. Download the kernel source RPM file

Download the kernel source RPM file for your kernel version. You can get this from one of the common RPM repositories or the following locations:

http://download.fedora.redhat.com/pub/fedora/linux/core/5/i386/os/repodata/repoview http://rpmfind.net/linux/rpm2html (search for kernel-smp-devel)

In the example above, the kernel source file is kernel-smp-devel-2.6.15-1.2054_FC5.i686.rpm. Download the kernel source file to any available location, such as /tmp. Make sure you get the correct kernel source for your kernel, and make sure you get the "kernel-smp-devel" RPM.

5. Install the kernel source files

Install the kernel source files using the following command: rpm –ivh <filename> where < filename> is the name of the kernel source RPM file (for example, kernel-smp-devel-2.6.15-1.2054_FC5.i686.rpm). Do not proceed to the next step unless you get a clean install with no errors.

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